

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

Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Tim Tolan, Councilors Stubby Lyons, Don Johnson, Larry Haller, and Jay Barber.

Absent: Councilor Dave Moore

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Bob Mitchell, Building Official; Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief; Max Milander, Seaside High School Representative; Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal; Jeff Nelson, KAST; Rebecca Herren, The Coast Times; and Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian.

**AGENDA** Motion to approve the April 26, 2010, agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

**PROCLAMATION** Councilor Lyons read a Proclamation on Silver Star Banner Day.

Councilor Lyons stated he had a picture from the Life Magazine, July 19, 1943, and the caption was America's Fly Girls, World War II forgotten Air force. There were 1,074 women that went to war for the United States of America and they were training pilots to fight in the war with varying aircraft like bombers, fighters planes, trainers, from base to base over sixty million miles. There were seven of the ladies still living that were in the state of Oregon and twenty-five miles from Seaside in Manzanita was the youngest lady names Shirley Wunsch and Councilor Lyons had the opportunity to speak to Ms. Wunsch. The Elks and American Legion were coordinating a Memorial Day Service at the Elks Lodge and Ms. Wunsch would attend the Memorial Day Presentation. The ladies were called Women Air force Service Pilots (WASP) and there were approximately five to six hundred that were still alive and traveled to Washington DC to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal which was the highest civilian award in the United States.

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Tim Mancill, 755 N. Wahanna, Seaside, stated he had a lawn maintenance business and worked all over town taking care of second homes and vacation rentals. Recently there was a rental on Ocean Vista and five of the vehicles were parked at the residence in the driveway and the other two vehicles were parked at the vacation rental Mr. Mancill took care of. Mr. Mancill did report the problem to the Planning Department. Mr. Mancill further stated another concern he had was with several properties in the City that he took care of but the neighbors did not take care of their properties and the grass, blackberries, brush, and weeds would end up growing on the properties he took care of because of the neglect of the other properties.

Mayor Larson asked Mr. Mancill to fill out a citizen's complaint form so the problems could be taken care of.

Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon Avenue, Seaside, thanked Councilor Lyons for all of his efforts with the Veterans affairs. Mr. Humpal further asked if the Police Levy was a continuation or the first one to come out.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated there was not a levy in place right now even though the City did have a Police Levy in the past.

Mr. Humpal stated since there was an increase in the expense of police because of the population of various affairs a portion of the room tax should be set aside for the Police Department. Mr. Humpal asked if the levy were approved would all the money go to the Police.

Mr. Winstanley stated when voters approved a levy for a particular purpose the dollars were dedicated for that purpose and the City was audited on those issues.

Mr. Humpal stated he was not pleased to see the remarks that expenses had went up and the money was needed for that purpose. Mr. Humpal was not sold on the idea that a police car would be maxed out on 80,000 to 100,000 miles and maybe a better mechanic needed to be hired. The trucking industry ran trucks for millions of miles and they were safe.

Angela Fairless, 846 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside, stated she appreciated the public comments were moved to the beginning of the agenda, and also that the Seaside website looked great. Ms. Fairless further stated she had attended the meeting to invite Council and the public to a public forum she was hosting on behalf of the organization Oregon Green Free for Medical Marijuana in Oregon. There would be a panel of various speakers at the forum on May 8, 2010, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at the Bob Chisholm Community Center. Ms. Fairless further stated there was also an event hosted by Mothers against Misuse and Abuse (MAMA) on Thursday, May 6, 2010, 10:00 am, at the Astoria Public Library.

**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 \$267,889.65; and approve the April 12, 2010, minutes; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

**PUBLIC HEARING –**                    This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding an Ordinance extending the term of the Assessment District for Economic Improvement known as the “Downtown Maintenance District.”

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, explained the City needed to address the ordinance on an annual basis which established the fees for the Downtown Maintenance District. The ordinance was prepared each year and last year there were no fee increases to the Ordinance. This year there was a rate increase to 5.8% due to the fact that the Downtown Maintenance Landscape contractor and Downtown Litter Removal contractor both had contracts that were renewed and the contract price had increased.

**ORDINANCE #2010-01**                    AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, PURSUANT TO ORS 223.112 – 223.132, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT, KNOWN AS THE “DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT”; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-02, AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

Mayor Larson opened the public hearing.

Dennis Brodigan, 810 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated he was the exalted ruler for the Seaside Elks Lodge 1748, and the four hundred eight members had concerns about the cost to the Elks Lodge for the Downtown Maintenance District this year. The Elks Lodge was a recognized as a 501C3 Charitable Organization by the State and Federal Government and was exempt from property tax, and members of the local lodge and the State Elks Association saw the cost as an attempt to place a property tax on the charitable organization. Mr. Brodigan further stated the profited businesses under the ordinance paid less tax then the Elks non-profit organization. The Broadway garden area and litter problem were much more then Avenue ‘A’ simply because of the volume of people and as a result the Elks was subsidizing the Broadway Businesses since the cost was nearly \$2,200.00 for fifteen square feet of planted area. The Seaside Elks were not generating an income and paying the Downtown Maintenance District Tax would mean that \$2,200.00 would not go towards local scholarships, food basket program, Veterans Affairs, and many more charities of the Seaside Elks. Mr. Brodigan further stated the Elks Organization relied heavily on volunteers and there could be an option to maintain the frontage area’s with volunteers. The Seaside Elks Lodge membership formally objects to the proposal and ask that the Ordinance be set aside until a later date. Mr. Brodigan further stated the amount of the assessment was too much money for a lodge and money the lodge had not budgeted for.

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

Mr. Winstanley stated the Downtown Maintenance District Ordinance had been in existence since 1983 and the Elks Lodge had been assessed the fees since that time. The assessment on the lodge was not new and he was not arguing with Mr. Brodigan about the good things the Elks do for Seaside.

Mayor Larson stated Mr. Brodigan did mention the gardens and the ordinance also covered the cleaning of the sidewalks and curbs.

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

Motion to place Ordinance 2010-01 on its first reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Tolan)

Motion to place Ordinance 2010-01 on its second reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Tolan)

**ORDINANCE #2010-02**                    AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AMENDING CHAPTER 150 AND 159 OF THE SEASIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING BUILDING REGULATIONS AND ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments, there were no Council comments.

Motion to place Ordinance 2010-02 on its third reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Lyons)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-02; carried with the following roll call vote: (Tolan/Johnson)

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

**LIQUOR LICENSE**

Council considered an application for a liquor license for the Tsunami Sandwich Company, at 11 Broadway Street. The applicant was applying for a Limited On-Premise Sales License and Off-Premise Sales License, which would be for a new business.

Motion to approve a Limited On-Premise Sales License and Off-Premise Sales License for the Tsunami Sandwich Company, at 11 Broadway Street; carried unanimously. (Barber/Lyons)

**ANNUAL REPORT –  
CEDR PERFORMANCE  
UPDATE**

Rick Gardner, Clatsop Economic Development Resources Executive, stated the Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) was initiated in July 2008, as a county-wide economic development organization and would expire July 2010. Funding was committed based on a two year pilot program with specific deliverable identified. The purpose of CEDR was to decide whether performance justified continued funding and to seek feed back on future areas of focus. Mr. Gardner further stated the mission of CEDR was to deliver a business-driven economic development services to create, grow, and retain Clatsop County businesses. Mr. Gardner further stated the accomplishments of CEDR were to lead delivery of economic development services by bringing together multi-organizations efforts. CEDR was formed with sponsorship of Clatsop County, all five municipalities, Port of Astoria, Clatsop Community College, Small Business Development Center Network, and Private industry. There were twenty-five board members who met semi-annually and eleven executive committee members who met monthly. There was a full time director and par time business counselor with the main office established in Seaside and a satellite facility in Astoria. CEDR successfully demonstrated the ability to work effectively across organizations and across the County. Mr. Gardner stated the goal of CEDR was to expand, create, and retain businesses in Clatsop County. There was business counseling provided free, confidential, to small businesses and entrepreneurs; access to financing making it easier for businesses to access capital; workforce acquisition and training; specialized services, bringing expertise into the region to help local businesses which provided Business 101 Seminars to help small businesses; established QuickBooks training quarterly through Clatsop Community College; lean manufacturing with a expertise recruited from Portland to help local manufacturers; Community Collaboration by working with Shorebank Enterprise Cascadia, Clatsop Community College, and Oregon State University service on innovative collaboration to retain the Seafood Consumer Center. Mr. Gardner further stated the goal was to increase per capita income, diversify the economy, and promote economic growth through year round family wage jobs by advocating the need for economic diversification via news articles and public speaking; keeping existing businesses and working with key industries to support healthy businesses and retain high wage jobs; identifying target industries that were advantaged by the region Mr. Gardner further stated the Economic Diversification overview was to make a commitment to visit twenty of the highest potential businesses and identify immediate opportunities and to work to keep existing industries in the area and focus on high leverage businesses. Mr. Gardner further stated the goal was to increase per capita income, diversify the economy, promote economic growth through year round family wage jobs by identifying and promoting available lands and building; work with Clatsop County on a plan to re-invest enterprise zone funds to support economic development in East County; work to establish a low cost business recruitment strategy and process that specifically targets living wage businesses that are advantaged by the regions assets. Mr. Gardner further stated the CEDR two year pilot program was expiring and there was a decision required to continue funding; CEDR was on track to meet or exceed most commitments; jurisdiction specific information. Mr. Gardner further stated CEDR was requesting the support and continued funding at the same level and to seek feedback on future areas of focus.

Max Milander, Student Council Representative, stated Seaside Providence Hospital was under the category of Economic Diversification and he was not aware the hospital was in financial trouble.

Mr. Gardner stated that conclusion should not be drawn from the update because not one of the businesses in the information packet were in trouble financially and CEDR was speaking with the businesses to find out if there was anything that would help make the businesses more successful than what they already were.

Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal Editor, asked if the \$400,000.00 available to be reinvested was dedicated for a specific use.

Mr. Gardner stated by statute there were certain limitations in terms of helping with employment, and economic development flavor and the money should be used near the area and by the people that worked in the area.

Mr. Ruark asked if the money could be used for locating a new jail.

Mr. Gardner stated a jail would not qualify but the money could be used for scholarships towards a wide variety of items.

Councilor Johnson asked Mr. Milander if Seaside High School still had the Culinary School.

Mr. Milander stated Seaside High School still had the Culinary Arts School and were fortunate to have Ms. Wickersham to help out with the school.

Councilor Johnson stated the money could be used to teach the students about being chefs and taking classes.

Councilor Barber asked if the request for further funding would be considered in the budget at the budget meeting.

Mr. Winstanley stated the first budget committee meeting was May 3, 2010, and there would be a series of meetings where the committee would be reviewing the funds that were distributed to CEDR and whether the support was to be continued.

**UPDATE – SEASIDE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief, stated he distributed an annual report for the Seaside Fire Department that contained a great amount of detail and would summarize the annual report for Council. Chief Kamrath further stated there was an all time record set for activity in 2009 with 958 events compared to 838 events in 2008; fire value loss for 2009 was \$279,600.00 with the potential value involved at \$8,030,000.00 and in 2008 there was a value loss of \$1,513,330.00 with the potential value involved at \$11,926,000.00 (because of the Outlet Mall incident); Mutual Aid was interesting with the Seaside Fire Department helping out Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Hamlet, Warrenton and Astoria. The mutual aid received was when Seaside Fire Department received aid from the other departments. Seaside gave Mutual Aid to other departments 24 times in 2009 with a total amount of 334 firefighters responding to the incidents, and mutual aid to other departments was given 10 times in 2008 with a total amount of 157 firefighters responding, Mutual Aid was received from other departments 21 times in 2009 with a total amount of 64 firefighters responding and was received 15 times in 2008 with a total amount of 67 firefighters responding; Leading Volunteer Commitments in 2009 was 881 alarms with one volunteer or individual who had responded to at least 560 of the calls where in 2008 there were 787 alarms with one volunteer or individual responding to 495 of the calls, 49 drills in 2009 with one volunteer or individual attending 40 of the drills and in 2008 there were 42 drills with one volunteer or individual attending 39 of the drills, 28 meetings in 2009 with one volunteer or individual attending 20 of the meetings. There were very active volunteers giving a lot of their time to the Seaside Fire Department and community.

Councilor Barber asked how many full time Seaside Fire Department personnel the City had and how many volunteers.

Chief Kamrath stated there were three full time personnel and one part time secretary and forty-one volunteers.

Mayor Larson asked Chief Kamrath to thank the entire department for all the service they gave to the community.

**VACANCY –  
CITY TREE BOARD**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the City Tree Board with one term expiration from Neal Wallace who was the City Representative for the City Tree Board.

Motion to reappoint Neal Wallace to the City Tree Board; carried unanimously. (Haller/Barber)

Term Expiration for Neal Wallace would be June 30, 2013.

**VACANCY –  
AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the Airport Committee and two term expirations from Wally Hamer and Tracy MacDonald, who wish to be reappointed.

Motion to reappoint Wally Hamer and Tracy MacDonald for the Airport Committee; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

Term Expiration for Wally Hamer and Tracy MacDonald would be June 30, 2013.

**COMMENTS - STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Max Milander, Seaside Student Representative, stated Seaside High School recently celebrated Earth Day and the students spruced up the campus by cleaning up the trash and planting flowers. Mr. Milander further stated there were National Honor Society members who delivered phone books around the community to raise money and some of the money left over would go towards a non profit organization called the Thirst Project who provided communities in Africa with wells that provided water for third world countries.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Council President Tolan wished Councilor Johnson and Councilor Haller Happy Birthday.

Councilor Barber stated he was one hundred percent in support of the Seaside Police Levy, and further stated this was an excellent return to increase and sustain the level of safety in the community. Councilor Barber encouraged the community to give the levy careful consideration.

Mayor Larson stated he visited the Seaside Police Department and was amazed at how much the police do for the residents and City of Seaside.

Councilor Haller stated he turned seventy-six on Sunday, April 25, 2010.

Mayor Larson stated Council had a workshop scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 3:00 pm, to discuss street standards.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Mr. Winstanley stated the City would be testing the Emergency Public Address System Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at approximately 10:00 am. The test would be an audio test from the Tsunami warning system. Mr. Winstanley further stated there would be a City Council/Planning Commission workshop on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 5:30 pm. The discussion at the workshop would be the Transportation System Plan (TSP). Mr. Winstanley further stated there was a Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2010, at 7:00 pm, and an Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 6:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR