

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

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Councilors Tita Montero, Dana Phillips, Steve Wright, Tom Horning, and Seth Morrisey.

Absent: Council President Randy Frank.

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief; and RJ Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

AGENDA Mayor Barber asked if Council needed to amend the agenda.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated he did not believe Council needed to amend the agenda. When you get to the approval of the minutes a motion just needs to be made as amended.

Mayor Barber stated he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda as circulated.

Councilor Phillips so moved with a second from Councilor Montero; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Montero)

COMMENTS - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Briana Boyd, Student Representative, was absent.

COMMENTS - PUBLIC Mayor Barber stated at this time he will open the floor to public comments. If you would like to comment on anything that is not on the agenda, please come forward and give us your name and address and limit your comments to four minutes.

Nancy Holmes, 1520 Cooper Drive, Seaside, stated she would like to present to Council two pictures on one sheet of paper. Ms. Holmes further stated the picture shows the lots for sale at the Seaside High School and the other is a picture taken of the estuary. This is all from the school district's website. I have nothing against the school district. I've never not voted for a school bond issue in my life no matter where I lived or how many kids I had in school or didn't have in any school, this is not about that. However, what most people don't realize as it now stands, there are three lots for sale for homes or condominiums and can build up to 35 feet in the parking lot overlooking the estuary at the high school. Ms. Holmes was asking let's not do that. I would like the City of Seaside to acquire that property for a park so that all the people of this community and the general public can continue in perpetuity to enjoy the view of the estuary. Our unique and wonderful estuary and to have access to it, as they do now. I will do anything you want me to. I can go out and count heads. I can sign petitions, I can go door to door and get you some numbers of the people that are out there. Most people know that there are a lot of people that enjoy that view and you enjoy just pulling up in that parking lot with a friend or a kid they just picked up from school and they eat their lunch there and you've all seen it. Let's do it.

Mayor Barber stated the only thing you can do is raise about a million dollars.

Ms. Holmes stated you know, I don't mean to be curt, but I've been in this town long enough to know that there's always a way to do things if we want it badly enough. Money swaps, you know, I know you can figure it out. Having great faith in you.

Mayor Barber stated we need to preserve those properties thank you Nancy.

Councilor Montero stated it certainly doesn't hurt if you go and say the same thing before the school board.

Ms. Holmes stated okay she can do that.

Mayor Barber asked if there were any other comments on any item that is not on the agenda, and there were no other comments made.

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

No one declared a conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Barber stated he would entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$745,897.97, and Approval of Minutes February 25, 2019.

Councilor Morrisey so moved as amended with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Phillips)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**VACANCY –
CITY TREE BOARD**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the City Tree Board. Council was accepting applications for the vacancy.

**VACANCY -
AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Airport Committee requiring the person to be a resident of Seaside. Council was accepting applications for the vacancy.

**VACANCY -
COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Community Center Commission. The Council received two applications and Mayor Barber asked Council if they would like to nominate and schedule interviews.

Councilor Wright nominated Jennifer Johnson and Jordan Viriding for the Community Center Commission and arrange interviews with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Wright/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated interviews would be conducted prior to the next City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

**PROPOSAL –
CITY BAN ON SINGLE
PLASTIC BAGS**

Mayor Barber stated under new business we have some representatives from the city. They are wanting to speak to the City Council about a proposal regarding plastic bags and he understand Laura Allen is going to speak on behalf of all of you. How many of you are here tonight about that issue? (There was a show of hands in the audience) Mayor Barber asked Laura to come up and please give your address and we're here to listen.

Laura Allen, 431 10th Avenue, Seaside, stated she lived in Seaside full time and as you said, I'm here tonight with a group of Seaside residents and visitors to ask you to pass an ordinance that would eliminate the use of single use plastic carry out bags and replace those with reusable bags. Getting rid of single plastic carry out bags in our retail stores and restaurants and get people to use reusable bags for their purchases. We provided a packet of materials to you about why this is so important for Seaside along with sample ordinances. And tonight we have a three and a half minutes, video we made for you and we'd like to show you that to summarize the important points. And then there are a few other people who would like to speak briefly to this issue. I just want to say before we start the video, there's no doubt. I don't think anyone can dispute that there's just a lot of plastic from bags going into our ocean or river and our estuary, our riverbanks and beaches. I saw this analogy in a ted talk and I think it's helpful here. If you have an overflowing sink, its fine to start cleaning up the mess, you know, wiping it up, but you're not going to solve the problem until you turn off the water. And that's really what we need to do here. We need to stop the flow of plastics or at least reduce the flow of plastics in our environments. And we could start in here in Seaside by replacing the single use, carry out bag with reusable bags. We will be out here to answer questions and there'll be a few other people to address other points about this. Let's start the video.

Joyce Hunt, 510 13th Avenue, Seaside, stated almost every city council meeting I've been to there's been some statement about how important volunteers are in Seaside and I'm one of those volunteers. I'm kind of known as the bucket lady down at the Cove picking up trash and there was a plastic bag this morning that I think it actually got into the can but a raccoon got it but I didn't have to go into the swamp to get it out. But I don't want to work that hard. I mean I also work with some other organizations like the North Coast Land Conservancy and the Necanicum Watershed and on all of those organizations I've spent time picking up plastics and I don't want to work that hard. A ban on the plastic single use bags along with the fee for all other carry out bags and that means the paper reasonable or compostable is what makes it effective. Like San Jose I think they went from like a 2% people using bags from 40% everything. So my figures say had the right ones down there. But when you add that fee for the bag you get at the checkout counter is what we're talking about. We're not talking about the produce bags in the store and is just at the point of sale. And once you ask people to change their habits, so if the clerks just ask, do you want a bag? A lot of people just say, no I don't need a bag for that. But when we automatically put things in bags, we all just grab them and go. And so if we do it to where we have to switch or you have to pay. That makes a lot of people go that one step farther plus it, like they said in there, I think he really carried a lot of the points I'm trying to make. So I won't talk to you much longer, but I think it's really effective. And I think we should really try to go for it and she thinks it's really important.

Martin Letourneau, 320 Avenue 'K', Seaside, stated that was his primary residence. I have a master's degree from Harvard University in environmental and energy and environmental public policy and I worked for the federal government for 25 years in energy and environmental issues and the single use plastic bags issue. It is an excellent example of what we would call an externality. The true costs of the use of the bags is not getting internalized into people's behavior. They don't recognize the true cost because the bags are being misused, they're being neglected, and they're being allowed to contribute to the pollution problem. And as far as solutions to that type of an externality issue, a public policy approach that tries to change people's behaviors and to cause them to realize the internalized cost is usually a very effective public policy choice. In this case as we're talking about the 10 cent charge forces the consumer to think about their bag use and to shift to the use of the alternative multi use bags.

Mayor Barber asked Martin why he was not volunteering for one of our boards with your background.

Mr. Letourneau stated he grew up in Portland and spent my career on the east coast and I retired and I've been back here for about four years and I'm getting close. I'm enjoying my retirement but I'm getting very close and these people are helping me get closer. Thank you.

Marc Ward, 36286 Highway 26, Seaside, stated, I was born and raised in Seaside and was one of the world's leading researchers on marine micro plastics from the receiving end with groups all over the world to remediate the damage from Mumbai and Australia, Canada, Great Britain, all up and down the east coast from New York to Florida. San Juan Islands to San Diego, Mexico and Lake Michigan. Working with people all over the world to deviate the damage that has been done by marine plastics. I have been working on the beaches here in Oregon quite a bit. We have a filters for the beach and the City of Cannon Beach has sponsored for a number of years now we have to go and we try to repair the damage from the plastics in the ocean. The situation is dire on a global basis. Mumbai is doing a complete single use plastic ban because of their situation. I was just in Long Beach, California and consulted them on remediation of that beach. It was a really unique 11,000 particles of plastic per square meter in the beach. So they are initiating a complete single use plastic ban. This is much beyond that with single use plastic bags. I mean we're talking a complete single use plastics ban and no fast food containers, no Styrofoam coffee cups, single use bags at the start. But we need to do a lot more because the situation is dire globally. This is usually a two hour lecture but we are cutting it really short. Some of the latest research that just came out in the last week or so it was from the Marianas Trench, the deepest place on earth and researchers collected quite a few different species of organism from the Marianas Trench. Every single organism contained plastic. Our culture is changing slowly and we really need to change this plastic consumption issue. Seaside is just as important as any other place on earth as far as I'm concerned. For me, you know, this is my hometown. We have plastic on the beach. Sure, these plastic bags might not be worth campaigning our beaches to the rest of the world. Everybody has to leave it this way. This is really a dire situation on a global level and every little bit helps. So the slight inconvenience somebody might have by having to bring their own bag is outweighed so greatly by the dire situation that we're facing on a global level and act locally think locally. I'm really in support of this and it really makes me feel great. I will feel so fantastic if seaside can act locally, create something that shows people that were forward thinkers.

Mayor Barber stated we understand the situation and there were probably 30 of you who would like to make a comment on the subject. Mayor Barber further stated here's what we'll do. We may have some questions here for you, Laura. And then the Council will determine the next step, which will most likely be a workshop where we would give the broader community the opportunity retail merchants and others to speak to this issue. And then if it comes to an ordinance, and if the council decides to go to an ordinance, then there would be a public hearing and there would be broad openness for everyone to speak to this issue, either in support or in opposition of. So don't feel that we're dampening down on your response tonight. I know that you were coming to speak in public comment and I figured out that 20 of you speaking, that would be the whole evening, if you're talking for four minutes. That's why I asked that it be placed on the agenda tonight. At least get the discussion started. So are we on the same page on that? Do you understand where we are? Mayor Barber opened it to the Council to ask any questions that they have.

Councilor Horning stated he did not have questions but had a statement or two. I think this is as important as the Oregon bottle bill or, preventing smoking in public places such as in bars and taverns. It is a life and health issue with a lifestyle issue as well. I think it's urgent and agree with Marc from my readings this is an extremely dire situation as he puts it. I think we should move forward quickly.

Councilor Phillips stated that's interesting and she is always buying those bags because most of the time I forget to bring them. But I don't do the plastic. I guess where I'm coming from is that, have you worked with or other cities really work with retailers like Safeway?

Ms. Allen stated she can address it.

Councilor Phillips stated let me just tell why I'm doing this because I'm really concerned about that extra 10 cents because of the situation is that our Safeway is the highest priced Safeway in the state of Oregon.

Ms. Allen stated she happened to have a letter from the Northwest Grocer's Association that I got today. They've been supplying a similar letter to everyone. They supported the plastic bag ban and are fully in support of it. As long as there is that 10 cent charge and it's a pass through charge. Of course the charge is important, not just to Safeway or retailers. Of course we want them to recoup their costs for having to use paper until people are more, have transitioned over more. But it's important to get people to change their behavior. We don't want them buying a lot of paper bags. We want them to bring their own reusable and we brought some samples tonight.

Councilor Phillips stated she was on the Big Island about three months ago and was pleasantly surprised when we stopped into Costco and Walmart and they both only give out cloth bags. But the interesting thing is everywhere else was plastic, so I'm just not quite sure how it was working.

Ms. Allen stated maybe a phase in period, I'm not sure. They've done studies on this, on whether you can do this without a pass through costs and it just doesn't work. And even in poorer neighborhoods in California, they did studies and found that this just was not a significant factor. And then in fact people benefited from having less trash. They reported, I mean there's statistics some of the materials on just how much it improved people's ability to or desire to ban the reusable bag. And I mean I think it went up 58% or 60% just by having that pass through in addition to a ban. They really haven't had no complaints from any of the lower income communities, where you would think it might be a problem. It's really been effective in changing people's behavior. So I appreciate the concern about the 10 cents, but I think it's something that if we're going to do this, this is something that we want to include. And I have this letter here from Safeway, if any of you would like to read it.

Mayor Barber stated you can give it to Kim.

Councilor Montero stated she was very impressed by the number of people that have shown up tonight. When something is brand new on an agenda and you get this many people it really shows us that people are talking about it and people care. And you're taking the time. One of the things we have so many people that come to Seaside that come from other places. Lots of them come from places that don't allow the, single use plastic. And that's really good. I would like to see that as we go through this process, no matter what, something that I would like to see right along the same track is that we use this process also as a way to educate our own population. And that we include something that gets messaged to our visitors. You know, I was thinking like in the annual visitor guide which is too late for this year, but for next year some message about how Seaside values its beaches. This not only takes on improve practice but provides education that people not only get here but can take elsewhere.

Ms. Allen stated that's a great idea. And we're happy to work with you on educating the public and working with you. We've already been talking to the retailers and we'd like to make this transition as smooth and as positive for the community as possible. Thank you.

Councilor Morrisey stated just a statement. It was definitely a compelling argument and he looked forward to hearing more.

Councilor Wright stated he agreed. I came from the Portland area, so it's pretty much trying to do it already. Don't worry, I've got lots of bags in the car and I am a guy you have a target and you're going to kill it and bring it. So we're going to do this on a public comment and have each side in, and I'd really like to encourage you to get both the SDDA and the Chamber of Commerce involved from the retail side. And you know, obviously we have a lot of the citizens of Seaside already involved. I'm just a numbers guy and I noticed one number. It said we use 1500 of those bags a year. That's 29 a week. That's not me. It's not anybody I know.

Ms. Allen stated it's for a family.

Councilor Wright stated it's a family. A lot of families here at Seaside though you know are retired or maybe not big families. I'm just saying trying to get your numbers to be Seaside numbers not any other place. Like Joyce was out there picking up plastic bags. How many do you have to pick up? I walk a lot. I actually only see plastic bags on windy days when they have flown out of the garbage cans. We need to work on the garbage cans too.

Ms. Allen stated let me just add one point to that. We have the whole bags blowing around, but also they start breaking down. You know I was out at the estuary this weekend with Marc Wards group briefly because it was so grueling, but when you get down on the ground there are little bitsy pieces of bag everywhere.

Councilor Wright stated that's the kind of stuff I'd like to see specific to this area we're not going with San Jose or Portland or things like that. You certainly agreed that you should move on with the proposal but the more you can make it specific to us I think is good.

Councilor Phillips stated I wish Brianna was here our student's representative to get the high school kids behind you but really the high school because they have a passion that gets people involved.

Ms. Allen stated that's a great idea.

Mayor Barber stated I want to say Laura, thank you for bringing this to us. These are discussions that we've been having kind of one on one in small groups, but we haven't brought it to the table yet. So what I'm going to be proposing is that we plan a workshop where we can invite you back and invite some of the retail merchants, so the others can come to the table, discuss it, moving toward whether or not we want to introduce some ordinance. Thank you for some of the model ordinances that you included in your material. That'll, save a lot of work on staff's part. Mayor Barber stated someone could come forward that wanted to make a comment.

Nadia Gardner, 80285 Woodland, Arch Cape, stated I've been in the County for about 20 years now and I've been following this because I am originally from Portland, myself and a big supporter of efforts to reduce plastic pollution for most of my life. I just wanted to comment on a few things. In many cities, they choose to give a waiver on the fee to people who receive WIC and other area of public assistance. And I think something that Seaside really should think about because of the level of poverty in this area. But that's a nice way to balance out possible fee. All these bags, I've never actually paid for a bag I've been picking up bags for 15 years and you just kind of get them along the way I think. But then if you buy them like at Natural Grocers it's actually cheaper to buy one than to pay the fee over time. So you'd hope that everybody would just bring reusable, but that is something that people in certain circumstances maybe they don't prioritize bringing their bags. I also just wanted to comment on the efforts in both Tillamook and Clatsop County as a whole. And just let you know that I've attended, a workshop actually for Clatsop County and the commissioners, this is last year. So there's been a few changes on that commission, but they're very supportive. What they wanted to see is a collaboration between most of the cities, if not all the cities within the county because they can pass a bag ban, but it really is only enforceable outside of city limits. They really wanted to see the city step up and then they would be willing to work on the unincorporated areas as well. Cannon Beach actually passed a resolution eight years ago. We tried to pass a bag ban in Cannon Beach, right when Portland was also doing their bag ban and they weren't ready at that time. They were just hoping the state would do it. It's easier sometimes to just end and it's nice to have consistency throughout the state. And at that time it wasn't ready. The state as a whole there's efforts now to do it statewide, but what we found in California is that the more cities that step up, the higher the chance that in the end, the state will actually have an ordinance for the entire state and provide more consistency and you'll have a lot more say also in what that looks like working with your representatives. And so I hope as this process goes through, I'll be there, I'll be at the meetings, but I just wanted to add those two facts to you. So it was Cannon Beach, Gearhart and Astoria working on ordinances. And would that be great if it was like Earth Day next year that it went into effect.

Mayor Barber stated thank you all for taking time to come and please stay tuned and Laura we will communicate with you on a workshop. Thank you all and you're welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting.

**APPROVAL –
MO'S RESTAURANT
HOOD VENTY SYSTEM**

Mayor Barber asked Dale to come up and speak for vent system for Mo's Restaurants in the Shilo.

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, stated the engineer was also here to speak Mark Mead. This is an existing vent on the south side of the Shilo building itself. It's about 14 feet up off the ground. It is back on their property itself. It's around 5 feet from the edge of the sidewalk. It's a vent that that was used and is not being used but they would like to reuse it again. As you know, we kind of have a wind tunnel down on that street. The little bit of a venting that would come out of there, the exhaust probably not anyone would notice.

Mr. Winstanley stated I think it's important for the council to kind of understand what your position is as far as this discussion is concerned. I had a fairly lengthy conversation with the building official today and asked what kind of action from the building department you are looking for from the Council in this case. Bob Mitchell, Building Official, stated if this was next to a private property, say it was next to your house, there is a mechanical code says that this vent needs to be 10 feet from the other person's property but he said oftentimes there can be exceptions made. And he said this is one where an exception is being asked for. And in this case, the city is the next door neighbor. Your action that Mr. Mead is going to talk about tonight is do you as the city, are you, would you be all right with you if they have less distance in this case but it's less than 10 feet and would that be all right with you? You're not providing any kind of, if you will, legal exception. The building official just said every time that something like this comes up, I go talk to that neighbor and I say, are you going to be okay with it? And if the neighbor says, yes, it's not going to bother me, go ahead and do it, then Bob said, then in that case, if I think it's not going to be a problem, then I'm more willing to go ahead and make the exception. And so really what the building officials looking from you is, do you think this is going to be a problem too? Because if you don't think it's going to be a problem, he'll make an exception in this case. If you do think it's going to be a problem, then he's willing to listen to what your concerns are. So it's his call on this but he wants to hear what you, the neighbor, how you feel about it.

Mayor Barber stated that's helpful.

Mark Mead, 89643 Ocean Drive, Warrenton, stated he was the project engineer and Mark Winstanley just took about half of his discussion.

The main reason is that in the venting of the hoods and the oven in there, we could go back out to the ceiling up in front of the hotel rooms that are there, but there is already a bathroom vent there and the intake for air into the class one hood over the stoves, there's heat units up there that take in air. So we looked at it and there's the vent there that is unused. We said well can we use that instead because of all the other items that are already going through the other roof and then when you go with the mechanical code it's 10 feet back from the property line, which puts us back into where the hotel rooms are and there wasn't a shaft way up to the roof and in doing a little research came up with that it was possibly used for that at one time originally, but no one ever asked for permission from the city since it was within 10 feet. We would know to ask for permission from the city than try and hook it up. Somebody complained later on restaurant has to shut down to redo what they're doing to try and vent this out to another spot and that's our main reason. There is another vent that's down at sidewalk level at the same location that goes to the basement, but it's currently not used for anything.

Mayor Barber asked if there were any questions.

Councilor Morrissey stated just real quick. This wasn't being used prior to them wanting to use it now.

Mr. Mead stated it was used originally for possibly their dishwasher vent or some venting for their refrigeration equipment. That was all changed out over the years and then it was just abandoned over the years. When we tore the ceiling apart, it was just an open vent in the ceiling that was put there years ago and no one paid attention. But it was used originally.

Councilor Wright stated you made a specific difference between this, which would be what you said, dishwasher and oven. Not the, class one means the vent over the frying and that kind of stuff like no grease.

Mr. Mead stated class one is the hood over the frying anything that does grease. There is another what is called a class two hood which be a warming stove. It's just heating chowder, but there's no grease and no cooking just heating chowders.

Councilor Wright stated his understanding is there's really no strong smell of food when the oven's going.

Mr. Mead stated when the oven was going you might get some smell.

Councilor Wright stated but not like fried foods.

Mr. Mead stated no, because that's the difference between a class one and class two hood is whether there is grease or no grease.

Councilor Montero stated I have a couple of questions, but before I ask you the questions, I want to ask Mark for clarification for myself. Is this kind of sorta like when we were considering the signage at the Times theater that came out over the sidewalk more than 10 feet. Is it the same kind of thing?

Mr. Mead stated actually it is. And I was here for that. It's kind of a similar thing but we're not over the sidewalk, we're back from it, but we're not 10 feet back. The Times we were going out over the sidewalk, what was originally there.

Councilor Montero stated that area is, very highly trafficked. I would say probably 90% of the people who come to Seaside somehow make it to the turnaround. So I want to make sure that we're not doing anything that either is dangerous to them or makes them think less of their Seaside experience. It's going to be over chowder and warming ovens. If I walk under there what am I going to smell?

Mr. Mead stated if the ovens on, you may smell something baking in the oven but it is fourteen feet in the air. Chances are you won't smell anything. The dishwasher, there may be a little bit of moisture come out, but it might be like a couple of drips an hour and will mostly fall straight down.

Councilor Montero stated except when the wind is blowing.

Mr. Mead stated its going to dissipate and you probably will never feel anything.

Councilor Montero stated is there any chance that somebody walking under there could get overheated or burned or anything like that.

Mr. Mead stated with a class one hood there was the potential but a class two hood there's limits on the temperature and stuff. It's more like a hood over your stove in your house and a class one is over fryers and grease.

Councilor Montero stated this is not at the sucking end, this is at the coming out end.

Mr. Mead stated that was right.

Councilor Montero stated and then the last thing is how noisy is it, will I notice the noise?

Mr. Mead stated you shouldn't notice the noise at all.

Mayor Barber asked if there were any other questions.

Councilor Phillips stated I just figured it was what was there before.

Mayor Barber stated I'll just give my opinion. If Dale McDowell feels its okay and Bob Mitchell, then it's okay with me. Good questions.

Mayor Barber stated he would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilor Phillips so moved with a second from Councilor Wright; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Wright)

**ANNUAL REPORT –
SEASIDE FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Joey Daniel, Fire Chief, stated he appreciated the opportunity to let Council know that we did a 2018 Fire Department Annual Report. The report is posted on the Seaside Fire Department Website. The annual report is 28 pages long but we are going to shake it up a little instead of going through the 28 pages of the report we are going to show a video of some of the pictures of our staff and what they do. Chief Daniels introduced staff Lieutenant, Genesee Dennis, Division Chief Training/Operations, David Rankin, and Division Chief Prevention/Fire Marshall, Chris Dugan. This staff all make a conscious effort all year to take pictures and their Chief's not very good at pictures, but we get to use those pictures where there's training life incidents and they put a great video together and we're going to lean more towards that tonight. But I did want to cover some things that we did have at our banquet. Chief Daniels further stated in 2018 we responded to 1455 calls for service, a slight decrease from the record setting 1495 calls in 2018. The department averaged 35 volunteers throughout the year. We also had a full complement of Resident Volunteers by the end of 2018. These residents attend college and live at the fire station to learn work experience. This is very valuable for our agency to have these fine students help us while they are going to school and learning on the job at Seaside Fire & Rescue. We also continue to be very active with prevention, inspections, investigations, trainings, meetings, and the lifeguard program. 2018 has also brought a unique challenge working with Seaside School District and their new campus, as well as design review and the step by step process of building our new Tractor Drawn Aerial (TDA) Ladder Truck. The TDA Ladder Truck is scheduled to be arriving July 2019. We also purchased and put into service our new MSA Self Contained Breathing (SCBA) Apparatus, Rapid Intervention Kits, confined space units, and new SCBA air fill station. The Lack of rain and snow for the last few years once again made for extreme fire conditions last summer that ended up sending us on 4 Wildland Conflagrations in the State of Oregon and 1 in California. At our Annual Banquet, we celebrated milestone events for Years of Service for Katie Bulletset (5 years), and Daniel Mullery (10 years). The Fire Officer of the Year, which is voted on by all the firefighters, was Deputy Chief Gordon Houston. Firefighter of the year which is chosen by all the fire officers was Jenson Segui. The Emergency Medical Provider of the year was Lieutenant Jeramy Houston. As always, it's a privilege to be the Fire Chief of Seaside Fire & Rescue and to work with such highly dedicated staff and volunteers working to make their community a safe place to live and visit. Without these devoted men and women of Seaside Fire & Rescue we would be unable to provide the exceptional 24 hour a day level of service to both our citizens and tourists. On behalf of Seaside Fire & Rescue, I would like to thank the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Staff, and the citizens for your continued support, and for allowing us to present this report to you. Chief Daniels asked if there were questions about the report. I think our video is going to really culminate the whole thing.

Mayor Barber asked do you have a place to park the truck.

Chief Daniels stated garage doors keep breaking and yes we do. It's not like it's going to hide. We'll put both truck side by side and then we'll train on the new one and keep the old one in service and transition. That's really tough for us to transition.

Councilor Phillips stated the comradery of all of you and the dedication, the paid staff as well as the volunteers is just mind boggling to me. Very, very impressive. And just to sit back and listen to all the time and energy that everyone puts in to the special training to be a fireman. Hats off to all of thank you so much.

Councilor Wright stated just you four guys do so much, and all of the other people that you're working together with and obviously you have a lot of fun. They give out good awards and then they give out awards that are maybe not for something really good but they certainly take it well. But it's just amazing.

Councilor Morrissey stated as far as the volunteers, you guys kind of at the level you need to be, are you looking for more? How's that?

Chief Daniels stated we're like everyone. We're real fortunate. I say fortunate because we've been asked by Tillamook County to help them right now they are in a real struggle and that would pull us down to Tillamook County. We still have about thirty-five volunteers all year and it goes up and down but we have a lot of dedicated volunteers and staff. Chief Daniels stated let's watch the video. It's will be approximately 12 minutes.

The Video was played.

Chief Daniels stated we did take a lot of photos, actually we've added some cameras to our vehicles it helps us for training at the end and we have fun with our photos, but a lot of it helps with law enforcement investigations later. You get into a real big habit all the rigs have IPADS so they grab one. They all capture the pictures and the videos. And now again, like I said, we're putting some cameras in our rigs so when we come up to those fires we can use those for fire investigation purposes later. We do have a lot of fun and an operation with mostly volunteer. We're not going to have volunteers if we aren't having some fun.

Councilor Montero stated what's really obvious to, is that you are a community unto yourselves inside our community and you trust each other. That's part of what builds that. I love the fact that your talents are more.

Chief Daniels stated there's a lot in the last couple of years we've taken on rope rescue and water rescue, two disciplines that we now have a mutual aide agreement covering Cannon Beach, Seaside, and probably all through Warrenton. And so there's a lot of training and dedication that our guys do a great job at.

Councilor Wright stated the training part of it is really what is amazing. Our staff here train too and they get their certifications. But all of these volunteers do it on their time off. Maybe they're taking vacation to go do it. It's just amazing. Now, it's a good thing maybe there's no certification to be a City Councilor. That's a lot of work and you have to pass the test.

Mayor Barber stated it certainly is a point of pride for Seaside and I sleep a lot better at night knowing you're all there and I'm sure our community does that as well, it's really outstanding. So thank you so much.

Chief Daniels stated the Seaside Fire Department's 2018 Annual Report can be viewed on the Seaside Fire Department website: <https://www.seasidefire.com>

The Fire Department Annual Report is available to view with the City Council packet for March 11, 2019, at Seaside City Hall and on the City of Seaside website under the Seaside Fire Department. The link for the annual report: www.cityofseaside.us/departments-services/fire-department

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber asked for comments from City Staff.

Mr. Winstanley stated before you do that let me start out by apologizing because I kind of maneuvered the agenda a little bit on you. I purposely did not ask you or encourage you to change the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and what I ideally would like to have you do, Mr. Van Thiel and I have been talking about that and as far as my evaluation is concerned. I'd like to have you table that to a later meeting. I think the formal action is more appropriate than just simply changing the agenda. And if you would either tell us now where you'd like to table it to, or you can leave that open but we'd like to table.

Mayor Barber stated he has asked the Council to table it until May 13, 2019. Everybody will be here and I know that you will be on pins and needles, but we want everybody on the Council to be present.

Mr. Winstanley stated I think it would be a more appropriate action to table it to that meeting than it would be just having it disappear.

Mayor Barber stated he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Morrissey moved that we table the City Manager's evaluation to May 13, 2019 with a second from Councilor Horning; carried unanimously. (Morrissey/Horning)

Mayor Barber stated this is a very serious process we go through, each Councilor goes through a multipoint performance evaluation of our city manager that goes to Kim Jordan, City Recorder, who takes all of that information and puts it in a format that is easy to read. And then I do an analysis of that and then we go into an executive session with Mark and go over that point by point so that you get some good feedback on his performance. And I think that's always a good business for us to do that.

Mayor Barber asked for comments from the City Staff.

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, stated the two openings talked about in the past several weeks or at meetings. We have two conditional job offers. I'm not going to use names because anything can happen between now and then, but we are moving forward to fill those last two positions in our department.

Mayor Barber stated so we're going to be 100% then.

Chief Ham stated he would love to be, we're getting close.

Mr. McDowell stated we have a new addition to our staff as well in our water department and we have a new Water Foreman, Mike Dimmick out of Moscow, Idaho. That position has been vacant for a little over two and a half years. I've been filling that position as well, so it's a great sigh of relief to have a very qualified individual. I will be bringing him to the next council meeting, to introduce him.

Brian Owen, Seaside Chamber of Commerce Director, stated this weekend we have Pouring at the Coast a brews festival. I do want to talk a little bit about this plastic bag ban. It's something that we have brought to the board for the chamber. And we've been working on similar types of issues, and we definitely would want a seat at that table for any kind of work sessions and so on. I believe that our business community will have a lot of questions. Seaside Brewery is already making changes with paper straws and to go containers that are paper that you break down. So I think it's a good topic and a lot of our businesses can implement. I want to thank the fire department. One thing we don't talk about a lot is how much they volunteer in the community. Every flag day they've been helping with our ambassadors group put these flags out I know that our ambassadors really appreciate just that extra bit of attention.

Mayor Barber stated Russ, no change orders tonight.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated we are doing fine and took occupancy of the Necanicum and the Riverside rooms last Friday, so we're very excited about that. We hosted our first event on Sunday, The Sweet Affair, and every inch of the area was used. The Convention Center would be hosting Pouring at the Coast this weekend.

Mayor Barber stated our city manager is back he has a slight accent, but seems wide awake.

Mr. Winstanley stated I would like everyone else to echo how much we appreciate the Fire Department we are blessed to have this kind of department and have it act in the professional manner that they do. They are very talented people over there and, we're very lucky to have that kind of department of a lot of cities envy the City of Seaside's Fire Department.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated just a couple of things. First off, I think it's kind of exciting from a HR standpoint. We had some internal staffing movement with the resignation of Nate Burke from the Convention Center, Jeff Jackson, who'd been in operations for nine years applied for that position as a promotion. With that we had an opening in operations, and we had Matt Keefer who is a fire fighter and has been a seasonal employee with the public works department in the sewer. That season one was expiring and with the opening he slid into that operations position. And then we had a vacancy at the Visitor's Bureau with the loss of Chelsea Harper and part timer Josh Garhoffer is taking that position. I think it's exciting to see a lot of internal movement with folks moving up. And currently we have a new part time position at the Visitors Bureau as well. I want to echo the thoughts about the fire department. I've been lucky enough occasionally to help out on public information side and I get to go out into the field and see these guys. And it is a testament to the hard work and even the fire that was up here on Wahanna several weeks ago, the folks that turned out to support seaside, I mean that was a true testament of these guys and the hard work and people want to show up and work with these guys. So it's pretty cool.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated I had a lot of weather problems. A little bit of a medical problem also but more the weather. I mean that Gorge was closed down Highway 84 and you know more than once this winter and we picked it up the last three or four weeks. I got four feet of snow at the house. Glad to be back.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated Jon did very great while Mark was gone but it is good to have Mark back.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL Mayor Barber asked for Council comments.

Councilor Horning stated congratulations to the fire department. Nice video, I didn't like the music so much, but the video was good. I'd also like to echo what Nancy Holmes asked about the acquisition of the parking at the high school. I know that budgeting for the new school is difficult and also know that we're putting up some money for the pump station and a new water tank for the high school or the new school complex. Bookkeeping is very challenging but it's possible to bookkeep our way into this so we could get that property for a city park. We at the Parks Advisory Committee would be very thrilled.

Councilor Phillips stated I won't comment. A million dollars you guys and the schools have had to cut so much. I really enjoyed the banquet the other night and watching was a lot of fun. The antics were very informing and watching all of you. Thank you.

Councilor Wright stated he would certainly echo that and especially the food. It was a guy's type of dinner with no vegetables all meat with garlic bread. Shout out to high school girls' basketball team got into the playoffs. Unfortunately they didn't get very far, but they actually lost to the eventual champion. The boys got all the way to the final game and were tied going into the last quarter. The one thing on my citizen involvement things I'm working on trying to get citizens involved in the emergency response we would have here.

And I went down to Depoe Bay to see the system there and it is just amazing with about 300 volunteers out of a population 3000. Not all are super involved, but at least on. I did get to meet Mike the new Water Foreman and we had a great trip up to the headwaters and there was snow up there but it was a tremendous tour and I met Ron at the plant and talk about somebody that's passionate about his job. Wow he is great. So we've got a great city all the way around and I can't say that often enough.

Councilor Morrisey stated great job to the Fire Department as usual. I have a couple of things. As far as this estuary property, maybe this is a question for Mark. The viewing platform that's there, does that have anything to do with the city or is that school property?

Mr. Winstanley stated no, I believe that was a project at the school.

Councilor Morrisey stated I noticed there is space between the tax lots. Are those easements to access the estuary?

Mr. Winstanley stated that I don't know, it could be a road easement.

Councilor Morrisey stated maybe if it all could not be acquired. Maybe just a piece could so there is still access to the view for the public.

Mr. Winstanley stated he would have to take a look at that.

Councilor Morrisey stated as many of you might know that I am the Council liaison for the County wide housing study and they finished their work. And so the consultants would like to give the presentation. We have some options. They could just meet with staff or they can do it in front of the whole Council or we can have a work session together. I would like to get the feelings of the Council on how you would like to proceed.

Mayor Barber stated he indicated my preference would be for them to come in front of the full Council.

Councilor Phillips stated she agreed.

Mayor Barber stated if we want to go further than that we can set up a workshop. Does that reflect the spirit of the Council?

Councilor Montero stated she agreed.

Mayor Barber stated the public wants to hear.

Councilor Morrisey stated and they are giving this presentation on April 10, 2019, at the county and in Warrenton but ours would be prior to that and ours is going to be tailored more towards us. That's kind of what I've pushed for. So, the next step is to pick a date. So, I don't know if we want to pick that now at which Council meeting would you like them to come for.

Ms. Jordan asked Councilor Morrisey how long the presentation would be.

Councilor Morrisey stated he did not know but could ask. But probably a half an hour.

Mayor Barber stated we can look at possible dates and look at the agenda. We have an agenda planning meeting next Monday and it can be discussed. We're going to do it when everybody's here. We've been looking forward to that.

Councilor Montero stated I've got several things. A couple of things with groups that I'm involved in. One is the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition, which is the granting agency for the Oregon Community Foundation for Clatsop County nonprofits that deal with, performing arts and the humanities and anything cultural. And usually every year they grant ten thousand dollars. This year, every four years, our bylaws say that we need to have our priorities and our goals reviewed by the public. So there will be two days coming up for the public to review so that these can be updated to send onto the Oregon Community Foundation. On March 14, 2019, at the Seaside Library at 7:00 PM and March 28, 2019, at 7:00 PM at 219 Columbia at Clatsop Community College. People can also send comments in by email and there's a press release coming out on all that. The other thing that I've been involved in is Clatsop Casa, the court appointed special advocates. And every year there's a benefit to help support the recruitment and training of the casa. We have about 30 casa's right now we're looking to have 50 in the county because would you believe that we have about a hundred foster kids in our county that need casa's and casa's are the people who their sole job is to look out for the best interest of the child and the judges lean on them and take their advice and they go to all the court sessions, and everything. So our annual benefit, which this year is called Hands and Hearts we're changing things up and its appetizers and a dessert auction. Every year I get more and more Seaside and South County Chefs involved. And this year we've got Osprey, Maggie's and Dough Dough Bakery are all involved this year. That is on March 20, 2019, next Wednesday, a week from Wednesday at the Bridge Water Bistro. And then, really again a big shout out to our fire department. We are really lucky as a community with the leadership we have on the fire department with the volunteers, the volunteerism and the fire department because yes, it's a lot of work and to spend your spare time that way.

So in support of the fire department, this is one of the things that has come to mind for me is we had Cindy Daley here talking about safety for fireworks. July 4, 2019, is just around the corner and we really need to move forward to do something to help support the fire department and help support the community in making it safer during the fireworks. And that's the police department too. I would like to see us start working on that.

Mayor Barber stated we we'll put that on the agenda. I'd like to just note this article on our Waste Water Treatment plant was featured in our City County Insurance Services Publication. Jon passed that onto me a picture of Tony Biamont with George Whitlock and they have a great safety record, which is so important for our insurance rates and for the safety of our employees working there. I also wanted to make a note that it was a pleasure to be at the Seaside Convention Center last night to see the impact of that. Wow, the expansion and the beauty of what's happened there and we only used a small portion of it last night. So Russ, thank you for your team and O'Brian Construction and all the people had been working on that. As I stated earlier, I really appreciate the Fire Department and our leadership there. And I appreciated hearing from our citizens tonight regarding an issue that is important to our community. In light of that I'm going to close with this quote from a guy named Gaylord Nelson founder of Earth Day. He says this "The ultimate test of a man's conscience, maybe his willingness to sacrifice something today for the future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR