

- CALL TO ORDER** The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Don Larson.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Don Johnson, Councilors Jay Barber, Randy Frank, Tita Montero, Seth Morrisey, and Dana Phillips.
- Absent: None
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director; Kevin Cupples, Planning Director; Jon Rahl, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Assistant Manager; Taylor Barnes, Student Representative; and Katherine Lacaze, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.
- AGENDA** Mayor Larson stated item 5 was being removed from the agenda as Judge Robert Moberg was not able to attend the meeting.
- Motion to approve the February 23, 2015 agenda as amended; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Drive, Seaside, stated he had been reading the free Seaside Signal and read about the expansion of the Convention Center which was wonderful and a good plan. Mr. Dunzer further stated he did not know where the Tsunami escape area was for 600 people and if state money was going to be used then just like the schools some sort of solution needed to be provided or the plan would not go anywhere. There were ways to get the convention center built and keep people safe.
- COMMENTS – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** Taylor Barnes, Seaside High School Student Representative, stated February 27-28, 2015 the Robotics team would go to competition in Oregon City which was very exciting. The winter musical would have performances February 27, 2015, to March 1, 2015. The girl’s basketball team took the league championship against Tillamook on February 20, 2015, and would be playing March 14, 2015 in the state tournament. The boys’ basketball team took league co-championship and would be playing against Scappoose February 24, 2015, for the seating in the league. The swim team competed at state February 20-21, 2015, and took ninth overall. Mr. Barnes further stated spring sports would start next week which was a pretty fast turnover and would be interesting. The band would be competing next week at the district competition and the league championship would be in a couple of weeks, and Seaside was the nine time league champions and would be looking to defend that title. The Jazz Festival was in town this last weekend and the members of the Jazz Band played this weekend. There was two weeks left in the term and seniors were starting to apply for scholarships.
- 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 \$259,011.58; and February 9, 2015, regular minutes; carried unanimously. (Barber/Montero)
- VACANCY – CITY TREE BOARD** Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the City Tree Board with no applications received. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.
- PRESENTATION – CARTWRIGHT PARK FITNESS STATION** Berkley Posalski, PO Box 208, Seaside, presented Council with information regarding a fitness station at Cartwright Park. Mr. Posalski stated he was working on an Eagle Scout project which would be a fitness trail at Cartwright Park. There would be a total of six stations and he came up with this idea because there was not much to offer as a community for fitness.
- Mayor Larson stated Mr. Posalski had been working with Neal Wallace, Public Works Director.
- Mr. Posalski stated he had discussions with Mr. Wallace regarding the project.
- Councilor Montero asked how high the balance beam was.
- Mr. Posalski stated one part was six inches and the other part was one foot.

Councilor Montero asked if the drawing that looked like a fork was that the dead lift.

Mr. Posalski stated that was correct.

Councilor Montero stated how would the youth be protected. What if someone got hurt on the fitness stations?

Mr. Posalski stated people and children would be using the fitness stations at their own risk. The area around the balance beam would have bark dust.

Councilor Montero stated she was not as worried about the balance beam as much as she was about the dead lift.

Councilor Barber stated Mr. Posalski presented the project to the Parks Advisory Committee and the group was really impressed and encouraged Mr. Posalski to present the information to the City Council.

Councilor Frank stated the project was a great idea and would be a nice addition to the park.

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated Mr. Posalski had done a couple of presentations for the Parks Advisory Committee and refined his ideas. General safety and playground welfare was taken to heart when the stations were designed.

Councilor Phillips asked if this was also a Pacifica Project.

Mr. Posalski stated this was part of his Pacifica Project.

Motion to approve Berkley Posalski constructing the Cartwright Park Fitness Stations; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Frank)

**SEASIDE CIVIC AND
CONVENTION CENTER/
VISITORS BUREAU**

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated he was presenting City Council with the annual report for the Seaside Civic and Convention Center and Seaside Visitors Bureau. Mr. Vandenberg further stated the convention center objectives: primary objective was to utilize the convention center to its maximum capacity and to generate economic benefit to the community, and the secondary objective was to provide services and facilities to respond to the needs of local and civic related events. The convention center annual usage and impact: 2014 there were 98 events, 36,672 attendees, 248 (68%) annual usage, and \$44,100,000.00 economic impact. The capital improvements projects for 2014: increased WiFi capacity for 1,200 devices, installed new sound systems in meeting rooms and lobby, improved landscaping along riverfront, and scheduled to add portable charging stations. Mr. Vandenberg further stated the convention center had a technology demand with meeting planners and attendees who expected increased technology capabilities and flexible meeting spaces. Wi-Fi demand is expected to continue to increase significantly in the next five years. Staying ahead of the technology curve will remain one of the biggest challenges in the public assembly facility and hospitality industry. How big could the technology get? Gigabyte speeds were coming quickly. The Orange County Convention Center in Florida now has 10 GB, fiber technology. The experience people were demanding was almost moving these levels to requirements... but who is going to pay for them? The next six years could see devices increased from 5-6B to 50-60B devices! Most people now have 1-3 devices (phone, computer, and perhaps a wearable bracelet). It's likely that will increase to 5-6 devices per person. All of these devices need to be "connected" to keep up with this demand. Mr. Vandenberg further stated there had been conversations about the convention center expansion. Mr. Vandenberg further stated the Customer Service Analysis which was the Convention Center's customer service rating is a top priority and each client is equally important. The staff takes great pride knowing that our clients leave Seaside happy. This annual rating tells us we are measuring up to expectations of ourselves. In 2014 we solicited surveys to 88 clients. 53 clients responded for a return rate of 60%. Mr. Vandenberg further stated staff acknowledged Oregon Fine Foods: Owners Wayne & Linda Poole and on-site catering staff continue to provide quality food and beverage to our 36,000+ attendees annually. They strive to create the perfect setting and enjoyable experience for all events. Seaside Civic and Convention Center and Seaside Visitors Bureau: Would like to recognize the work that is being done at both the Convention Center and Visitors Bureau. We have a very dedicated staff that is committed to servicing our guests and visitors on a year-round basis. Seaside Convention Center Commission: In addition to a few veterans on our commission, our commission has experienced some changes over the year, including another transplant from our commission to the City Council.

Councilor Phillips stated she was very proud of all the work that was being done and with the knowledge of having a large event, the Miss Oregon Pageant and knowing the staff at the Convention Center was absolutely incredible and went above and beyond with smiles on their faces. Councilor Phillips asked Kathy Rhodes, Convention Center Assistant, to relay that message to the whole staff. Councilor Phillips further stated Russ Vandenberg had done a great job and Council was blessed to have him as the convention center general manager.

Mr. Vandenberg stated it was an honor to serve the City and to be in charge of two very important departments within the City.

Councilor Frank stated lets not forget the improvements that had been made to the Convention Center and the giant leaps ahead, care and maintenance, the advances, new carpet, restrooms, floor, among other things. Mr. Vandenberg had done a great job upgrading the entire building and staying ahead with technology.

Councilor Morrissey stated he agreed with Councilor Phillips and Councilor Frank. Staff did a great job at the convention center.

Mayor Larson stated he attended the Jazz Festival this weekend and one of the best improvements beside a ton of people this year was the food in the corner. You could get to it from both rooms and the menu was very good and everything was extremely well done.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the concession was moved to that location which seemed to be working out great for both rooms. This also left more storage area where the old concession was located.

Councilor Barber stated the most remarkable thing was \$44,000,000.00 of economic impact.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the economy was turning the corner and the demand for use was up.

Jon Rahl, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Assistant Manager, stated he would be presenting the Visitors Bureau Annual Report. The 5-year bed tax history: Prior to 2012-2013, bed tax had never surpassed \$2,800,000.00 in a fiscal year. The last two completed years have been record setting with 2014-2015 pacing in similar fashion. The Visitors Bureau Mission was "To improve the area economy by attracting and servicing visitors to the City of Seaside and those traveling along the Pacific Northwest coast. The Visitors Bureau objectives were enhance brand, assist and inspire, build new awareness, strengthen the ONC, develop tools (VG, blogs, etc.), increase marketing options, and broaden community awareness. Enhancing the brand: Social engagement up 38% year over year, photography – professional library now 60+ deep and social media – two channels now surpassing \$50,000.00 hand raisers. Assist + Inspiration = Growth: There were nine Oregon Welcome Centers throughout the state and Seaside was asked to be an Oregon Welcome Center. Build new awareness: The Visitors Bureau Guides total impressions would surpass \$18,000,000.00 for 2014-2015 with approximately \$150,000.00 in direct ads, this equals \$8.35 CPM. Strengthen Oregon's North Coast: A big part of what the Visitors Bureau was doing was cooperation that was built more than three years ago with Astoria, Warrenton, and Cannon Beach. After three + years and a \$200,000.00 combined effort, Oregon's North Coast continued to gain traction and great steam. Increase Marketing Opportunities: Endorsement spots, and Traditional Spot. Broaden Community Awareness: Other involvement ODMO, current treasurer Clatsop CC Hospitality Committee, weekly Chamber of Commerce meetings, and Seaside Downtown Development updates. Looking ahead to 2015 and beyond: Challenges – Social Media and the perception of tree marketing, and keeping the website relevant and responsive based. Opportunities – Growth in bed-tax has allowed for growth in the Visitors Bureau budgets which in turn means more advertising opportunities in the marketplace, and making our Visitors Center into a can't miss destination when arriving in town or passing by. Mr. Rahl shared the Seaside video with Council that predominately showed shots from Seaside but also included Cannon Beach, and Astoria. The idea with the entire campaign was to show that there were more areas to explore in the area. Visitors Bureau Guides continued to be the number one tool and of the 100,000 guides distributed in 2014, 27% were mailed to potential visitors, 20% were picked up at a State Visitor Center, 51% were received from Seaside businesses. Mr. Rahl further stated there was a partnership with Intercom Radio for three years now and a \$45,000.00 commitment and was much more than radio advertisements. Mr. Rahl shared the radio spots with the City Council.

Mayor Larson thanked Mr. Rahl doing such a great job and who was also a great leader like Mr. Vandenberg.

RESOLUTION #3835

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND AND ENTERING INTO A FINANCING CONTRACT WITH THE OREGON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, explained Resolution #3835 was the same resolution that had failed because of a 3-3 tie at the February 9, 2015, City Council meeting. Staff was asked to bring the resolution back to the City Council. Mr. Winstanley further stated the purpose of the resolution was to authorize the City to enter into a loan with the Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) of Oregon. This was for a maximum of \$800,000.00 and the terms of the loan was 3.7% annually for a maximum of ten years. The loan could be paid off at any time and would be used to fund the project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The purpose of the resolution was to simply confirm the City wished to borrow the funds and to authorize the City Manager to sign the loan documents.

Mayor Larson asked for public comments.

Dale McDowell, 3760 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, stated at the last meeting he was surprised there was a split vote because there was two issues here. The project needed to be funded to pay the contractor that was hired to do the work. The main issue was the City did not take the project out to public bid and it should have been. There had been meetings over the last couple of years about putting these projects out when they were required and the City failed to do that.

The tourism was rebounding but the construction was not and local people were looking for jobs and we were trying to provide jobs for them and the City should be ashamed. Mr. McDowell asked Council to vote for the resolution so the project could be paid for. Mr. McDowell disagreed with the cost of the project which was not a competitive bid and other contractors were not given the opportunity to bid on the entire project.

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments.

Councilor Montero stated the project had been brought to the City Council several times over the course of getting it setup and there was a very special way they were able to get the permitting to do the project. Councilor Montero asked Mr. Wallace to please explain why the project went the way it did to the Council and public.

Mr. Wallace stated the project was a little different from the get go and started out as an emergency project. Mr. Wallace was introduced to Bioengineering by Nehalem Marine Manufacturing. Both the groups were leaders in their field and Bioengineering especially. The City started into the emergency fix at the corner where the fence and building were located at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There were various regulatory agencies back at the City and stated the emergency repair could be done but if it did not meet with certain criteria environmental, habitat, and other issues they could be back to rebuild under a permit. Bioengineering put forth a lot of effort towards the emergency project so that what was done under the emergency could be retrofitted and fit in with the remainder of the project. At that point the City was fully engaged and committed with the Corp of Engineers, and department of State lands who were happy with the design. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Winstanley, and Mayor Larson went to Salem to meet with members of the Governors Regional Solutions team and members of the IFA and had back up by Bioengineering and technical support for this. Their work was highly regarded and well respected. There were allowances in OAR and ORS for direct appointment. This was not something the City liked to do and public works worked very hard to try and get local people on the job. In this case the City felt that what Bioengineering developed was specialized enough and the City did not think there was any other options to have the project permitted when this project permit showed up January 16, 2015, and the in water work ended February 15, 2015. That was the rational behind the decisions that were made.

Council President Johnson stated there was information that Mr. Wallace wrote up that was more detailed and he encouraged everyone to read it.

Motion to read Resolution #3835 by title only; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Barber)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3835; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Barber)

RESOLUTION #3836

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT CO. CPA-14-030

Mr. Winstanley explained the resolution was for a grant that was received annually for \$5,400.00 for the Coastal Zone Management Grant that was a unique grant for Oregon Coastal Communities. Staff recommended Council approve resolution #3836.

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

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

Motion to read Resolution #3836 by title only; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3836; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)

ORDINANCE #2015-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE SEASIDE, OREGON, AMENDING CHAPTER 95: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 95.05 PRIVATE SIDEWALKS, AND 95.06 CITY SIDEWALKS

Mayor Larson asked for public comments.

Mr. McDowell stated he was the Transportation Advisory Commission Chair and the Transportation Advisory Commission along with the City Manager, Public Works Director, and Council members worked hard on the ordinance. Mr. McDowell further stated people did not understand the sidewalk out in front of their house belonged to them and they could not use it for anything but it was their responsibility. The realty companies most likely did not know so when houses were bought and sold and there was a bad sidewalk the new owner would be responsible if someone were hurt. Mr. McDowell further stated does the City start educating the realty companies, or was a lot of publicity needed. The City did not want to make a lot of publicity because if a sidewalk inventory were done then once things were recognized then a letter would need to be sent to the homeowners. Mr. McDowell further stated there was language in the ordinance that was adjusted to keep up with the Transportation System Plan.

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

Councilor Montero stated she was glad Mr. McDowell spoke about the sidewalks being the owner's responsibility. Most people would think the City was responsible for their sidewalks.

Motion to place Ordinance 2015-01 on its first reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Montero)

Motion to place Ordinance 2015-01 on its second reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)

ORDINANCE #2015-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE SEASIDE, OREGON, REPEALING ORDINANCE 34.04, POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING

Mr. Winstanley explained the ordinance was just going through a process to change the policies, procedures, and fees for the Community Center Building to a resolution.

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

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

Motion to place Ordinance 2015-02 on its first reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Motion to place Ordinance 2015-02 on its second reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)

**DISCUSSION –
WATERSHED TIMBER
HARVEST**

Mayor Larson stated the City was postponing some logging at this time.

Mr. Wallace stated if that was what Council wished to do.

Mr. Winstanley stated the Council approved a contract for timber harvest in the watershed which was a small amount of timber being harvested. Mr. Winstanley was approached by the North coast Land Conservancy and asked if the Council would be interested in pausing the harvest because they wanted the opportunity to provide additional information which they felt was important and might have an impact on the decision made by the Council to harvest the timber. Mr. Winstanley further stated he spoke with Council members regarding the North Coast Land Conservancy coming before the Council to present information for the Council. The meeting was scheduled March 23, 2015.

Mr. Wallace stated he was sure the North Coast Land conservancy was aware that the timber harvest was already started and most people thought this was postponing an action that had not began and it had already began. There were two areas being looked at and one area was up above the diversion about a mile and the other sale continued past that and wrapped around. The work was finished and there was clean up going on now. The ground was not flat but not very steep and they now used a mechanized systems that grabbed the tree, cuts it off and before you know it there was ten acres cleared off and things were stopped and clean up still needed to be done. There were conversation with Mark Dryer, Forester, about postponing but the jagged edges could not be left in what was cut. If the desire was to put the project on hold and deal with whatever happened down the road that was Council's decision.

Mayor Larson stated this harvest would be postponed until April, 2015.

Mr. Winstanley stated the North Coast Land Conservancy was scheduled to make a presentation on March 23, 2015, and after the presentation was made Council was free to choose whatever they wanted. If Council was going to pause at this point as far as the logging was concerned I would simply make a motion to pause until Council had the opportunity to make a decision.

Mr. Wallace stated there was some cost associated with not finishing the harvest. There were seedlings purchased to plant already. When entering into a negotiation with a logging company over cost and prices there was an expectation of volume when that was done. The expectation of volume was not met on the sale. Mr. Wallace further stated he was not sure where the City stood with the loggers but there was 12,000 worth of seedling purchased and there were some cost associated with not moving forward. If the project were put on hold then the job was pretty much done. Loggers could not be on standstill and timber prices could change in the next few months.

Mayor Larson asked if a pause was what Council wanted until the North Coast Land Conservancy made a presentation.

Mr. Winstanley stated Council would be putting a hold on the harvest until the North Coast Land Conservancy was heard.

Councilor Montero stated she would not want to put a pause until they were heard from then a date should be selected for an ending to that pause.

Councilor Frank asked if there was a reasonable expectation of monetary reimbursement.

Mr. Winstanley stated he was not sure what the North Coast Land Conservancy would bring to the table. There were grant programs available to an organization like the North Coast Land Conservancy that was not available to a municipality. There was not an indication of what their presentation would be and there was a hope to have discussions with the Council as to whether there were better alternatives for the City and conservation needs.

Councilor Frank stated this could cost a lot of money but on the other hand Council did not know what they would present.

Mayor Larson stated there was a logging operation that was going well and would cease if Council paused and the forester would take his equipment home or wait for a decision.

Councilor Barber suggested Council pause the timber harvest until the North Coast Land Conservancy made a presentation on March 23, 2015, and a decision could be made that night.

Councilor Phillips asked if the Parks Advisory Committee had asked for the North Coast Land Conservancy to give a presentation for something in September and it still had not been done.

Councilor Barber stated he was not familiar with that.

Mr. Wallace stated he was not aware of anything like that.

Mr. McDowell stated if the timber harvest were postpone would the City be getting into the nesting habitat because there could be bird species that impacted the area after March 31, 2015.

Mr. Wallace stated the Watershed Council wanted to put on record the letter that was read at the last meeting. Mr. Wallace stated there was a possibility of re-selling some of the seedlings and a good portion would need to be planted. The City could make the best of this but Council needed to realize that putting the project on hold effectively would stop the project. The City could not put things on hold for a month and then get someone to come back and finish the project.

Mayor Larson asked how much longer the project would take.

Mr. Wallace stated maybe 7-10 days.

Councilor Phillips stated there was no guarantee.

Councilor Montero stated the timber harvest was discussed before it was approved. Council approved the contract and then several weeks later Council was asked to hold up on what was already initiated for the possibility that there was something else.

Mayor Larson stated the Council had worked with the Watershed Council and the North Coast Land Conservancy. Mayor Larson asked if there was a date the North Coast Land Conservancy could attend the City Council meeting.

Mr. Winstanley stated March 23, 2015.

Mayor Larson asked if the dates could be changed.

Mr. Winstanley stated he was not sure.

Mr. Wallace stated there was work that needed to be done at the Watershed and surrounding area. There was no budget for the watershed and the timber harvest was what paid for maintenance that needed to be done.

Councilor Phillips stated the City was in midstream and Council was asked to pause with no guarantee and she was hesitant to support the presentation since the project was already started.

Mayor Larson stated would this jeopardize the relationship with the North Coast Land Conservancy, and was that significant at this time.

Mr. Winstanley stated he did not know if the partnership would be jeopardized. The North Coast Land Conservancy suggested there could be other things they could bring to the table. The North Coast Land Conservancy was told there were no guarantees that Council would pause the project.

Motion to honor the contract as approved previously. (Johnson)

Councilor Barber stated the motion was not needed.

Dan VanThiel, City Attorney, stated Council approved a contract with a logger and now he would be told there was no more logging for right now. He may want to sue the City over that. The North Coast Land Conservancy may not want to support the project since it had been harvested.

Councilor Montero stated she would be more than happy to hear what the North Coast Land Conservancy had to say but right now Council had a contract that was approved and Council should honor that.

Mr. VanThiel stated there did not need to be a motion because the contract was already approved.

Council President Johnson rescinded the previous motion.

**APPROVAL – AIRPORT
EXPENDITURE OF
FUNDS**

Mr. Wallace stated the Seaside airport was one of three airports statewide that were declassified during 2014. The declassification was a result of the City not having a combination of enough based aircraft, enough takeoffs and landings, or enough emergency/military use. The result of the declassification was the City would no longer receive the annual \$150,000 AIP grant from the FAA. Seaside had bankrolled the last few years of grant money and still had \$450,000 which was eligible to use. The Seaside Airport Committee and City staff had been working with airport consultants from WH Pacific on our 2015 improvement project. The City had looked at all of the projects that were outlined in the capital improvement plan and selected the work we felt was most critical to maintaining safe operations at the airport. The work included perimeter fencing along the west boundary between the airport and the Four Winds Home Park, updating the lighting with new fixtures and pilot controlled lighting, and a few minor improvements to the taxiway. I have attached engineering cost memos and schedules. A detailed (10 page) scope of work is available but I did not include it here. The City will be responsible for a 10% match for the project and so an approval of up to a \$500,000 project was recommended. That would be a \$50,000 commitment from the City and \$450,000 from the FAA. We are still in the data gathering and engineering phase. The anticipation was not taking this project to financial limits.

Motion to approve the expenditure of funds for the Seaside Airport projects; carried unanimously. (Frank/Johnson)

**APPROVAL –
CITY COUNCIL
GOALS 2015-2017**

Mayor Larson stated Council received a copy of the City Council Goals 2015-2017 and there was needed an approval.

Motion to approve the City Council Goals 2015-2017; carried unanimously. (Barber/Frank)

**VACANCY –
PARKS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the Parks Advisory Committee with two term expirations from Michael Hinton, and Nancy Holmes who wished to be reappointed.

Motion to reappoint Michael Hinton, and Nancy Holmes to the Parks Advisory Committee; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)

Term Expiration for Michael Hinton and Nancy Holmes would be March 31, 2018.

**CITY COUNCIL –
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION**

Mayor Larson stated the City Council and Planning Commission would be conducting a work session on Monday, March 30, 2015, 6:30 pm, concerning Medical Marijuana.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Frank stated it felt like there was not a winter and spring came early and has been a shock for the North Coast. There had been a lot of records set with businesses in town.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Kevin Cupples, Planning Director, stated the Planning Commission would be hearing from the public regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and whether or not they believe there was a need to put a form of land use regulation that would address the dispensaries. Mr. Cupples further stated the City of Seaside Ordinance for business licenses currently prohibited Medical Marijuana and a change of ordinance would be needed. The Planning Commission was looking at what other communities were doing within Clatsop County and determine whether they thought something was necessary. The City Council/Planning Commission was scheduled to have a workshop Monday, March 30, 2015 and there would be a full discussion at that time. Mr. Cupples further stated the Department of Land Conservation Development (DLCD) would be discussing the resiliency work that had been going on the last year and that had concluded. There were findings DLCD wanted to present to Council.

Mr. Cupples further stated at the next Planning Commission meeting March 3, 2015, there would be a proposal by Sunset Empire Park and Recreation to expand on some items that could be sold during the Farmers Market and the variance issues would be discussed.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the Daddy/Daughter Dance would be at the convention center on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Esther Moberg stated the Library Foundation was working hard to form their bylaws and getting ready for a 501C3 status. There was an appreciation day last week for volunteers of the book store.

Mr. Rahl stated he wanted to commend his staff Veronica Russell, Nicole Bailey, and Dana Walters.

Mr. VanThiel stated it was fun to watch Mr. Vandenberg and Mr. Rahl as he could remember when the business community passed a business license ordinance to build the convention center. The business community all pulled together and that was something to be proud of.

**RECESSED INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:43 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 9:04 PM.

Mayor Larson stated there were some very good points brought out by the Council for the City Managers evaluation. The Mayor read: Seaside was lucky to have a City Manager of the quality that Mark brings in knowledge, expertise, and commitment. Council had been impressed with Mark's attention to the needs of the younger generation of citizens and the needs for the City to include and groom the younger generation who would succeed him and us. The selection of those managing the Visioning process was an excellent example of Mark's futuristic thinking. Mayor's general comments: The City was fortunate to have a City Manger with the depth of experience and background as Mark. I credit him with the smooth operation of the Council and city government overall. Extremely hard and long hours working. The selection of Jon Rahl, Esther Moberg, and Jeremy Goldsmith to lead the visioning process was great. Also the selection of Joey Daniels, Fire Chief and Dave Ham, Police Chief show forward thinking regarding the next generations. Mark has been good in veering away from the tendency to hire people who mimic one style, age, etc. This kind of diversity in the department heads was good for the City. Over the years the Mayor had tried to give Mark a raise and he had refused and Council should not pressure anyone into something they do not want. The Visioning process was beautifully done. Wonderful City Manager and great choice of employees to head departments. Financially sound City finances because of Mark as City Manger. Suggestions for improvements: Keep taking vacations; keep the Council informed on outcomes of the happenings in the City. Continue to take time away from the office, take advantage of peer training and opportunities to keep yourself up to date and on the cutting edge of City management. All department heads and leaders must annually rate their employees. The engineering department cost way too much money. Why do these two issues never seem to be resolved like the engineering department and the rating of employees? However Council was very happy to have Mark and wanted him to continue in their employment.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR