

**CALL TO ORDER** The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Don Larson.

**ATTENDANCE** Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Stubby Lyons, Councilors Don Johnson, Larry Haller, Tim Tolan, Gary Diebolt and Dave Moore.

**ABSENT** None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Kevin Cupples, Planning Director; Robert Gross, Police Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager; McKenzie Bauske, Student Representative; Rod Jones, Seaside Signal.

**AGENDA** Motion to approve the May 14, 2007, agenda; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Lyons)

**MINUTES** Motion to approve the April 23, 2007, minutes; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Lyons)

**CONFLICT** Mayor Larson asked whether any Councilor wished to declare a conflict of interest.

No one declared a conflict of interest.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$659,944.20 carried unanimously. (Lyons/Haller)

**PUBLIC HEARING** This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding extending the terms of the Downtown Maintenance District.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated extending the terms for the Downtown Maintenance District was an annual event for City Council. There was a maintenance district in the downtown area which took care of sweeping the sidewalks and the landscaped areas along Broadway, Avenue 'A' and certain parts of First Avenue which paid into the assessment district based on the front linear footage. The assessment increased this year by 4.3 percent.

**ORD #2007-05** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT, KNOWN AS THE "DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT".

Mayor Larson opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments and Mayor Larson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments.

Council President Lyons stated the downtown assessment district involved ninety two properties.

Motion to place Ordinance 2007-05 on its first reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

Motion to place Ordinance 2007-05 on its second reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**ORD #2007-04** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, ADDING CHAPTER 161 TO THE CODE OF SEASIDE REQUIRING A CONVERSION CONDOMINIUM DECLARANT TO PAY TENANT MOVING EXPENSES.

Mayor Larson asked for public comments and there were no public comments.

Motion to place Ordinance 2007-04 on its third and final reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-04; carried by the following roll call. (Haller/Lyons)

YEAS: LYONS, MOORE, DIEBOLT, JOHNSON, TOLAN, LARSON, HALLER  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**RECOGNITION  
ELKS AWARD** Tracy Gardner, Seaside Elks Lodge past Exalted Ruler, stated he was attending the meeting with John Morris, Seaside Elks Lodge present Exalted Ruler. Mr. Gardner further stated each year the Seaside Elks Lodge presented an award to an outstanding citizen of Seaside and this year the award was presented to Don Johnson for his past and current work for the citizens of Seaside. Mr. Johnson served on the local Rotary Club and was part of the Seaside Vision Task Force, Planning Commission, and currently on the Seaside City Council. Mr. Gardner thanked Mr. Johnson for being a great citizen.

John Morris stated in the name of the great brotherhood of Elks and on behalf of the Seaside Lodge 1748 a plaque for the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award for outstanding and meritorious service to humanity was presented to Mr. Johnson.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Larson read a Proclamation on Emergency Medical Services Week.

Susan Agalzoff, Operations Supervisor Paramedic for Medics Ambulance, stated she attended the meeting on behalf of medics' ambulance and also a volunteer with the Seaside Fire Department as a Lieutenant and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Director. Ms. Agalzoff further stated she would like to thank the City Council and all the citizens for their support for EMS services. Ms. Agalzoff further stated there were very few volunteers recognized for the hours that were served. To become an EMT in the State of Oregon would take one hundred and fifty hours at a college level course, first responders would take a sixty five hour class which was provided through the City for the volunteers and to become a paramedic was over two thousand hours of college education including an associate's degree. Many of these people in the City volunteer their time which we wanted to show was appreciated. The effort and continued support that was given from the City was appreciated. Ms. Agalzoff presented the City Council with a plaque from Medics Ambulance.

Mayor Larson thanked the Medics Ambulance team and Volunteer Fire Fighters for everything they do for the citizens of Seaside and further stated they were very appreciated.

Mayor Larson read a Proclamation on Peace Officer's Memorial Day.

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, thanked the City Council for the proclamation and stated Tuesday, May 15, 2007, was Law Enforcement Memorial Day and asked that people remember the one hundred forty five officers who had given their lives last year along with the eighteen thousand over the years who had made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities.

**PROPOSAL –  
RICKSHAW SERVICES**

Kevin Poole stated he intended to start a Rickshaw service last year with the idea the service would be a good addition to the City. The Rickshaws were purchased and were used in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and had also been ridden around for personal use. The Rickshaws moved faster than Surrey's and maneuvered effortlessly and were easy to pull and would be operated by trained individuals. Each operator of the Rickshaws would have driver's licenses and the Rickshaw's would be operated as a taxi service from hotels to restaurants. The drivers would be given bottled water and other dehydrating drinks and food bars. There would be four hour shifts for each driver. Mr. Poole further stated last year he purchased a Pedi cab license and tried to convert the Rickshaws and was sent a letter that stated he could not operate the Rickshaws but could possibly look into adopting an ordinance. An attorney was hired to research the legalities. There had never been any negative incidents that were found that pertained to Rickshaws and in most City's they were unregulated. The employees would be paid \$10.00 an hour plus tips and there would be an insurance policy for \$2,000,000.00 on the Rickshaws. The drivers would wear yellow t-shirts to make them more visible when handling the Rickshaws. Mr. Poole further stated there was the capability of running the Rickshaws at night with blankets, lanterns, and possibly sparking champagne but he was not asking for that to be approved at this time. Mr. Poole requested the City Council amend the taxicab ordinance to include Rickshaws.

Mayor Larson stated there was a map that showed where the Rickshaws would be used. The route would start at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and would go down 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Holladay to the Prom and down Holladay and also Necanicum to the Convention Center to Avenue 'B' and then over Beach Drive and onto Ocean Vista and out to the Cove.

Mayor Larson asked for any comments from the public.

Barry Kniper, 150 S. Wahanna, Seaside, stated he was interested in knowing what the fare would be for passengers, if seatbelts were required and would there be people drinking champagne on the Rickshaws.

Dale McDowell, 3760 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, stated currently there were not any bike lanes in the area of the route and more of the road would be taken. Mr. McDowell further stated the Surrey's were very slow and even with the Rickshaws going a little faster there was still not enough room in the road with the vehicles.

Donn Bauske, 322 S. Holladay, Seaside, stated Rickshaws were far superior to Surreys and anything that was done in Seaside for the tourist was a good thing. Mr. Bauske further stated the ordinance should be amended to give Mr. Poole a chance at the Rickshaw business.

Councilor Moore stated the Surrey's were allowed in Seaside and the Rickshaw's should be allowed. Councilor Moore asked the City Manager and Police Chief if there were any problems with the Rickshaw's being allowed at night.

Mr. Winstanley stated from his standpoint and Police Chief Gross's standpoint the direction would come from Council for any changes that were made to the ordinance. An ordinance could be prepared that would allow for the kind of operation that Mr. Poole had requested.

Councilor Moore stated the idea sounded great for Seaside and Mr. Poole had really done his homework on Rickshaws.

Council President Lyons stated he wanted to commend Mr. Poole on the information that was gathered. Councilor Lyons asked if the Rickshaws would be on the Prom.

Mr. Poole stated the Rickshaws would not be on the Prom.

Councilor Tolan asked where the Rickshaws would be when not used.

Mr. Poole stated he was approved to use the Montero Sister's Parking Lot.

Councilor Tolan asked how many Rickshaws there were.

Mr. Poole stated there were eight Rickshaws.

Mr. Winstanley stated there were a couple of people from the audience that had questions and Mr. Poole should be given the opportunity to address the questions.

Mr. Poole stated the fare would be \$10.00 and seatbelts were not used. Mr. Poole further stated if a couple was on their honeymoon or a special occasion the Rickshaws had an ice chest under the seat which could be used for champagne.

Mayor Larson stated there would not be alcohol served.

Councilor Tolan asked about brakes.

There are no break issues and the Rickshaws stopped immediately. The Rickshaws were very well built.

Councilor Johnson asked what the rate was.

Mr. Poole stated the rate was \$50.00 a hour or a ten minute ride for \$10.00. In other City's the rate was \$120.00 an hour.

Councilor Johnson asked if the Rickshaws would primarily stay on the route that was on the map.

Mr. Poole stated people would be picked up from their motels and taken to restaurants. There would not be any motels outside of a five minute perimeter.

Motion to instruct staff to amend the Taxicab Ordinance to include Rickshaws; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)

**BID RESULTS –  
NOAA WEATHER  
RADIO'S**

Deb Treusdell, Tsunami Preparedness Coordinator, stated through the efforts of Senator Wu and the funding for weather radios currently managed by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industry (DOGAMI) there were bid proposals received for the NOAA Weather Radios. The funding agent would provide fifty percent of the cost of the NOAA Weather Radio for every household in the City of Seaside. Households (renters/owners) would pay the additional fifty percent. The City received four bid proposals for NOAA Weather Radio's and each bid proposal was evaluated by a review committee. Staff recommended that Council accept the bid from Astoria Electronics - Radio Shack in the amount of \$26.75 per unit.

Motion to award the bid for NOAA Weather Radio's to Astoria Electronics - Radio Shack in the amount of \$26.75 per unit; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

Mayor Larson asked how people would receive a radio.

Ms. Treusdell stated there were three options to choose from. The first option which would be promoted the most was for the citizens to participate in a thirty to forty five minute orientation and educational presentation about Tsunami's in general. The second option was for the community education volunteers to take the radios and Tsunami Preparedness message to the citizens during the neighborhood outreach. The third option was for citizens to pick up the weather radios at City Hall. The main thing was to get the education and information out to the public so people would know how to use the radios.

Councilor Haller asked how much the citizens would be charged for the radios.

Ms. Treusdell stated approximately \$15.00.

**APPROVAL –  
TIMBER SALVAGE**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated most everyone had seen what the heavy windstorms in November and December, 2006, had done to the timber on Highway 26 and the same thing happened at the watershed along the boundaries with Weyerhaeuser and Longview Fiber.

Longview Fiber in particular had a fairly large clear cut that had an extensive boundary with the City property which was a brand new clear cut from last year. The trees did not have a chance to establish any strength against the windstorm. Mr. Wallace further stated the only timber that would be salvaged was the timber that had blown down.

Motion to approve the salvage of the watershed timber; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Lyons)

Councilor Tolan asked who would be paying for the salvage of the timber.

Mr. Winstanley stated the City would be paid for the salvage of the timber.

Councilor Tolan asked where the money that was received would go.

Mr. Winstanley stated the money would go to the water department and a proposal would be prepared for the Council to segregate out harvesting in the watershed for specific improvements to the watershed.

**PRESENTATION –  
CARTWRIGHT PARK  
PLAYGROUND EQUIP.**

Mr. Wallace presented a power point presentation of Cartwright Park. Mr. Wallace stated two weeks ago there were volunteers that met at Cartwright Park to put together the playground equipment with the funds that were donated from Hood to Coast. There was an early start Saturday morning with the equipment which was six large boxes of hardware. There was a great turnout from the City, Big River, Rotary, Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation among others and the equipment was installed by 12:00 PM. Mr. Wallace further stated the park was being well used by parents and children.

Mayor Larson stated the \$17,000.00 worth of equipment came from Hood to Coast as a donation to the City and there were plans for another donation of \$17,000.00 in August. The rest of the playground equipment would be ordered at that time.

**DISCUSSION –  
CITY MANAGERS  
CONTRACT**

Mayor Larson stated the City Managers contract went back to December, 2006, when Council evaluated the City Manager. There were minor word changes to the contract which included; the severance pay package which was extended from six months to nine months, extend the accrued vacation time from four hundred hours to five hundred hours and give the City Manager a 1.5 percent salary increase which would be in addition to the normal contract increase. Mayor Larson further stated Council had a chance to look at the changes to the contract and asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion accepting the proposal for the changes to the City Managers contract; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC**

Dave Langlo, 1321 N. Wahanna Rd., Seaside, stated he had been following the progress of the livability on Wahanna Road the last few months. Mr. Langlo further stated he was particularly speaking about the area east of the Neawanna River and west of Wahanna Road. The streets 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Queen Street. There had been twenty two houses built in the last year in various stages from being lived in to the foundation being poured. Mr. Langlo further stated there was not one area with curbs or sidewalks that had been installed.

Mr. Wallace stated 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue had the first Local Improvement District (LID) in the area and the curb and sidewalks had not been required upfront until storm drainage issues had been resolved. There were problems with the LID and the legal issues had to be resolved before there were any amendments to work that had been done through that LID. The LID legally had been resolved but was not actually assessed. After the LID was assessed the City would draw up plans to add the storm drainage and curbs and sidewalks along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Wallace further stated 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue curbs and sidewalks were being taken care of with a separate LID that would be considered by Council.

Mr. Langlo further stated the curbs and sidewalks were supposed to be added with the conditions when building a house.

Mr. Winstanley stated the contractor that was involved in the project later sued the City and there was legal litigation and until that litigation was solved there was nothing that could be done with the LID. The litigation was recently completed which would allow the City to go forward with the LID.

Mr. Bauske stated the City Council and Planning Commission conducted a meeting in April, 2007, to discuss affordable housing problems. Mr. Bauske asked Council what progress had been made if any.

Mr. Cupples stated the Planning Commission was looking at compiling a number of items with many suggestions that had been taken under advisement. The Planning Commission would work on a package of potential modifications that may help in providing affordable housing. There was a Planning Commission Member that was very interested and was taking part in meetings and conversations which concerned more on the low and moderate income side rather than just standard work force housing.

Staff would work on putting together a full package for the Planning Commission and would ask for public comment and Council comment which would be introduced at the second joint work session with the City Council and Planning Commission at the end of July.

Mr. Bauske stated the idea of subsidized housing and low income housing was a different ballgame than affordable housing.

Mr. Cupples stated the Planning Commission and City Council both heard from a number of individuals that were in the affordable housing realm and the individuals provided input. Most likely the information would not be just one improvement but a number of improvements that would cover the entire housing situation.

Karen Flagg, Seaside, stated the first part of May she had to leave the Mill Creek Apartments. Something needed to be done because finding a place was not easy and Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) only paid \$485.00 a month for a one bedroom and \$635.00 for a two bedroom. The apartments in Seaside rented for \$500.00 to \$700.00. Mr. Flagg further stated she was just now qualifying for a two bedroom apartment. There was help that was needed and Council seemed to be on the right track.

Tohurs Alcon, 1221 Avenue 'D', Seaside, stated he was a new resident in Seaside and the viewpoint he had on affordable housing was a little different. The City needed to develop an Economic Development Commission. The problem was not just affordable housing. There needed to be higher wage businesses brought into the City. Seaside depended too much on the tourist industry which would survive on its own.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Councilor Moore stated Seaside was by no means alone because the affordable housing problems were a trend on the entire West Coast. The East Coast had already gone through the problems years ago. The trends were global in scale and national in scale. The issue could not be taken care of by the City and may have to wait for the State Legislature to act or possibly Congress. Those are the facts to consider when dealing with the issue.

Councilor Johnson thanked the Seaside Elks for the prestigious award.

Mayor Larson reminded Council there would be a City Council meeting on Monday, May 28, 2007. Mayor Larson stated prior to the Council meeting at 6:30 PM he would like to plan a workshop to discuss visioning.

Councilor Johnson asked Mr. Cupples if he still had the information about the Vision Task Force.

Mr. Cupples stated he did have the information.

Councilor Johnson asked for copies to be given to each of the Councilors.

Mayor Larson stated the Urban Renewal Budget Committee meeting would be Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

**COMMENTS – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

McKenzie Bauske apologized for being late and was working on her Pacifica Project which was to coach a T-Ball team. Ms. Bauske stated school was almost finished with seniors receiving their caps and gowns on Thursday and graduation day was Monday, June 4, 2007. Softball was over and not such a glorious season which was alright. Baseball would finish tonight against Scappoose and had lost their chance to go to state. Track and Field had a large group headed to state Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Both boys and girls golf was going to state.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Mr. Winstanley thanked the Police Chief for a successful Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday.

Mayor Larson stated the Skate Park Dedication would be Saturday, June 9, 2007.

Mr. Wallace stated he would be spear heading a volunteer group this Saturday, May 19, 2007, at Avenue 'U' to clear the Scotch Broom off the beach.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR