

**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 Stubby Lyons, Councilors Tim Tolan, Jay Barber, Dana Phillips and Tita Montero.

Absent: Councilor Don Johnson

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief; Tom Freel, Northwest Broadcasters; and Rosemary Dellinger, Seaside Signal.

**OATH OF OFFICE** Mark Winstanley, City Manager, swore in Councilors Jay Barber and Dana Phillips.

Mayor Larson stated it was a pleasure to have Councilor Barber, Councilor Phillips, and Councilor Montero.

**ELECTION – COUNCIL PRESIDENT** Council President Tolan thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to be Council President the last two years.

Motion to elect Councilor Stubby Lyons as Council President; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Phillips)

**AGENDA** Mayor Larson asked to move agenda item 12, Comments from the Student Representative, after item 6, Approval of the Agenda.

Motion to approve the January 24, 2011, agenda as amended; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Montero)

**COMMENTS – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** Taylor Ames, Student Council Representative, stated there was a Seaside High School Robotics Team where students participated to promote math and science and build a robot which was a statewide competition in March, 2011. Ms. Ames further stated when the weather was better there would be a Tsunami Drill at the school. Ms. Ames further stated Pac Ram was very successful with quite a few schools participating. Ms. Ames further stated Parent Conferences were scheduled for the beginning of February.

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC** None

**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 \$344,029.82; and January 10, 2011, minutes; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Barber)

**VACANCY – BUDGET COMMITTEE** Mayor Larson stated there were still two vacancies on the Budget Committee. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancies.

**VACANCY – CONVENTION CENTER COMMISSION** Mayor Larson stated there was still one vacancy on the Convention Center Commission. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

**LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION** Council considered an application for a liquor license for The Turnaround Market, 1 Broadway Street. The applicant was applying for an Off-Premise Sales License, which would be for a change of ownership.

Motion to approve an Off - Premise Sales License for The Turnaround Market, 1 Broadway Street; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Lyons)

**PUBLIC HEARING** This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding Approving a Ballot Title to be Submitted to the Voters at the next Special Election; Regarding Funding for the Purchase of Police Vehicles.

Mr. Winstanley explained the resolution was for a levy that would be placed on the May 17, 2011, ballot, for police vehicles. Mr. Winstanley stated previously the City went out to the voters to ask for both personnel and vehicles and the levy was turned down by the voters. There were issues that needed to be addressed as far as vehicles were concerned so the personnel were removed from the levy. Mr. Winstanley further stated there would be seven vehicles which were three cars, three Tahoe's, and one motorcycle purchased with the levy over a five year period. The levy amount would be .0657 cents per thousand.

**RESOLUTION #3727** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, APPROVING A BALLOT TITLE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE NEXT SPECIAL ELECTION; REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Mayor Larson opened the public hearing.

John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Drive, Seaside, stated he wrote a letter against the levy that was presented to the voters previously. Mr. Dunzer stated when budgets were mentioned with local government there were problems everywhere with fewer dollars to work with because of the tax assessments. There were police officers being laid off everywhere. Mr. Dunzer further stated there should be four more officers hired for three months since there were more employees needed during the summer then during the winter. Mr. Dunzer further stated he did not hear the total amount that would be needed to fund the vehicles each year.

Mr. Winstanley stated the amount of money needed annually would be \$60,200.00.

Mr. Dunzer stated the City could take \$70,000.00 annually and put that money away to pay the police officers that were hired during the summer months. There could be seventeen officers hired full time during the rest of the year because that was all that was needed and then there would be twenty-one officers for the summer months. That was the way businesses were ran in Seaside with more people being hired during the busy season then during the winter. Mr. Dunzer further stated the \$6,500.00 that was given to the Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) should be used to buy vehicles and not be given to CEDR. Mr. Dunzer further stated he was not against the police department getting vehicles because the police officers deserved to have good vehicles.

Brian Leward, 491 Hillside Loop, Seaside, commended the Chief of Police on the Seaside Police Department which was one of the best for a small town. Mr. Leward stated he had been on the computer for three days and the Ford Motor Company stated police vehicles in a city our size should last up to 200,000 miles with maintenance and upkeep. There should be cooperation between the state and municipalities that could help buy cars at a larger volume. Mr. Leward further stated with officers being shot and maimed and killed then reserve officers should be used for certain purposes only and not out on there own without that much experience.

Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon, Seaside, stated there were concerns that assessments were dropping which meant less money would be coming in for the budget. Mr. Humpal further stated he was sorry the police officer was not included in the levy this year because he was in favor of the officer and vehicles. Mr. Humpal further stated when a City asks for five new vehicles the public does not believe they are really needed because public officials aren't believable. The City should give the public more details about each separate vehicle owned by the police department, because the police needed to have good vehicles to drive.

John Cooney, Sunset Family Fitness, Seaside, stated he was here because of the Transportation System Plan (TSP)

Mayor Larson stated the agenda item that was being discussed was resolution #3727. The public comments were already opened at the start of the meeting.

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

Mayor Larson stated on occasion there had been people who stated there are too many police officers. If people listened to the police scanner more they would most likely be shocked at what the men and woman of the police department do every day and night. The Police Chief works shifts to help out the department. Mayor Larson further stated the police department vehicles that were constantly going for sixteen hours which was very difficult. The Police Chief was asking for support because new vehicles were needed for the police department. The levy would allow the police department to purchase seven cars in five years. Mayor Larson asked the Police Chief how the cars were purchased.

Chief Bob Gross stated the cars were purchased through a state bid which pooled the resources with Ford and Chevy Dealers to purchase the vehicles at a reduced price.

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments.

Council President Lyons stated when taking a look at the police vehicles it was amazing what the vehicles were put through. Council President Lyons further stated he went on a ride along with a police officer after midnight which was quiet until a call was received and the police vehicle was on the go to the call. The vehicles were driven sixteen hours a day unlike personal vehicles which were driven a few hours a day.

Councilor Barber stated he was in full support of the resolution. Councilor Barber further stated a group of citizens needed to step up to support the measure and Councilor Barber along with his wife was willing to work with a group of supporters for the measure. There needed to be a group to articulate the importance of the measure to the citizens of Seaside.

Councilor Montero stated public safety was a very important issue for the City of Seaside. Councilor Montero further stated there was a very similar levy put in front of the voters within the last year and was defeated. Council needed to look at the expansion of time, energy, and tax payer dollars that cost as a City to put that levy forward. Councilor Montero further stated she heard the questions from Mr. Humpal and had written a few of the questions herself. Council needed to be very aware that citizens and tax payers needed to have answers to the questions in order to fully evaluate what the situation was. What is the age of the cars? What is the mileage on the cars? What was the cost to replace the cars? What would happen to the cars once they were replaced?

Those were the kind of questions that were being asked before actually making a decision to vote yes or no on the levy and without answers to those questions people were more likely to vote no to the levy. Councilor Montero further stated she would like to make sure people had answers to their questions.

Councilor Tolan stated he was in agreement with all of the Mayor and Councils comments.

Councilor Phillips stated she was in full support of the police levy.

Motion to read Resolution #3727 by title only; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Lyons)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3727; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Lyons)

**RESOLUTION #3728**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BEACH DRIVE**

Mayor Larson explained the resolution would establish parking restrictions on the east side of Beach Drive from Avenue 'G' to Avenue 'U'.

Mayor Larson asked for Public comments.

Gini Dideum, 1941 Beach Drive, Seaside, stated she had lived on Beach Drive for six years and during that time there had been many things she had observed going up and down Beach Drive. Ms. Dideum understood not wanting parking on the east side of the street which would then mean cars would be parked behind her. Ms. Dideum further stated she would be able to see the traffic coming from North and South on Beach Drive but would make it difficult seeing east and west when pulling out of her driveway. During the summer there were also fires on the beach and the fire trucks needed to get through and emergency vehicles also have had problems driving up and down the street on Beach Drive. Ms. Dideum asked Council to carefully consider the restrictions on Beach Drive.

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments.

Councilor Tolan stated when the restrictions on Beach Drive were first mentioned he had difficulty with the idea and had recently discussed the issue with others and seemed satisfied with supporting the resolution.

Councilor Montero stated she was not sure why the parking restrictions came directly to the City Council because according the City of Seaside Ordinances the powers and duties of the Planning Commission were to recommend and make suggestions to the City Council and to other public authorities concerning the laying out, widening, extending, and locating of public thoroughfares, the parking of vehicles, the relief of traffic congestion, among other items mentioned. Councilor Montero further stated she would like to make a motion to send the item to the Planning Commission because that was where the issue should start.

Motion for the Resolution of the City of Seaside Establishing Parking Restrictions on Beach Drive be remanded to the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation; carried with no second. (Montero)

Mayor Larson stated the motion was not passed because there was no second.

Motion to read Resolution #3728 by title only; carried with Councilor Montero opposed. (Tolan/Barber)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3728; carried with Councilor Montero opposed. (Tolan/Phillips)

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Mayor Larson stated there was a City Council and Convention Center Commission workshop on Monday, January 31, 2011, at 6:30 pm.

Councilor Barber stated recently he returned from a trip to the Middle East and while he was there the Lebanese Government collapsed. Councilor Barber further stated he was thankful for the Country he lived in.

Councilor Montero stated the Homeless Connect Project would be at the Convention Center on Thursday, January 24, 2011. There were volunteers still needed for the project.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated he looked forward to working with the new Councilors.

Laura Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association, stated the association was gearing up for the flower basket campaign.

Mr. Winstanley stated the City Council Goal Setting Session was scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2011, and Saturday, March 12, 2011. Mr. Winstanley further stated in the last twenty-four hours eleven police officers were shot in five states which was a serious concern and staff hoped and prayed that all of the officers were being very safe.

**RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:47 PM in accordance with ORS 192.610 (l) (i) regarding annual evaluation of the City Manager, Mark Winstanley.

**RECONVENED FROM  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:43 PM. Mayor Larson read a summary of the Council's evaluation on City Manager, Mark Winstanley.

Mayor Larson stated without any hesitation Council had rated Mark as an exceptional City Manager. Council was proud of Mark's positive leadership. Mark lived the job and gave more than his all, spending long days to keep and show Seaside in a positive position to our Community. Mark made things happen. Mayor Larson further stated this year Council would hope Mark could take some time off to enjoy the other side of life and his family. Hopefully some time in the future Mark would be able to hire a finance manger to give him needed support.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR