

CALL TO ORDER	<p>The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barber.</p>
SWEARING IN: CITY COUNCIL OATH	<p>Mayor Barber stated we had a wonderful event this morning at nine o'clock, where our city manager was able to swear in, returning Councilors, Randy Frank, our Council President, Randy Frank and Tom Horning, and our newest Council member, David Posalski. David, welcome. We're glad that you're here. We'll roll that tape now, Jon.</p> <p>Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager and meeting moderator played the video of Mark Winstanley, City Manager, swearing in returning Councilors Randy Frank and Tom Horning and newly elected Councilor David Posalski.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated congratulations and welcome on board. Those returning and David, especially, we're glad to have you join our team. Wonderful David, any comments you'd like to make at this point?</p> <p>David Posalski, Councilor Ward 4, stated I just wanted to say that, the transition coming into this position has been wonderful. The outreach from the other Councilors as well as from the city staff, to get me acclimated and ready for this meeting, has been fantastic. And I look forward to working with all of you.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated wonderful to have you here. I might just add, all of us are in our home office, I think except for Kim, but she's alone in her office and that's why we're not wearing masks this evening. So I just wanted to make sure you understood that at this point, though. I'll ask Kim to do the roll call, please.</p>
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Council President Randy Frank; Councilors Tita Montero, Steve Wright, Dana Phillips, Seth Morrissey, and Tom Horning.</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Also, Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Dale McDowell, Seaside Public Works Director; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director; and Kim Jordan, City Recorder.</p>
ELECTION - CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<p>Mayor Barber stated it is my honor and duty to appoint the new City Council President. I've been doing this since I was Mayor, with the attempt to appoint the most senior, Councilor and Dana, that typically would be you, but you want to make a comment?</p> <p>Councilor Phillips stated well, thank you. It's been a pleasure, but it's not something that I wanted to take on. So I pass it back to whomever you choose.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated I have had discussions and I am, appointing, with your affirmation, Steve Wright, as the Council President for the next two years. It's a two year term and Steve has, I think he's still shaking his head yes, he's agreed to take that role on. And, for the, for those listening in to the meeting, the Council President, sits in the role if the Mayor is unable to, preside at a meeting, I'm out of town or, unable to attend, he would preside over that meeting. In addition to that every two weeks, the Council President, the Mayor, city manager, the assistant city manager, and our clerk meet to, really work on the agenda for the next meeting. We get input of course from the whole Council on that, but we meet, to establish that agenda. And so it is, sometimes a commitment of some time to do that. So I wanted everybody to understand that.</p>
AGENDA	<p>Mayor Barber stated moving on then, I will, ask for a motion to approve the agenda. And I think you have a comment.</p> <p>Councilor Horning stated Mr. Mayor. Yes sir. If you don't mind, I would like to, pull off the agenda item 11 F, which has to do with, the Natural History Park at the Mill Pond because we have some work to do on the committee to establish some standards for, fundraising off the work of the committees. And it's preliminary to have,</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated I asked to put that on just to make sure we aren't forgetting about that. And thank you, Tom. We want to make sure that we, get around to the work that we agreed to do. So thank you, Tom. With that, exception, I'll entertain a motion to approve the agenda.</p> <p>Councilor Frank moved to approve the agenda as amended, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated with the motion and the second I'll call for a roll call vote, which we are doing at every vote. Kim.</p>

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, called roll call vote.

YEAS: WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Let the record show that is a unanimous vote.

**COMMENTS –
PUBLIC**

Mayor Barber stated if you are online, attending the meeting through the Zoom software, raise your hand by clicking on the control panel at the bottom of your screen. You will then be placed into a queue. When your time comes to speak, you will be unmuted and can address the Council on matters NOT already on tonight’s agenda. If you have a comment related to an agenda item that has a public comment period, please wait for that item to address the Council. If you are attending the meeting by phone, and have dialed in, you will need to press *9 to raise your hand. *6 allows you to mute and unmute yourself. As with the online attendees, this will place you into a queue and you will be able to speak once called upon. I hope that's understandable, we'll try to get you in. Is there anyone that would like to address the Council on any item, not on the agenda?

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, there are currently no hands raised.

Mayor Barber stated wait just a minute more. And Kim, we did not receive any, written comments prior did we not.

Ms. Jordan stated the one I emailed you today, and that's the only thing.

Mayor Barber stated with that I will close the public comments.

CONFLICT

Mayor Barber asked whether any Councilor needed to declare a potential conflict of interest.

No one declared a potential conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Barber stated I will entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$367,237.72; and Approval of Minutes December 14, 2020.

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

Mayor Barber stated motion to approve it and again Kim, a roll call vote.

YEAS: WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Let the record show that is a unanimous vote.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Barber stated we will then move to unfinished business. We continue to have vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Commission, the Planning Commission and the Library Board. Please, keep shaking the bushes out there, to get, volunteers. I have potentially someone interested in serving on the Transportation Advisory Commission, the Planning Commission, and I heard this evening, there will be a vacancy on the, Bob Chisholm board, the community center advisory board as well. So again, we need people to step up and volunteer. These are not onerous, duties, but are very important for the working of the city.

**VACANCY –
TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**VACANCY –
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**VACANCY –
LIBRARY BOARD**

NEW BUSINESS:

BID RESULTS – LANDSCAPE MAINT. DOWNTOWN MAINT. DISTRICT

Mayor Barber stated moving on then to new business, we have bid results on the Landscaping Maintenance Downtown Maintenance District. I'm going to ask Jon, if you'll introduce that, any comments that you'd like to make

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated sure Mr. Mayor, just one bid, and that comes from, Nature's Helper, Inc., which is Pam Fleming our long-term, gardener, for the city and known to many. Her bid, comes in at \$53,045 and she is the loan bid, has continued to do a phenomenal job with us. And, the recommendation is that the, Council, would accept that.

Mayor Barber stated any comments or questions to Jon.

Council President Wright stated I just had one. I tried to look back and see if I could find the last bid, how much, change is this one?

Ms. Jordan stated I can help with that because I talked to Pam. That's a 2% increase is all she did. And she was actually afraid to do that, but it's, there is, one piece of property that was added on, I think it was a library or something. No, I'm sorry. Its downtown. There was one that was, we had an addendum for, that was added to this contract, but when I talked to her, and then it was just a 2% raise from what there was previously.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Other questions, if not, I'll entertain a motion to approve that contract.

Council President Wright moved to approve, the yearly contract with, Nature's Helper, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Wright/Phillips)

Councilor Montero stated can I ask a clarification? Is it, is it an annual contract, for some reason I thought it was, not that often.

Mayor Barber stated it is an annual contract.

Ms. Jordan stated can I. It's annually. But she does like two years and then can redo for another two years, like that. The price that she put down is for annual.

Mayor Barber stated it can be reviewed annually.

Councilor Montero stated we're approving the annual price, but it's a biannual contract. Am I stating that correctly?

Mayor Barber stated I see Mark shaking his head.

Mr. Winstanley stated that is right Mr. Mayor. This is a two year contract with, renewal options on those contracts.

Mayor Barber stated every year. A roll call vote please. Kim.

YEAS: WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Let the record show that is a unanimous vote.

MOU – PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Mayor Barber stated we have a memorandum of understanding, MOU per provision of the library services. And our librarian is on with us tonight. Esther, nice to see. You want to talk to us a little bit about this?

Esther Moberg, Library Director, stated I'd love to yes. The MOU is in front of you. It actually expired, January 2020 and just because of COVID we have not, brought it back before you, because we've been too busy with other things, but, the state library actually reminded us of this. And the reason we have this mutual organization understanding is that, with the, we say that we are doing these services together with other two public libraries in our County. And we also say the County is supporting that service. And because it is a MOU that includes the County. We do get the Ready to Read grant funds from the state library because of it annually. So it is important for us to have this MOU because it does give grant funding, to the rural areas of our community to support the summer reading program that we do every year. We are requesting, instead of three years, we are requesting a five-year extension. It was three years. We don't see any changes other than positive ones in the next five years in the shared experience. And of course you've already seen, the results of some of that, which includes the integrated library catalog between the three public libraries, the shared courier system. And now the ability to use your library card and the other two libraries as well as Seaside.

Mayor Barber stated Esther, I think we all agree. This is a very positive move for the Seaside Library, but for all of the libraries in the County. So it's excellent. Thanks for your leadership on that. Are there comments or questions?

Council President Wright stated the county really isn't involved other than just as a city, because we're all in this County, right?

Ms. Moberg stated the county actually has been supporting us in the community grant. The previous three years, I believe it was \$5,000 and just this last year, they gave us \$15,000. So they're recognizing they need to support these cards for children in the community, and support this service. They're mutual organization understanding signing of this document also helps, for libraries reading outreach to get support. That money goes towards supporting the contractor who works with all three libraries, the five school districts, and other entities, to provide these, library cards for the children and then also the summer reading program.

Mayor Barber stated okay, thank you. Good. I'll entertain a motion to approve the contract or the MOU,

Councilor Montero moved to approve the contract for the library MOU, with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Montero/Frank).

Mayor Barber asked for any further discussion. Hearing none. Kim, would you please do a roll call vote?

YEAS: WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Let the record show that is a unanimous vote.

**SEASIDE WATERSHED
CONSULTANT
EXTENSION**

Mayor Barber stated the next item is a Seaside Watershed Consultant, extension and Dale, glad to see you on the call tonight as well.

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, stated thank you, Mayor, and Council President Wright, congratulations. Our consultant expiration of his contract was December 31st of 2020. And due to some unusual circumstances, this year was something called COVID-19. We couldn't get everything quite done because obviously meetings not being able to be held. So they've agreed to, extend their contract at a no-cost contract, until September 30, 2021. That being 15 days after the expiration of in-water work period. So any work to be done up at the watershed normally because it is fish habitat, is July 1st to September 15th. We wanted to give ourselves a little extra time we gave us an extra 15 days. So all we're asking is to, extend their contract date.

Mayor Barber stated any comments or questions, Tom, I know you have a special interest in the watershed. I know you've reviewed this, any comments that you'd like to make?

Councilor Horning stated no, there's nothing, that, comes to mind at the present. We continue to do additional work on the side about some other planning, but that's not to remain to this issue.

Council President Wright stated just mentioned that if you've been following what the Oregonians had, some, pretty interesting articles about watershed protection. Our, neighbor down to the South Wheeler, I wasn't on the coast at that time that really had some problems from over logging. And, I know Dale's watching out for us because he protects us. So that won't be a problem here. That's something to keep in mind anyway. And I'm sure that's part of the deal that we'll look at, everything that goes into this.

Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to extend that contract.

Councilor Frank moved we extend the contract for the watershed consultant, for the date of September 30, 2021, with a second from Councilor Horning; carried unanimously. (Frank/Horning)

Mayor Barber stated any further discussion or comment. Kim roll call vote please.

YEAS: WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Let the record show that is a unanimous vote.

Mayor Barber stated thank you again.

**SEASIDE WATERSHED
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

Mayor Barber stated Dale, Seaside Watershed excuse me, the Seaside Watershed Bridge Replacement project. Talk to us about that.

Mr. McDowell stated thank you Mayor. The engineer has finished the design of the two bridges that are in need of replacement up in our watershed. And you can see one of them in the photograph that our assistant city manager, Jon Rahl has just put up. This bridge has been impassable for quite some time. It's actually a rail car bridge. One of the issues with this bridge, and as Jon goes through these photographs, you'll see where the, when they built these, the channel of the river itself was narrowed in order for these to fit. All this new design, widens the channels back out to their original width. And then the new bridge is built with concrete wing walls. So this picture on the screen right now with the red, that's where the channel has been narrowed to right now, the green is actually where the channel should be. And that's where it'll go back to this which will help our fish habitat up in that area. It also helps slow the water down a little bit too, and both bridges are the same way. This one was Railcar Bridge you can see how narrow, it got down there, and it will be widened significantly so that it does fit, um, so that the bridge fits and then the river's back to where it belongs. And I've also submitted these to, Angie over at, Necanicum Watershed Council, just so that she can see those, as well. And I've kept her up to date, along with this process, as we got different, percentage of completion on these designs. That's what we're looking at doing is putting this out to bid with your approval and we have the money in our watershed fund to pay for the work. And then all I'm looking at doing is these two bridges to start with, for our Watershed Management Plan or Source Water Protection Plan. We have three culverts that need to be done, and there was also a stand of alders to be taken out. I did not include those at this time. I'd like to get the bridges done because the bridges will give us access, through our watershed for maintenance. It will also help us as we move forward in March with our, flora and fauna grant that we're applying for so that we can access the watershed.

Mayor Barber stated great, any questions or comments,

Councilor Frank stated only that I've, been out there on the property and look good, the larger bridge. And, it's not even something you can walk out onto and stand on. You can see the pictures of the growth on it and the trees. And, I, you know, it's, probably way past time to do this. It will allow access to other parts of the property, I think is really important, especially, if there were ever to be a fire up there. So I'm glad to see Dale taking charge and doing some of these things that needed to be taken care of.

Mayor Barber stated and just to underscore, Dale has indicated that the funds are there to do these projects. Other comments. This is protecting our drinking water. So it's a pretty important thing that we're working on. I'll entertain a motion to approve the bridge replacement design and go forward.

Councilor Frank moved that we move forward, with the bridge replacement project at the earliest possible date, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously.
(Frank/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated moved and seconded. Any further discussion or comments, Kim, please. Roll call.

YEAS: WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Let the record show that is a unanimous vote.

**FINAL – CITY OF SEASIDE
WATER RESERVOIR**

Mayor Barber stated well, Dale, we are working you very hard tonight. I know you had a good vacation, so it's good to get you back in the saddle. Talk to us about the water reservoir.

Mr. McDowell stated I'm very pleased to announce that the East Hills Reservoir and Booster Pump Station project is complete. Anything from this point forward would be a warranty issue. We have one year warranty on this. We've gone through the project many times along with our, water foreman, Mike Dimmick. He has also gone through the entire project with a fine tooth comb, and we are very pleased with the, product that we have, the process that we've gone through and the contractor and what they've, what they've given us for this. At this time, I'd like to, have Council accept the project as complete and we'll, we've already received our final billing on it, and we do need to release retainage and then the warranty, will begin.

Mr. Rahl stated Dale, we do have a quick little short video if you want me to roll out.

Mayor Barber stated that'd be great.

Mr. Rahl stated many of you know, the school district had regular drone videos shot of the construction project. One of the benefits of that is that it captured the water reservoir being constructed as well. This was taken in time-lapse essentially over about the course of a year, where you can see that going up. I'll go ahead and run that.

Mayor Barber stated Jon there are other projects planned for up there. Talk to us a little bit about that.

Mr. Rahl stated and one of the things that, we were able to kind of work in there, was preparations for a new emergency operation center. During the construction, there was some additional space maintained, big concrete pad that was placed in there. And then ultimately, during the construction of the, renovation of the convention center, there was a modular that was purchased by the convention center, for their office space, so that staff could have a place to office while the building was under construction. We were able to take that asset and that has been moved up to that concrete pad, at the water reservoir. It's a heated building, has a restroom in it, and then ultimately will act as a facility for, our emergency operations, for any type of situation that we need that for. So really, a nice use of space, in that area. And then on top of that, there's new communication equipment that is going up there as well, which will aid all of our law enforcement and fire personnel with better communication, throughout the County. So really a couple of good things that came about that in addition to obviously, the new water reservoir because of it.

Mayor Barber stated excellent, any questions to Jon or to Dale?

Councilor Frank stated is communication power also finished now.

Mr. McDowell stated it is getting close. I do think they have some more equipment to put in the modular itself. I think we are waiting on the subcontractor for that through the police department.

Mr. Rahl stated that is correct.

Mayor Barber stated hearing no other questions, I'll entertain a motion to approve that and release the retainage of 288,000 plus. Who would like to make that motion?

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

Mayor Barber stated good to have you on the record, David, thank you. Any further comment or discussion or questions? This has been a day that we've been waiting for. This is a great move forward, not only for the school district, but for the whole city and adding to that, the emergency facility, this will be a great step forward for us. Kim, would you please do a roll call vote. .

YEAS: WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Let the record show that is a unanimous vote.

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Dale. And then, finally some comments from city staff. I'll go back to Esther. What's happening at the library during the COVID 19 environment that we're living in.

Ms. Moberg stated well you know, it is challenging, but we are doing curbside checkout only at this time. That's Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM that they give us a call and let us know what books they want. We pull them and then check them out and bring them out to them curb side. We are really trying hard to make sure it's contactless check out services that we're providing. I know a lot of people are sad that we're not offering any kind of printer or computer services, but hopefully we'll be able to reopen soon in two to three weeks and, and offer those services. Again, I, it is great that we've been able to stay open most of the time throughout this past year, which has been amazing because many most libraries have not. My staff have really been working safe, so thank you. And we are offering virtual meeting or virtual programs and, we do have a drawing class coming up for adults with Lehigh, and, people can pick up a packet of, drawing materials and then they do the drawing to a zoom class. More information for that is on our Facebook and website. Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated great. Thank you, Esther. Dale, any further comments?

Mr. McDowell stated as you know, we've had some high tides, yesterday in the Cove where we had to close the Cove for a little bit while some waves decided to come up and bless Seltzer Park and the rest of the street and got it cleaned up along with our turnaround. Later this week, the next couple of days we still have some King tides again. and I think probably after tomorrow, maybe Wednesday, Thursday might be kind of the worst of the King tides when we get some wind behind it. We do know that the national weather service is putting some bulletins out and we're paying very close attention to those. Staff is working diligently, getting all the lights in town and make sure they're all working. We're working with PP&L for all their higher Cobra, head lights. We're also working with Nature's Helper on the Holladay Drive project to finish the last of the landscaping in those smaller islands, that we had to deal with and put vaults in. She's I think, Nature's Helper has probably two planters left and then that'll be complete. So it's, looking very nice and that's about it, Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated well, thank you, Dale. Please, please, please stay off the logs in the Cove, and along the beach. I saw a video of people standing on the logs, watching the waves come in and I just breathed, it's frightening to see that. So please stay away. I know people love to watch those waves come in, but make sure you're well aware from where, the high tide mark will potentially be. And you never know where that's going to be.

Mr. McDowell stated well, if I could say one more thing and that's, I'd like to give a shout out to our police department for helping us yesterday. Clearing traffic at the Cove. We got everybody cleared out and probably within about five minutes, the first wave came over. So, you know, no cars were damaged, no individuals were hurt and it caused any issues. Everybody behaved themselves. They were in awe of what they were seeing. And, it was an education for all of us again yesterday as it is each time.

Mayor Barber stated fearsome. A force of nature for sure. Jon, please tell us what's happening in your world.

Mr. Rahl stated thank you. On December 13th at your last Council meeting, you all approved a new HR manual, and we've pushed that out to all staff now and working through, staff acknowledgements, with that, which is, typically a process. And we've got about 70% of our staff that has already done that in the first week of January. So we're glad to see that. We've also been working, towards the end of December and into first part of January, we've been working on staff with some, COVID and OSHA training, we're wrapping that up. And then, on the HR kind of hiring side, we're getting close, kind of finishing a part of the phase for the hiring of a new police officer. Longtime officer, Corporal Michael Bacher retired, last fall. This is a new hiring to fill that vacant post. And then we also have the community service officer position that we're going through a process with as well, so busy there. And then the last thing I just wanted to mention, I'm sure all of you are aware, but we had a tragic fatal fire, that our fire department responded to on the evening of January 1st. Started off the new year with some, with a tragic event. The sole occupant in that fire did, pass away. But it was, another Testament to the way this County and the Seaside Fire Department work together. Despite the fact that it was a holiday evening and we saw a really good response from our crews. In addition to the fire crews, also the police department, and other agencies that really helped out with that. So kudos to all, those, individuals that, worked so hard to, train and prepare for events like that.

Mayor Barber stated they definitely did an exceptional job despite the, sad outcome with that particular fire. Thank you, Jon. Mark, Winstanley is back from a two week vacation, you're looking very good. Give us a little update.

Mr. Winstanley stated thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I want to take this opportunity to thank, you and the Council, for allowing me that time off. It was a, very much appreciated and, I want to also thank, all of the department heads, It's always a wonderful thing for a city manager, to be able to leave and know that, the town is going to continue to run, on an exceptional basis. I did keep in contact and, they never needed me Mayor that's, the good news. And, I do appreciate everything that they did and I want to give, special, kudos to, Kim and, Jon. They did an excellent job of, taking care of the city while I was gone. Mayor, I'd like to tell you all the things that I know, after, but I've only been back for about 24 hours. I think, I'll save any other comments until the next meeting.

Mayor Barber stated well, good to have you back. Thank you. Kim, any comments that you'd like to make,

Ms. Jordan stated I just want to welcome Randy and Tom back and welcome David to the Council. I look forward to working with you. Thank you, mayor.

Mayor Barber stated and Dan Van Thiel, all the way from Baker City. You're muted, but we'd like to hear from you if you're on the line.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated can you hear from me now, Mayor? Happy New Year to everybody on the Council. I look forward to being able to sit down with people again sometime.

Mayor Barber stated won't that be wonderful.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Mayor Barber stated and now, comments from the Council. We haven't done that for a while either, and I'm going to start with David this evening. Again, David, welcome. Congratulations on your election and a welcome on board.

Councilor Posalski stated thank you. I had a moment at the beginning of the meeting to say most of everything. The only other thing that I wanted to put out there is just the fact that, with the most recent stimulus package that came through the payroll protection program loans. The second round of them, is now available for application. So for the businesses in our community that are struggling, need some extra help, make sure you reach out to your lenders and get that process started as soon as possible.

Mayor Barber stated those funds are available, a little red tape. They probably could call you David if they need some advice on the steps to take.

Councilor Posalski stated sure, absolutely. The, red tape is actually very minimal. I was able to do, in about an hour and a half, all four applications.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful for our businesses. Thank you, David. Tom Horning.

Councilor Horning stated well I want to compliment Dave Posalski for joining the City Council. Welcome aboard. I'd heard a rumor, through my email from a citizen that, some commerce was taking place on the lawn of the city hall yesterday that included some offensive sweatshirts. Is this a true story or is this rumor that got out of control?

Mayor Barber stated Jon, do you want to make any comment on that?

Mr. Rahl stated there was, indeed some activity, yesterday Councilor Horning and we have been told that, they did have some sort of material, whether it was for sale or not. That's kind of been unconfirmed. But yes, there definitely was an event. It was something that our police department was made aware of as the potential of happening earlier in the week, and did make some contact with a potential organizer at one point, this was an event that didn't, was not permitted. There actually was some, understanding at least the intelligence and kind of understanding that was given to the police department earlier in the week was that the event was likely not going to continue after some events, other events that had happened in our country the middle of the week. Yes, it did transpire, but without, any, incident that we're aware of other than, what a lot of people witnessed in terms of people congregating.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated well, I welcome, Randy and Tom back and congratulations, David, and I look forward to working with you. I really look forward to doing the goal setting at the end of this month and, just everybody please be safe and, just take care of yourself.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Councilor Tita.

Councilor Montero stated well, I also welcome back Randy and Tom and welcome David. I look forward to working with you, and, I know that you will bring a lot to the Council. You know, I drove up the, Sunset Boulevard today just to take a look, see if I could notice any differences along the parking area, and even for someone who does not frequent that area very much, I could see where really large rocks, I don't think you call them rocks. They're not stones, they're so big.

Mayor Barber stated boulders.

Councilor Montero stated they even seem bigger than that and huge logs. And, I watched some water in some other places and I went to the estuary and, you know, water is way more powerful than anybody ever thinks. It disturbed me to watch some videos of, young people, children and teenagers playing in the surf down in the Lincoln City area with those logs sort of swirling. Stay safe. I don't know what the attraction it's like, people are attracted to this kind of danger and I just really do not want to see something happen to a visitor or a resident.

Mayor Barber stated here, here. We all agree with that too. Thank you. Randy.

Councilor Frank stated I would, echo, some of those same sentiments welcome David. You'll be a good addition to the Council and Tom, welcome back. And, Chief Ham, glad you're staying. We accept you being here and we're happy about it. I would stay, as far as the ties, it looks like Wednesday is a higher tide and it's coinciding with the storm. I always know it's a possibility I might get, landlocked from my house during part of that time. To be expected this time of year, but Dale and the city keeps a close eye on that. I appreciate it. And, the only other thing is welcome back, Mark. And congratulations.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Randy. Council President Steve.

Councilor Wright stated Tom and Randy welcome back and our newcomer David. He's got plenty of experience, so, you know, bring that, help us. I think we've got a pretty good Council here and look forward to the next, couple of years. Just to reiterate, like I always do, that now, we need four people instead of just three for our various commissions, they all have different, terms that need to be filled in anywhere from, the rest of this year to as much as four years in the future. Take a look at that. It's the library, transportation, planning and the community center. We really appreciate our volunteers and, we desperately need their help, running this city. The County emergency management starting to take a much bigger part in the vaccination program here in the County. I'm always in favor of getting things more local instead of having the state do it. And I appreciate that our local Mayors, have made that clear to the governor and her office. Thank you for, allowing me to be the Council President. I'll do my best to fulfill the responsibility. And I'll just mention Mayor, you forgot to tell me about the extra agenda meeting. Have to remind me of that part.

Mayor Barber stated okay, to date. There's a couple more things too, but we'll get to those.

Council President Wright stated one thing, Esther's gone now, but I really miss the library because I've been going over and getting all these tidbits that I share with you guys from 1920. I only got through the end of 1920, so I can't, I don't have anything new for 21, but I thought this one was real appropriate. It was, from the editor and, he said, "Will some good kind hearted person, please start the referendum on the introduction of new laws at the coming session of legislature. And thus save time and expense. With the laws that are now on the statute books it that takes three policeman to every taxpayer to enforce them. Nowadays, the only cuss that can disobey the law is the lawyer". There you go. Dan. "He alone knows just where the flaw is". I thought that was pretty appropriate. It's from the end of 1920, just before the session started.

I heard yesterday; I think it was that there's something like 3,200 bills already in the pipeline. Come on, we don't need that many.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. My final comments, I echo everything that's been said, especially about our returning Councilors and, David's joining us. It's just a great group of people that we have the pleasure of serving with. And I know David, you will find that to be true as well, even though you already know us all, through your service on the, commission and on the Planning Commission. I want to remind everybody about the goal setting, which is for the community every two years. The City Council sits down with, the leadership of the city and sets goals for the next two years, one year goal, and then two year goals. And this is a very important thing to chart our future which has impact on budget planning, a whole series of important things in the city. We will be meeting on the afternoon of January 29th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This is all going to be virtual. Unfortunately, that's the way it has to be. And during that session on the 29th in the afternoon, we'll be hearing from each one of our department heads to hear kind of their goals for the next two year period. So that is between two and five, and then we're going to have dinner that evening. Dinner will be, virtual, we'll be at our homes, and the dinner. I don't know whether Jon you're cooking or Mark. I hope you're not cooking and delivering it to our doorstep. Then we will break bread together virtually, and that'll be an opportunity for some, kind of informal talking about what we see ahead in the next two years. And then on Saturday morning from 9:00 AM and our target is 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. We will meet where we will began to really, look at the real key goals and what I'm asking each one of you to do between now and the 25th of January. That's our next Council meeting for you to do some careful thought and thinking to put that down on paper or in an email, four or five goals that you really feel ought to be considered in that list and send those, please forward those to Kim. And then, we'll be able to send that over to the Coraggio group who will be facilitating our time together and begin to put some way to rate and see if we're the, the really the sense of cohesion is in our goals for the next two years. Please do that. Again. I'll repeat by the 25th, that's a Monday have those to Kim and if you can do it before then that would be even better, so that we really start with some energy already in place, in working with our consultants

Councilor Posalski stated Mayor, at what point, or what capacity of the goal setting do we look even farther than that into the future?

Mayor Barber stated you know, we've really tried to look two years at the most in advance, but from time to time, we projected further and we've, we made notes of that so that we chart our progress toward those longer term goals. So again, I would say the four or five are two year goals. If you have more strategic goals that you want to include, add those on as well. Any other comments or questions or suggestions for those of you who've participated in this over the years? Mark, do you have any advice for us on that?

Mr. Winstanley stated no, I don't Mr. Mayor, except that it makes a good point. And, some of the goals that this Council has had have been items that they've discussed in goal setting and basically set the path, because some things that are accomplished will take, four or six or even eight years to, accomplish. And having these discussions is important. This is where lots of times that input, staff takes that input and we began to develop, what that path is going to look like. I think the water tank, that we've finished, that you've just had the final in this meeting, that though the goal to get that water tank built, really was established, four years ago, if not six years ago, as we began to have discussions about the school developing.

Councilor Posalski stated the convention center, I'm sure it took much longer.

Mayor Barber stated it did. We realized those and really focus on them, but they can take a longer time. And I think we'll spend some time looking at our projections two years ago on the one year goal and the two year goal. And you already know that we did not accomplish all of those. When the pandemic came along, we kind of put that aside and really focused on getting through where we are. And some of those may continue on, in our goal setting and we'll evaluate, we did accomplish some of them though. And we'll spend a little time, looking and evaluating those as well. I think it's an important function and, it will be great for you David, to bring in some new, fresh eyes and a vision, for us. And, we'll hear from our department heads, as I indicated. And they always bring some interesting new, ideas in terms of how far out we can go, you know. Working with my clients, I'm finding, the typical strategic plan for business or not-for-profit is three to five years.

And most of them are going back to two years strategic plans because of the uncertainty in the economy and, just the whole environment, rolling that forward then every two years. So it is an interesting time to be doing goal setting. So with that, any other discussion tonight,

Councilor Posalski stated the only question I have on that is, are those goals from the previous session available on the site, or could Kim provide those.

Mayor Barber stated Kim could provide those for you? They are available. You bet. We might all want to visit those. If you've got them in your file, if not, Kim could provide those for you.

Ms. Jordan stated I will send them out to all of you just in case then you don't have to worry about it.

Councilor Horning stated Mr. Mayor for Tita Montero and her comment about the Cove and the rocks, here's your geology class for you? A Boulder is 10 inches in diameter or larger. So if you were looking at rocks bigger than 10 inches, they were boulders,

Councilor Montero stated they were super boulders.

Councilor Horning stated well some boulders can be 50 feet across. We don't make them any, we don't come up with bigger, giant words for the biggest rock around.

Mayor Barber stated thank you all, I didn't come up with a quote for the end of this meeting tonight, but, please stay well, stay safe, continue to wear your mask in public, socially distance. And, please, patronize our local restaurants, bars, and retail businesses. This is such a crucial time for them and get the word out that many of the restaurants are open, right, David, for seating, interior seating.

Councilor Posalski stated I believe for the short term, I think next Friday, we'll be shut down again.

Mayor Barber stated that's what I'm hearing. We're doing everything we can to convince the governor that that's not a workable plan for restaurants.

Councilor Posalski stated I agree. I just didn't see how it made sense how we got our authorization to open on Friday. And by Wednesday we already had more than 60% of the cases we were allowed to have for a two week period. We were going to go ahead and open any way and go for another two weeks being open with higher cases. And then to tell us to shut down four days after that, it just doesn't make sense. It just is not a workable plan.

Mayor Barber stated as Steve indicated, the Mayors here on the North Coast are really banding together to try to convince the governor to review that in a more practical, workable way for our businesses. Thank you with that. We stand adjourned. Thank you all. And have a good rest of the evening.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR