

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barber.
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<p>Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Council President Steve Wright; Councilors Tita Montero, Randy Frank, Dana Phillips, David Posalski, 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; and Kim Jordan, City Recorder.</p>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<p>Mayor Barber stated very good. I'll entertain a motion to approve the agenda as circulated.</p> <p>Councilor Frank moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Council President Wright; carried unanimously. (Frank/Wright)</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> <p>Councilor Posalski stated Mayor, I had a question on an item there. I had asked Mr. Winstanley to, gather some information about a \$30,000 charge to WAVE. And I was wondering if he had that information.</p> <p>Mark Winstanley City Manager, stated I do. David, wave is the phone company that we currently have. And so what you were looking at was a monthly phone bill, for the City of Seaside.</p> <p>Councilor Posalski stated for 30,000.</p> <p>Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated which also includes our fiber internet, which is important. And out there that's not just telephone service. That's also all ever fiber internet throughout the city.</p> <p>Councilor Posalski stated thank you.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated okay. Good question, David. Any other questions before we take the vote. Hearing none. Kim, would you do a roll call vote please?</p> <p>Kim Jordan, City Recorder, called roll call vote.</p> <p>YEAS:     WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, POSALSKI, BARBER NAYS:     NONE ABSENT:  NONE ABSTAIN: NONE</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated thank you. The motion carries and is unanimous</p>
<b>COMMENTS – PUBLIC</b>	<p>Mayor Barber stated we will now open the floor for comments from the public on any item, not on the agenda this evening. I will read the statements so that you know how to do that. 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. As with the online attendees, this will place you into a queue and you will be able to speak once called upon. In both instances, public meeting law asks that you state your full name and your address for the public record as you would do. If you were attending the meeting in person, you will be limited to four minutes of total speaking time as is also standard protocols for our meetings. At this time, Jon, do we have anyone that would like to address the council?</p> <p>Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager and meeting Moderator, stated we currently do not Mayor.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated I will wait for just a little longer. Still none?</p> <p>Moderator Rahl stated still nothing.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated at this time I will close the public comment period.</p>
<b>CONFLICT</b>	<p>Mayor Barber asked whether any Councilor needed to declare a potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>No one declared a potential conflict of interest.</p>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	Mayor Barber stated at this time I will entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda as circulated.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$921,972.30; and Approval of Minutes January 11, 2021.

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

Mayor Barber asked if there were any questions or comments before taking a roll call vote. Hearing none. Kim.

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:**

Mayor Barber stated at this time, moving to reports and presentations and we have a presentation from Clatsop County Action, Homeless Report. Tita, why don't you introduce that report and introduce our presenters this evening.

Councilor Montero stated well, from some time ago we started speaking about the homeless situation and paths to improve, homelessness in Seaside. And the first, one of the first things, I ended up doing was doing a survey of available and, who all is, serving, some needs in Seaside. During this time I was able to participate in a, presentation that was made by Susan Prettyman to, CASA for the CASA Workers. And I was very impressed with it. I learned an awful lot about what CCA does in the County and, around the County, to assist those who are facing homelessness. My thought that it would be very good for us to, hear directly from them. I don't think, a lot of people know all the things that parts of community action actually does. I am very pleased that executive director, Vivianna, Matthews, and Susan, Prettyman who I think heads up their homelessness area. They were, amenable to making a presentation to us. And I think from this, we can start seeing some things that are available and seeing what, where we can go and what other kinds of thing can be done to, create some strategies. And you'll notice that I have never used the word solve or solution. Strategies for dealing with it because personally I do not believe you will ever solve homelessness. Take it away. Viviana, thank you.

Viviana Matthews, Executive Director of Clatsop County Action (CCA), stated I live in Washington State, but I do work in Astoria, Oregon. My admin office, it's a 364 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Astoria. And then if we can go ahead and start with the slideshow, please. Thank you so very much for having us here tonight to present our homeless services to all of you. As I mentioned before, my name is Viviana Matthews and I'm the executive director of Clatsop Community Action. I've been doing social services in Clatsop County for a little bit over 20 years. My first 10 years were under, I worked at head start, in seaside and the head start in Warrington. And about 10 years ago, I moved to Clatsop Community Action. I was a case manager for many years. We started the project homeless connect about 10 years ago by that's when I working at CCA. And, we are located, our admin office is located in Astoria, but we do have two other sites, one at the Seaside Providence Hospital. And we have a satellite office there since 2016. And then we have an office in Warrenton at the regional food bank. You may know, or you might not know that the regional food bank is under Clatsop Community Action is another program that we do and CCAs mission is to help people meet housing, food, and other basic needs. Essentially, we're here to help every person that needs help regarding housing, food, and other things.

Susan Prettyman, 2756 Grand Avenue, Astoria, stated I am the Social Services Program Manager here at Clatsop Community Action. I've been with CCA for a little over two years. I love my job. I've been able to do quite a few different jobs while I've been here, but at this particular job is a passion of mine because it gives me the opportunity to help as many people as possible. So I love my job and I love talking about the things that we do at CCA. Last year, like you can see on the screen, CCA provided over 600 services to the homeless population in Clatsop County. And about 25% of those services were actually provided to clients who reside in the Seaside area.

Clatsop Community Action Presentation highlights: CCA mission to help people meet housing, food and other basic needs: we're here to help! CCA's Services – Energy Assistance, Housing – rent and deposit assistance, Personal care and home hygiene products, Veteran's services, information and referral, services for the unsheltered and Regional Food Bank. CCA Homeless Programs: State and Federal Funding – Astoria warming center, Helping Hands, filling empty bellies, The Harbor, and CCA's Programs. 2020 Homeless Individuals Served over 600. How does CCA help homeless people – food, essential personal care and home hygiene, blankets and sleeping bags, information and referral, shelter referrals, shower vouchers, hand washing and portable bathrooms during COVID.

Project Homeless Connect – Individuals served 250. What is Next? Clatsop County Homeless Liaison. The presentation can be viewed on the City of Seaside website City Council meeting January 25, 2021, at [www.cityofseaside.us](http://www.cityofseaside.us).

Mayor Barber stated I'm sure the, Council has a number of questions. Thank you so much, Viviana and Susan. You know, as, Tita mentioned, we really are working to be more educated, more informed about the homeless situation. So I'm going to open the floor, first of all, to all the members of the Council. And then Jon, if there's anyone logging in, from the community that wants to make any comment or ask a question, I'll come back to you in a few minutes for that. So I'll open the floor to the Council at this point,

Councilor Posalski stated I have several questions. You use different terminology in when talking about the homeless population, whether it's unsheltered or these different categories of causes or people, or is it just different ways of saying the exact same thing,

Ms. Matthews stated different ways of saying exactly same thing. When we say homeless, then we have some individuals who are, who do not have a place. They say, well, my home, it's this. So then the state takes it to the next level. Okay, we'll call it a shelter. Well, they might be sheltered. Really essentially we just don't have one specific world where that will cover all of it. So some people like to be referred as shelter. Some people like to be referred as homeless, and some people houseless.

Councilor Posalski stated so with that, when we're talking about the different, I mean, there's different causes and different populations of homeless people when we're discussing that, is there a clear definition of those different categories so that when we're talking about, solutions or strategies that would affect a particular population, some of the population isn't going to fit into those strategies.

Ms. Matthews stated right. I think you know, I'm a little bit older than Susan is I still, call the homeless population and then somebody younger might have a different, name, but I just call it how it is somebody without a home.

Councilor Posalski stated but it does sound like you guys categorize, your clients in some ways, because you know, those people that have, you know, behaviors that are challenging are going to receive different, benefits or different, opportunities.

Ms. Matthews stated not so much different benefits, but we want to connect people who are having challenging behaviors with mental health in Clatsop County. We connect them to, CBH as soon as possible to try to minimize or try to make sure that people are seeking their services that they need.

Councilor Posalski stated what causes of homelessness are you guys most effective at finding solutions and help?

Ms. Matthews stated it all depends where the person is at. So somebody who, might have some mental health issues, if they are taking the proper medication and also they're seeing their proper, provider like mental health provider, they may be great at housing programs. We have one housing program that is called together. We house, we receive funding from OHA, Oregon Health Authority. And we, we have been having this program since 2012. And it's extremely successful. And why is it successful? Because it comes with case management, not only we need housing for people who are not housed yet, but we also need the services that come along with that. Somebody who is going to be helping them and teaching them how to pay rent, how to be a good neighbor, how to be a good tenant. So it's not just about paying rent for somebody, but it's also giving the tools to be able to be successful. And we do have many different types of homelessness. We have the, regular person who has been homeless in Seaside or Astoria four or five years, 10 years. And then we have a new, family that is just becoming homeless and they're staying in their cars and they don't want to be seen, they don't want to be making a lot of noise or anything like that because they're afraid, right? So there's, a huge spectrum of homelessness in Clatsop County, including in Seaside.

Ms. Pettyman stated can I add to that just really quickly. There is a federal definition of homelessness, which is, clients who are placed, not meant for human habitation. So we're talking about tents or sidewalks or in a vehicle where the state defines homelessness as also couch surfing or doubling up. So there are some different definitions of, homelessness and we serve them all.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Susan.

Councilor Posalski stated one more question. If money wasn't an issue because I'm sure that's what is limited for your organization. If you were able to add an additional service for your clients, because you had the additional funding, what would that be?

Ms. Matthews stated right now? As I can see it, it will be the homelessness liaison. And I wish I can have a homeless liaison for each city, but I don't have enough. We don't have enough funding for each city. So we'll start with one and a half. So one full-time I have person, because I think, there's got to be some connection between the homeless and why they're homeless.

Is it because of funding? Is it because they don't have a job? So helping them to locate some answers, locate some solutions, and be able to be housed. And we also have to remember though that, not everybody's ready for, you know, a brick building. A lot of people don't want to go into housing. And we had a few of those that come to see us every once in a while they want toilet paper, and they're not ready to sit down with the case managers to see if they qualify for any type of housing program. We need to have, and we really do need to have an open conversation on what that mean? What is housing mean for somebody? I strongly believe that people, some people might be ready for a shelter and some people might be able, maybe ready for a program like helping hands, but, if a person is not ready to be housed, financially, especially emotionally, then that person will not be successful. That being housed. Do you have anything to add Susan to that?

Ms. Prettyman stated I agree with that a hundred percent. I think that if funding was not an issue, it would be amazing to see a warming center in Seaside and to see a warming center in Warrenton to help support the homeless population in Seaside and other cities. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Good questions, David. Thank you. Other questions from the Council.

Councilor Phillips stated I just have a comment. We've been talking about this for years and it's frustrating. Isn't the word. I, really want to use this just from heartfelt feelings that we don't seem to be making any headway and going to the conferences and listening to other cities that have tried things and nothing's working. So you're just going, where do we go from here? How do we help these people?

Ms. Matthews stated you know? I'm going back to what Tita mentioned at the beginning. We are not going to solve homelessness, but, we need to come up with a plan when, for people who are ready to be housed and that everybody's not ready to be housed, but we have to be open minded and open door to the people who are,

Councilor Phillips stated I guess that's a way for me to start because I understand where you're coming from now. It's easier to okay. Let's help the ones that want to be helped right away.

Councilor Frank stated I do have a question. Mayor you are muted.

Mayor Barber stated I just said, go ahead, Randy.

Councilor Frank stated first of all, Viviana and Susan, thanks for the presentation. We appreciate the work you're doing out there. I had a question, just, to understand, what the homeless liaison does is this person sort of out on the street in the woods, connecting with people out there.

Ms. Matthews stated I wouldn't say in the woods, this, person is going to be working very close with the police department. Very close with them. So this person is not going to be out in the woods, but it's going to be working with the police department, just don't because this, is only one person, right? And they would be pretty big, we don't want to send somebody in there, but we want to make sure that this person is connected with, the homeless. You know, the homeless population in Clatsop County that this person will, hopefully I see it as if an agency is having trouble with a homeless person or, you know, somebody or somebody is misbehaving at the bus per se, and then the bus can call this homeless liaison before they call the police. I will love to prevent the police from going to an issue that is happening, that it could be solved instead of spending so much of our tax dollars on a police call. If that makes any sense,

Councilor Frank stated it makes, a lot of sense. And this has been a topic lately. In fact, you're probably aware of the Gearhart Police Department has sort of made a statement that it's, costing their resources too much and they don't want go on these calls.

Ms. Matthews stated right.

Councilor Frank stated I think it's a great idea. Thank you.

Ms. Prettyman stated I think it's going to be amazing to have a liaison who can connect with those that are homeless. There are still many people who don't realize all the different programs that CCA does or all the different things that they may qualify for. So being able to have somebody who can hold their hand and get them to CCA so that we can connect them with services and help them become sustainable is going to be really important to our community.

Councilor Montero stated this is Tita. And, I have quite a few questions. So, we're talking about the liaison right now. And what we know is that the city of Astoria has, a liaison position in their police department. Is this looking to, take that over, or is this in addition, in other areas of parts of the county, because it sounds like the Astoria program is pretty specific to Astoria and also successful in Astoria.

Ms. Matthews stated the homeless liaison is going to, it's getting funded by the, state and by the County to be able to serve the entire County. And we are going to be working with Astoria Police department since they do have a successful program.

We want to learn, what worked well and what needed to have more, you know, less hiccups, I guess. I'm hoping the homeless liaison will spend a lot more time in County than in Astoria, but at the beginning, I do want this person to be very familiar with the, how Astoria Police department does it.

Councilor Montero stated okay, great. You also mentioned that you have, an office at Providence hospital. And so I'd like to know a little bit more about what services are available through that office, because if we have people who are homeless in Seaside, that usually means that they also have a little means of transportation to be able to get up to Astoria. I have two questions sort of rolling together and what is available directly in Seaside for the homeless population in Seaside and what's available at the Providence office.

Ms. Prettyman stated we have our community resource desk person stationed, right as you walk into Providence Seaside hospital. She is amazing and she is able to provide information and referral. She can connect with, transportation for people. She is an OHP and she can, help with that process. She's also available to help with rent assistance or deposit assistance. She has a small personal care pantry area that's available. So if somebody was experiencing homelessness or needed services in Seaside, they could go see her for those things also. And she also has energy assistance applications. So she can assist with any of that. She's just a phone call away. If she doesn't know the answer, she can get ahold of somebody here, but it is really like having our own satellite office and being able to really help the Seaside Community.

Ms. Matthews stated and the energy assistance program for homeless individuals is, helping them get in, propane for their trailer and things like that.

Councilor Montero stated and so she also has connections into the Seaside Food Pantry.

Ms. Matthews stated yes, she does. She's like a, it's a mini CCA office in Seaside.

Councilor Montero stated now you mentioned shower vouchers, in Astoria. Are there shower vouchers available in Seaside?

Ms. Matthews stated we used to have them pre, before COVID, with, a pool in Seaside. And then because of COVID, we don't, we're not able to provide a service, but during the summer, we did have a partnership with the Seaside High School where people can go and take showers at the Seaside High School and use the bathroom and facilities, over there.

Councilor Montero stated and during COVID, are showers still available in Astoria.

Ms. Matthews stated at the, Astoria warming center.

Councilor Montero stated warming center, of course, of course. You also mentioned, you talked about portable, bathrooms, where are those located? Do we have any of those in Seaside?

Ms. Matthews stated I'm thinking that we not anymore. Our funding, got minimized. We did have them for a little bit at the, Seaside High School, but then because of funding and also because of the restrictions from COVID, a lot of things started to open up, like, people are able to go use the bathroom at Safeway and such. So then we decided to use the little money that we had left over to use it for other things.

Councilor Montero stated you talked about, shelter, and that you would love to see a warming shelter in Seaside, and you've talked about helping, get funding for, Helping Hands in Astoria. Is there the possibility that CCA would be able to help Seaside, get some grant funding for a shelter in Seaside and be able to work with a group who might be wanting to put a shelter together?

Ms. Matthews stated absolutely. Yes, we will. We're ready, financially we, might be able to help them just about the same amount that we help, Helping Hands. We know how important it is to have a shelter. And I know, you know, what, when, Helping Hands moved to Astoria, what it did to the homeless population in Astoria and in Seaside.

Councilor Montero stated and if I heard you correctly just a little bit ago, working with the homeless, houseless, shelterless population, it seems like the most successes come up the fastest and easiest, and there is no faster, easy, but I'm using those words. If you, target the population that is most inclined to be working their way towards, having shelter towards having, I'm going to call it normality in their lives. Is that, am I understanding that correctly?

Ms. Matthews stated yes. We call it self-sufficiency, but, you're right.

Councilor Montero stated my final question, what can the City Council, businesses, and citizens do to increase CCA services in Seaside to increase services that, the homeless shelter, less houseless population, may want or need in Seaside? What kinds of things would you suggest that, could become action items or, things of discussion trying to work towards with, City Council, businesses, and citizens?

Ms. Matthews stated well, how much money do you have? I think, you know, working all, you do know how the Astoria warming center started, right? It was just volunteers.

It was at a church and they opened only 90 days out of the year. That's not a lot of year, a lot of days, but it makes a huge difference when it's pouring out rain outside and there's no place to go. You know, having, as Susan mentioned before, having a, warming center that opens even 90 days out of the year will be, it will be an outstanding thing to do. We do have funding that we can pass that to be able to hire people, you know, but at the first, what, six years, the Astoria warming center was done by volunteers. So it didn't cost a lot of money, but, when there is a way, there is a will or so I think we just have to get the right people trying to help, CCA to see if we can open a warming center in Seaside, right?

Ms. Prettyman stated Viviana is the funding person, but if I was going to take money off the table, I would say one of the things that you guys can do is just be open-minded to the homeless population. And remember that, you know, homelessness doesn't look the same for everybody. And it's oftentimes our friends and our families and our coworkers, and just be open-minded to what homelessness is and have a deep desire to want to see change in your community. But the funding is nice too.

Mayor Barber stated one of the challenges I think we face in Seaside and probably true in Astoria and elsewhere. The face of homelessness here is hallmarked by junkie dirty campsites full of hypodermic needles and people living in squalor. That is often what people think of the homeless population in Seaside. People are saying I don't want to have anything to do with those people. They are not going to come into my shelter or my home or my church. How do we address that problem? I think it is a stereotypical problem that is really a challenge for us here in Seaside.

Ms. Prettyman stated it is scary and uncomfortable.

Ms. Matthews stated we also have to remember that before they become junkies or users or before they started destroying our city they were our brothers and our sisters, our mothers and grandkids. It is really fast from going to having a home and a job and to lose everything and become an addict. It is really fast.

Mayor Barber stated how tragic.

Ms. Matthews stated very tragic and it could happen to any of us. But I do want to remind you that CCA does a lot for our community. What we do for the homeless population is about 30% of what we do. On the other side of CCA we prevent people from losing their homes. Last year we spent over one million dollars on rental assistance, helping people who have never asked for help. With energy assistance also. Thank you for always supporting CCA and our programs.

Mayor Barber asked if there were any final questions from any other Council members. Jon is there anybody coming in from the community that wants to make a comment.

Moderator Rahl stated Jason Boyd has a question he has his hand raised.

Jason Boyd, 1940 Huckleberry Drive, Seaside, stated he was also the Seaside High School Assistant Principal. I just wanted to throw out a couple of things because CCA is super important to our school district and what they do for our community. Homeless is part of title 9 federal program that was created in 1970 Councilor Posalski to show you where the roots of that came from. By school definition it could be someone who is doubled up or living with another family or a family that is not an immediate family. Loss of housing where they flat out lose their house. A tent, trailer, living on the street, living in a shelter. That's a good percentage of, the kids that are classified as homeless are, either doubled up in our community or they're living in a motel and CCA, helps with providing that rental, services so that they can get by. Two quick stories. I think, you know, stereotypically, we think of homeless is the, tent on the side of the road and or the person holding up the cardboard sign. But the vast majority of the homeless that we see in our schools is the family of five, living in a suburban that finds a new parking lot every night in the City of Seaside to park. And they then during the day they get their Chrome books out and they have a hotspot that's been given to them by the school with the Chrome books and they, their kids go to school and they do the best they can. And then when night falls, they try to find another spot to park and that's, a real issue for a lot of families in our community. It's the family that, was traveling through our community last winter, their car broke down, they had a trailer, and there was seven of them living in a 12 foot trailer. They ended up their car broke. So they ended up selling their trailer to help fix their car. They had nothing, CCA swooped in, helped them with, application process. After about four or five weeks, they ended up finding housing. They're now a permanent resident in, our South County area. And, both parents are working, two older kids are working and, they're becoming a real positive member of our community. So it's just, you know, it's not always that negative that we see. And, without that massive support from CCA, there's a large percentage of our population. Students would go unserved and, really, really struggle. And of course now with COVID, we're seeing lots of struggle everywhere, with all of our kids. And, I think a shelter for, Seaside would be super beneficial to our community. How we get there. I don't know, but I know that, it would fill up really quick with, school aged, families, if we had one. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Jason. Thank you for enlightening us even more. Any final, questions or comments from the Council or anyone?

Councilor Posalski stated I just want to say that, you know, the people that Jason speaks about are the people that our community desperately wants to be able to help, Help with their situation and, you know, put the effort. The other end of the continuum becomes, so problematic, but it draws the attention where it, you know, it becomes urgent rather than important.

Mayor Barber stated that's exactly what I'm referring to David is that takes all the attention away from those people who are really ready for support and assistance. Well, thank you so much Viviana and Susan.

Ms. Matthews stated thank you, Mayor Barber. It's always so good to see you.

Mayor Barber stated it's good to see you as well. Thank you, we'll be talking more. This is another step toward, enlightening us, and I'm hoping that from this presentation tonight, there might be someone who would step up maybe a local church, a service club, or some other group that would say let's get together and think about how we could form a 90 day shelter in our community during the really incumbent days. This would be a great outcome.

Ms. Matthews stated yes, it will be. Thank you very much. Thank you Tita Montero you are phenomenal.

Councilor Montero stated your welcome. Thank you for everything that you do for our team.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Barber stated we'll move on then to unfinished business. We have continuing vacancies on two of our commissions and one of our boards, the Transportation Advisory Commission as an opening, the Planning Commission has at least one opening and, the Library Board has an opening. David, thank you for posting, these openings on Facebook. I saw that, and please get the word out that, these are volunteer roles. And as I have said so many times, volunteerism is what makes the City of Seaside work and it really is, a pleasure to serve on one of these committees or commissions. You learn a lot about the inner workings of the city and how to make it work. At this point, I think that I see one application come in today, or are we waiting?

Councilor Posalski stated I saw an application for Adam Wood.

Mayor Barber stated for the planning commission. That's who I was thinking of. Adam, was a candidate for, the City Council, and lives in Seaside. I would suggest that, we continue to hold open applications for the Planning Commission, but I would certainly think the Council would be willing to interview Adam and his interest. The step in doing that would be to nominate him, if we would like to interview him without any obligation to appoint, but that would be a part of the process.

Councilor Posalski nominated Adam Wood for the position on the Planning Commission and to put him through the interview process, with a second from Councilor Horning; carried unanimously. (Posalski/Horning)

Mayor Barber stated again, we need a roll call, vote on that. Kim, 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 now, if we can, arrange an interview with him prior to our next Council meeting that would be great.

Ms. Jordan stated we will do that. Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated we'll continue to leave open applications for, these three, the two commissions and the board. Thank you.

VACANCY –  
TRANSPORTATION  
ADVISORY COMMISSION   (1 vacancy)

VACANCY –  
PLANNING COMMISSION   (1 vacancy)

VACANCY –  
LIBRARY BOARD           (1 vacancy)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LIQUOR LICENSE  
APPLICATION**

Mayor Barber stated under new business then, we have a liquor license application from the Turnaround Market, 1 Broadway Street. Christine Johnston is a new owner. I understand Christine, are you on this evening,

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor I've just permitted her to go ahead and talk. Christine Johnston, you can go ahead and speak. If you can hear us.

Christine Johnston, 721298 Avery Road, Rainier, Oregon.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Christine. And welcome to Seaside. Thank you, tell us about, your plans there for the, Turnaround Market and, your application.

Ms. Johnston stated there is my partner, Ryan and I, bought the existing market that was there. And we're just planning on adding some more grocery items, but keeping it the convenience store that it has been for the last nine years.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. And your application is for, purchase intake from the store items you're not serving alcohol on the premise.

Ms. Johnston stated that's correct.

Mayor Barber stated correct. Okay, I'll entertain a motion or anyone else, excuse me have a question for Christine.

Councilor Posalski move that we approve the liquor license application for the Turnaround Market, with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Posalski/Frank).

Mayor Barber stated Christine will be a neighbor of yours, so that's good. It has been moved and seconded. Any further discussion. Take a roll call vote, Kim, 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, Christine. We'll stop by and check out your store.

**REQUEST –  
REVIEW INDOOR  
TRAINING FACILITY  
SDC CHARGES INVOICE**

Mayor Barber stated next, we have a request, to review Indoor Training Facility at Broadway Park. The system development charges invoice. I'm not sure who is here to speak to that from the, indoor training facility. Is there anyone

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor looks like we have Chris Corder. I will go ahead and move him into speaking. Chris, go ahead. If you can unmute yourself.

Chris Corder, 1354 Wakeman Lane, Gearhart. I am just here to, speak in favor of our request, I guess, something that I don't know that it's been done before. It's kind of a new thing, but, we have been down this road, this great effort and building this indoor training facility for the, Seaside Kids and a joint effort with the City of Seaside and, Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation. And, we're getting real close to the finish line and hopefully with some good news, maybe coming tomorrow, we'll be able to get kids in there on Friday if we can get out of this elevated risk that we're in. But with that said, to keep it short and sweet there's a system development fee that you guys are, obviously aware of. It was kind of something that popped up on us a little bit, early on in the construction and the permitting and, it's, at the tune of about \$6,156 right now. We took the, bond lien option early on for the \$100, to kind of postpone it for a little while until we got our feet under us a little bit better. And, it's starting to come due. And so we're real close to being to the finish line, it's a fee that, you know, just in an effort, a joint effort with the City of Seaside, sunset empire and, the, non-profits, he said kids organization, we're hoping that you guys would be willing to continue this joint effort and help us by possibly waiving that fee, for that, sewer and water system development charge, I guess, is what that is, mainly. So that's about all I have in terms of that. A little kind of where we're coming from and what we're hoping for, I'm willing to entertain any questions or that I can answer. I don't know if, John Morris is on the line from Seaside Kids as well. I think he is. I know Jason's on, maybe a couple others. I'm not sure, but anyway, that's it. And turn it over to you guys.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Chris. Anyone else from Seaside Kids or others want to speak to this before the Council.

Moderator Rahl stated looks like I have Jason Boyd, Mr. Mayor.



Mayor Barber stated okay, go ahead, Jason.

Mr. Boyd stated Seaside Kids Board Member since, 1999. I just wanted to again, say thank you to the Council for being part of this, kind of a three-way plan. I was involved pretty heavily with, the IGA between, Sunset Empire Park, the Seaside School District and the City of Seaside and building of, Broadway field and that partnership of those groups coming together. And the city actually kind of shouldering the greatest burden of that, was a real show of how much our community, and our City Council and our city believes in, the youth and the, people of our community. Here's another opportunity, with this facility that I, believe is still on a city property. The building is Seaside Kids and it's managed by Sunset Empire Park and Recreation to be that joint effort, to provide an opportunity for our youth, which we have not seen, um, in a really, really, really long time, but we've always been wanting something inside for kids to be able to do in the winter time, as well as have a, top-notch facility to bring a more, baseball, softball opportunity to our community, through the efforts of Jessica Garrigues and Seaside Kids, and, John Morris senior, and on the baseball side, Garrigues on the softball side, I don't know if the business owners have noticed an uptick in, uh, people coming to our community in the month of May and June because of those tournaments that Seaside Kids is putting on, but those can only increase, in the amount of teams that can show up with that hitting facility, as we'll get more and more interest and, kind of like the PBL has grown in the winter time. We're looking at Seaside Kids to be able to grow, softball and baseball, in that, May and June, time of the year. And this, hitting facility is kind of one of those pieces, to bring those teams in. They have an opportunity to go and warm up besides just show up and play, setting aside the great positive, opportunity it will bring to our youth as well.

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, there is one other, Jessica Garrigues also, has raised her hand. Okay, go ahead, Jessica.

Jessica Garrigues, 1976 Pine Ridge Drive, Gearhart, stated she was the head softball coach. I just wanted to tag along with Chris and Jason to say that this project has been an incredible, incredible feat, and you guys were a big part of that. Helping us establish the IGA and work through some problems and also just, you know, making sure that it's not just a facility for our youth, that's a huge part of it, but it also, as what's important to the Council, was important to have community access. And so, Skylar and I, and a whole team have worked on an equity group, to make sure that's possible and that we have usage protocols in place that it is, going to be usable by the community as well. I wanted to pop in there and say that it is important for our programs for softball and baseball, but it's also a community resource. If you guys would be willing to consider waiving the whole fee, that'd be fantastic. If not, part would be also fantastic. Any money that we do not have to pay towards these fees of course go right to the kids. Being a nonprofit, Seaside Kids is, we would love to put that money right back into the community. We also, you know, last year saw a little bit less sponsorship and this year I'm hopeful that we'll have, the same amount of sponsorship that we have had, in the past. But, you know, I think we have some businesses who are hurting. I would just add on that any funds that we could retain for our community would be fantastic for Seaside Kids. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Jessica. I'm going to ask, Mr. Winstanley, to just give us a brief overview of the purpose of system development fees and who are the people that typically pay these fees?

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor Bear, yes, System Development Fees were established by, the City Council back in, the early 1990s. They were established as, in order to, anticipate the expansion of, system development fees in the City of Seaside. That's true in the case of water, sewer, and parks. Now, in the case of this particular systems development charge, not all of the water systems development fee was charged. There were credits given, by the building official for water. There was a bathroom added and so sewer got a full, systems development fee, but there were no parks systems development fees, included in this because there's already considerable parking in that area. This is systems development fees are put in place, because as the expansion takes place in the city, the systems are further taxed. And eventually things like water and sewer and parks are going to have to be expanded, and these funds are put aside so that expansion can take place. All new construction is required to pay systems development fees. So when people build new homes, when new commercial buildings are built, they have to pay into the systems development funds. In the future when, the water systems and the sewer systems need expansion, funds are set aside so that that expansion can take place. I have certain latitude, as far as things like interest are concerned, but I don't have any latitude, that I can use in order to mitigate the actual fee itself, nor does a building official. And so that's why this is scheduled in front of you. Only the Council could take those actions. Mr. Mayor, I want to make sure that you're aware, that has not happened, in the past. The Council has not chosen to mitigate any of the principal that is involved, if the Council, wants to instruct me to mitigate, interest, I have the ability to do that, but, as far as principal is concerned, no, we have never mitigated that situation. What I would suggest to the Council as if they should decide to do something along those lines, we won't mitigate it we would have to find another revenue source in order to pay it, because there are commitments that you make to the water, sewer and parks, funds. And in this case, like I said, parks has really not been involved in this, but certainly water and sewer have.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Mark. I will open the floor for the Council. I think it would be, because this is a request of the Council, each Council member should express their opinion on this. Who would like to go first?

Councilor Posalski stated I'll step in there.

Mayor Barber stated okay, David.

Councilor Posalski stated I've got some, some questions, because I want to fully understand the situation before making a decision. Sounds like there's three groups involved, at least that's what they say. The city was involved, parks and rec and seaside kids. Who is maintaining management of this facility?

Mr. Boyd stated Sunset Empire Park and Recreation. If you can still hear me.

Councilor Posalski stated I can hear you. And when they talk about using it for other groups and other, opportunities for the community, are those at a charge or is that a donated time and space for that?

Mr. Boyd stated if it's not Seaside Kids Inc., and, Jessica or, President Morris could, correct me, but I believe it would all be run through Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District.

Councilor Posalski stated as charged use time, right.

Mr. Boyd stated now, that would be my assumption.

Councilor Posalski stated okay. And, question I have is up to this point, I understand there was credits for the water. What other resources or revenue or dollars were given for this project from the city?

Mr. Winstanley stated we did not, we were not a contributor in the construction of this. The only thing that the city did was make the land available, for the building to be built on.

Councilor Posalski stated because of the inter-governmental arrangement we had.

Mr. Winstanley stated that's correct.

Councilor Posalski stated and these charges are ultimately the responsibility of parks and rec. Is that correct? Since they're signed on the lien.

Mr. Winstanley stated the park and rec district took responsibility for the system development fees.

Ms. Garrigues stated and I would add on that, the agreement that we've discussed with Skyler is they are a park and rec, patron than I don't think there is a fee. However, if there are outside users, excuse me, like sometimes we have teams coming from Portland to want to use Broadway field because it's a turf field. They can play, and parks and rec does charge them. And so it's my understanding that locals, who pay into the parks district will have usage of it. Just like they would, some of their other services, excuse me, but, outside users would certainly have a fee. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated sounds reasonable.

Councilor Montero stated if I could respond to that. Locals who pay taxes for Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District do pay fees to use the facilities of Sunset Empire Park and Rec. So I'm hearing two things here. I'm also hearing two things and that I'm hearing, Jason, say that this is owned by Seaside Kids. And yet all of the paperwork that I see coming to the city says that the owner is sunset empire park and rec and the lien bond is against sunset empire park and rec. So that's a little confusing to me. I wanted to go back and I want to ask Mark something. Mark, when Seaside, the city has built bathrooms or has built facilities built the library, for instance, did Seaside pay into those funds, the SDCs.

Mr. Winstanley stated yes, I mean, in the case of the library as an example. The answer is yes. Wherever expansion of the system is involved, then yes, we pay into those funds for construction to take place. The school district also, as another governmental body, paid a great deal into systems development, as they built the new school building. It is not an unusual situation for new construction to have to pay into systems development, whether it be government or private.

Councilor Montero stated if I understand what you also just said a little earlier. If the Council were to, forgive the, SDCs for this project, really the charges don't go away, it would have to come out of the City of Seaside's pocket. Another pocket, somewhere to be funneled into the SDC, funds the water and sewer, etc.

Mr. Winstanley stated as the Council is well aware. And I don't know that the general public is, but, but the city runs, many different funds. The systems development funds are separate from, as we might commonly think of as the general fund.

And if the Council were to say, well, we're not going to, make the park and rec district in this case, have to pay this. Somebody does have to pay it, and my assumption would be is the Council would be accepting that liability and, choosing to pay that on their behalf. That's the way we would go at. It would be for the general fund of the City of Seaside to pick up the tab.

Councilor Montero stated and it's my interpretation that if we were to, forgive this, That's the only term I can think of right now, we would actually be setting precedent. And as we know, we've had the Elks come to us numerous times asking us to forgive them the, downtown maintenance fees, which would have to come from other places. I think we need to consider what kind of doors that would open for, in the future.

Mr. Winstanley stated I would ask the Council, to basically look at this from two different directions. As I talked about at the very beginning of this, I do have the ability, to mitigate the finance charges that are involved in this. If the Council should instruct me to do that, I can. Those are things that, I have some control, but the actual principle, the \$6,000 that is involved in the systems development fee. I do not have that latitude. And that, why this is in front of the Council is if you were to decide that that Sunset Empire Park and Recreation did not have that responsibility, you would have to accept that responsibility.

Mayor Barber stated any other comments from Councilors that have not already been made?

Councilor Frank stated I would like to know for sure, about the ownership. Who owns this building, because I was under the impression that it was Seaside Kids, and now I'm hearing, it's not.

Mr. Winstanley stated I am working under the assumption, that, Seaside Kids is the owner, the park and rec district is the operator of the facility. The only thing that the city has that we're involved in is the ground underneath the building.

Mayor Barber stated I think that is correct.

Mr. Boyd stated that is what I had stated earlier.

Councilor Frank stated Seaside Kids own the building and sunset parks, which is a taxing district, they just manage it. Is that right?

Mr, Boyd stated correct.

Councilor Posalski stated but they also would receive revenue from it if they did activities.

Mr. Winstanley stated they are the responsible party on the financing for the systems development fees.

Mr. Boyd stated correct. We needed a bigger pocket than just the, small Seaside Kids bank role. I think to partnership and get this going, but we don't have the, being a small organization, we don't have the ability to manage, a facility like that to keep it in, you know, top tip shape all the time. If something goes wrong and park and rec is right there and they can, be involved to make sure that things are fixed right away and, in doing so we've, come together with them to say, Hey, when we're not using it, it's a building. We don't want it to sit bare, go ahead and have a yoga class in there, or, you know, whatever. That's kind of the thought process in that. I would also, it's not just the hitting facility, but there is the bathroom that was talked about earlier, but it also has the concession stand, on the end, some storage, in that facility as well, that concession stand will serve Broadway Field.

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, we do have Skyler Archibald on here now, too. If you wanted him to address anything that has been just stated out there.

Mayor Barber stated okay, welcome Skyler.

Skyler Archibald, Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation Executive Director, stated thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm here. If you have any questions, I don't know if the question has been clarified already.

Mayor Barber stated I think it has. I think the clarification question was who owns the building and who is managing it. And if you want to repeat the answer to that, I think that pretty much covers it.

Mr. Archibald stated the building structure is owned by Seaside Kids. It was the land that was signed over to the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation district because that's how inter-governmental agreements work. But we're working really closely with the other folks that have already shared information with you to make sure that the building is managed well and for the best use for our community. I guess the only other thing that seems to have come up a couple of times is, are the district's plans to generate revenue from the building. While we are planning on using that space for, rentals, we're not planning on generating revenue from that space, unless it is an external, not from the community group, like as was mentioned, a team from out of town or out of the state that wants to come and use this facility.

So a private user, or a SEPRD resident that wants to use the facility will have to go through the normal protocols, but they won't necessarily be, they won't have to pay for the building use.

Councilor Posalski stated but if they're paying for a class Skyler that is being held in there, would it be a situation where they would be paying for it? Correct.

Mr. Archibald stated I think that, when we kind of had conceived the building of a few months, you know, years ago, we had kind of expected to have classes in there, Councilor, but, at this point with the recent acquisition of Broadway Middle School and kind of the space that we'll have available to us, we're really not planning on hosting classes in that space. We've, had some other indoor opportunities open up for us. And so I think when we are ready to resume like a fitness class, like a yoga class or some other type of recreation program, I don't think that the indoor training facility will be utilized for those purposes.

Councilor Posalski stated do you think, like if a softball team came to town and wanted to use the hitting facilities, would there be any sort of, revenue sharing with Seaside Kids or is it just you're going to manage it?

Mr. Archibald stated absolutely. I think, that's a, really good point. That's something, I don't know if Seaside Kids has talked about, we haven't really talked about that internally. What we're trying to do is, I guess kind of figure out some of those things, and I'm not sure if, we would share it, but I think that's a reasonable expectation just because our in the building is pretty minimal. The building has been funded, almost exclusively by donations and grants and fundraising by, you know, a joint partnership between Seaside Kids and the Sunset Park and Rec Foundation. The district's investment has been, almost nothing at this point. And then that will continue. The only thing that the district is really committed to doing is maintaining the external grounds of the building and providing some janitorial work in the restrooms that have been added over there.

Mr. Boyd stated Councilor Posalski, can I jump in on that statement? To rent it out to a specific group, takes a lot to manage that, to clean up afterwards, to make sure that facility is opened and closed. And Seaside Kids has no desire to be involved from that standpoint as a rental group. If we had a tournament and teams were coming in and out of there during the tournament, and then stepping, you know, 25 yards away to play on the Broadway Field, then that's what we'd use it for, we would not charge teams to be in, that specific facility. If park and rec wanted to rent it out when we weren't using it. That would be their business because we just don't have, again, we don't have the manpower to, take on that, and we don't want our facility to be used without someone, you know, being there to make sure it's still usable when they're done. Thank you.

Mr. Corder stated I'll just say to, if you don't mind, just, we're and I know I'm not a Seaside Kids Board member, but I'm an advocate supporter and obviously, carrying along with them, quite frequently for the last 12 months. But, we are, in discussions and, kind of looking at the concession stand and the building and what that looks like with sunset empire, Broadway Park and Seaside Kids actively. You know, Skyler and sunset empire, do want to support Seaside Kids, obviously with the building and so as they move forward, whether it be, you know, doing a private, clinic or something in the facility or having concessions for, some type of event, you know, Seaside Kids is definitely, the prime beneficiary that we're trying to, support in that situation. So that'll, continue to develop a little bit right now. We're super excited to get it, open and, get some of our local youth in there working out as soon as we're available.

Mayor Barber stated Tom Horning or Steve Wright, any comments that haven't been made as yet.

Council President Wright stated I think we're getting way far field from what the actual question is. Running it and all that isn't what the question is. The question is whether we're going to forgive fees, basically everybody pays. One of the first things I learned after becoming a Councilor and educating myself on SDCs was they got to be paid, just like Mark said, somebody's got to pay him. If we forgive them, then we have to pay them. Everybody, as Mark mentioned that, everybody pays them even the city. So I, find it really going to be really difficult to, say, let's forgive, any part actually of these fees, if, you know, somebody else comes with just as good a story, and, you know, this is a great story. How are we going to say no to them? I just don't think we can go down that road. The money has gone for great things. Mark made clear to us, we have the cheapest, combined water and sewer fees in the County. And, I don't think it's even close. We have a terrific water system. It's in great shape. My understanding is the sewer system. Mark mentioned the budget last year that's on the horizon to get that upgraded. And that's like he said, that's what these fees go for. And, so I think it's a great thing that, everybody's doing there, but I can't see how we can, forgive any part of the fees. One thing as a nonprofit, I suppose they could come back to us during our nonprofit time and say, you know, we have a need for some money, whether they specifically said it the fees.

Mayor Barber stated they certainly can.

Council President Wright stated we definitely support nonprofits that way.

Councilor Horning stated well, I've been on the, I was on the park and rec board for eight years and, you know I am the liaison to the Parks Advisory Committee.

But at the same time, I would have to reiterate what, Steve has said, that it's very important to maintain a strong funding source for future development. And so I'll probably be supporting, not forgiving any of the SDCs.

Mayor Barber stated what I hear, from the Council is, correct me if I'm wrong, we're not likely to vote to forgive this fee, but we would be likely to instruct the city manager to provide, no interest, conditions for the payment of the fee. And if that is close to what we're thinking, I would entertain a motion to do one or the other. If somebody wants to move to forgive the fee, that would be also.

Councilor Frank stated I am in complete agreement with, mitigating just the finance charges. I think that'd be a good, way to, address this.

Mayor Barber asked is that emotion.

Councilor Frank moved to make a motion that we would forgive, the finance charges on the SDC'S.

Mayor Barber stated before the second, Randy, would you include a decision rather to mitigate or forgive the fee or not?

Councilor Frank stated rather than forgiving the fee to, just mitigate the finance charges, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips).

Mayor Barber stated so that's in the motion. It's been moved and seconded? Is there further discussion? I'm closing this to the community at this point.

Council President Wright stated let's say the same thing about the fees or about the interest. You very well may have other people saying I would like my interest forgiven.

Mayor Barber stated and we have the authority to do that.

Council President Wright stated I realize we have authority but just be aware.

Councilor Montero stated how is the interest arrived at, is that the interest that accrued during the time that they postponed payment or did they postpone payment further than the due date, and interest accrued? Can you explain that to me, Mark?

Mr. Winstanley stated well, they, had not made a request to postpone interest. This is the really the first, discussion we have had about anything that dealt with interest or principle. That's one of the reasons why I suggested to the Council that, I certainly, the Council has, previously blessed our ability to mitigate interest for the first year. I felt like I had no issues with taking a look at that, but if the Council also has the ability to, ask me to go ahead and mitigate interest for however long they need in order to, pay off their systems development fees up to a maximum of 10 years. If the Council so wishes, I can mitigate interest up for the entire life of the loan. I also think it's important for the Council to recognize how much we're talking about, because, while we throw a number of \$6,000 around the reality is, that we're talking about a payment of about \$300 every six months. So it is not a large payment that needs to be made. And, I was interested in Councilor Wright because, he brought up the fact that, certainly Seaside Kids, has her right to come before the Council, and asked for support, for whatever project they choose to, ask for support on. But if, there isn't going to be any interest charged on this, really you're talking about a payment of \$600 a year is what we're talking now.

Councilor Montero stated so I'm still just a little confused. Under the normal circumstances, if a builder postponed paying their SDCs, because they usually pay them at the beginning of, when they get their permit. Hold on. Let me make sure I walk myself through this. I remember the Council authorizing that we would allow them not to have to pay it up front, but to have a certain amount of time to pay it. And then I can't remember, and we were charging interest for that or not charging it.

Mr. Winstanley stated you gave, people the option to make that request. That was, basically the language that the Council, in fact, that was one of the things I asked for from Kim before this meeting started was the minutes of that. And what you did is you, said that, if a developer requested that interest be mitigated for the first year, that, at my discretion as your designee, in this case, that I could grant that. Now that was not a request that was made of us by, the park and rec district. What they did choose to do was not to pay the systems development fees at the time that they, started the construction. They chose to go ahead and sign the financing document, and so that, they put that into place. The financing document is for 10 years, there wasn't any requests made to mitigate, any of the interest at that time. So I can mitigate the first year just based on, what it is that the Council allows me to do. I also, by reading through the ordinance, I have latitude, to mitigate other fees and penalties that, I deem necessary. I'm not comfortable with mitigating more than that first year, but if the Council instructed me to do that, I would, I certainly have the latitude to do that.

Councilor Montero stated it sounds to me like what we need to make clear is whether we are mitigating the currently accrued interest or interest for the whole life of the loan of the SDC loan. Am I understanding that correctly?

Mr. Winstanley stated you are but I believe that the motion was to mitigate all interest in penalties for the life of the loan now, and we should clarify that, but I think that's what the motion was because I didn't hear any timeline. I only heard a motion that said that you were, willing to go ahead and, basically forgive all interest in penalties.

Councilor Posalski stated I would not support forgiving all interest and penalties, because if they decided to go longer than 10 years in there, that's still the life of the loan.

Councilor Montero stated Randy, what was your intention?

Councilor Frank stated I was only aware of what was due now and, not, I thought this was going to be paid off. I didn't know there was a ten-year loan. Well, my intent was to remove whatever's on there now, as far as, finance charges.

Council President Wright stated well, I think that the lien bond included in our paperwork, it says right in there, you agree to suspend the interest until occupancy.

Mr. Winstanley stated I can do that.

Councilor Montero stated right. But we need to make the motion clear that it's the interest until occupancy that is being forgiven, as opposed to the remaining, interest on the remaining life of the loan.

Councilor Frank stated and that's probably important to do because of the precedent it would set.

Mayor Barber stated that is in fact, your motion, Randy, not for the life of the loan, but for the interest.

Councilor Frank stated that's accrued already up until occupancy.

Mayor Barber stated Dana, is that your understanding?

Council President Wright stated you said you have the ability to do that, right?

Mr. Winstanley stated yes, I do. Under your resolution.

Mayor Barber stated it is a part of the motion and the second.

Council President Wright stated all right, I do agree with the motion.

Mayor Barber stated it's been moved and seconded. I'm going to call for a roll call vote to count.

Councilor Montero stated can we just be really clear, can we have Kim re-read the motion.

Mayor Barber stated Kim can you re-read the motion. Kim, did you have the motion there in front of you it's being recorded? I know maybe she can't. Well, why don't we for this purpose, Randy, why don't you restate the motion?

Councilor Frank moved to make motion that we mitigate any finance charges that have so far accrued, and up until the date of occupancy.

Mayor Barber stated and in terms of the request to mitigate the charge, does that include, is that included in your motion that they have asked us to mitigate the system development piece?

Councilor Frank stated only the finance charges. Not, the, SDC's, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated I just want to make sure that's in the record. So that's your motion. Is that clear Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated yes.

Mayor Barber stated that's clear enough. Roll call vote, please. Kim.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated I will add that in to mitigate finance interest accrued up until date of occupancy.

Mayor Barber stated yes, perfect.

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 well, thank you very much. Good discussion. And, we do appreciate, what Seaside Kids are doing and the support that park and rec is providing for that facility and for, scores of people in the community who stepped up. I know one family made a significant contribution in order for this, to be a reality in our community. So that's, a good step forward for our community.

**VANCANCY –  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
COMMISSION**

Mayor Barber stated moving on. We have a vacancy on the Community Center Commission, again, a very important part of our community. So please, if you know someone, particularly someone who's been a beneficiary of the services of the Bob Chisholm Community Center, that would be great to have them step up as a volunteer for the commission at this time, we've come to the end of our, business agenda.

**COMMENTS –  
CITY STAFF  
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated any comments, I don't know, other than Mark and Jon and Kim that we have any other city staff on board. So I'll start with Mark, any comments you want to make.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor, I really don't have anything tonight, other than the fact that, I'm looking forward to, working with the Council on your goal setting. I'm sure it'll be exciting in this format, as compared to a previous school setting.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Mark. Jon, any comments?

Mr. Rahl stated nothing to add tonight, Mr. Mayor. Thank you,

Mayor Barber stated Kim, anything.

Ms. Jordan stated no I don't, thank you.

**COMMENTS –  
COUNCIL**

Mayor Barber stated from the Council. Let's start with Tom. Any comments this evening?

Councilor Horning stated just one that, tomorrow night at about this time will be the 321st anniversary of the last great earthquake and tsunami to strike Cascadia. And it's been 300, we're in a cluster of earthquakes that happens on average every 330 years. So that's like a nine year gap. I just want to bring that up. You'll be hearing more about it at our goal setting.

Mayor Barber stated okay, thank you. David.

Councilor Posalski stated I just, want to reiterate that at least myself and I think the rest of the Council still has very strong support for Seaside Kids, Inc., and the park and recs rec district. And I don't believe that the constraints of this request being declined tonight, reflect, negatively at all in our support for those organizations.

Mayor Barber stated we agree with that? Thank you very much, Randy.

Councilor Frank stated I agree with what David said and also want to remind everyone that the Airport Committee, will be meeting tomorrow at six. That's a zoom meeting for anyone who wants to participate.

Mayor Barber stated okay, thank you. Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated I just want to say, well said David, and I agree 100%. Look forward to our goal setting. I'm anxious to see how they're going to keep us all under control.

Mayor Barber stated they got the kill button, I think, Steve Wright, Council President.

Councilor Wright stated I'm on the board of a couple of regional things at Colpac, which is economic development and, the Northwest Act, which is for transportation. So anytime anybody wants to talk about either one of those subjects, please give me a call. I am planning to meet the new executive director of Colpac, sometime after our goal setting. I can let her know wherever there might be some crossover, as far as, economic development and our goals. And if any of you want to be involved in that, let me know and I'll arrange it. I'm planning on attending the League of Oregon Cities, City Day at the Capitol virtually on Thursday, also registered for the National League of Cities, congressional city conference in March, and see if I can put a good word in for Seaside. My, Prom thing from December of 1920 is pertinent to Tom. Headline was, Was It an Earthquake.

From Astoria, the home of peculiar habits comes their report that on Sunday morning, about 3:30 slight effects of an earthquake were felt, and it reached as far South as Warrenton and Seaside being at the hour stated there is a question as to whether it was the effects of the earthquake that made the beds go around or whether it was some of that perfectly good moonshine, which the lower Columbia District is noted. Some say they felt the effects, temperate Seaside's felt no tremor.

Mayor Barber stated Tita you get the last word just before me.

Councilor Montero stated thank you. I also echo what David said. I was really, appreciative of the specific examples that Jason Boyd provided for us to humanize the homeless situation. And I, believe as I was listening to him and hearing, Viviana and, Susan share with us that, we have some opportunities going into this to start those community discussions and maybe some of the places where we look to get, the quickest, successes is with our families and our school children, because certainly the schools know a lot about which of the students, fit into the homeless, houseless, couch surfing categories. I would hope that we keep this, that we keep this momentum going. Also, there was the mention of churches and I personally have reached out to one of the pastors to ask what the churches have been doing. And only to hear that there really has been little if any discussion amongst the churches. And so I think that maybe is another area where we, as a Council could reach out and maybe put together some sort of, I'm going to say summit with how can we work on this together? What situations do you see in your congregations? What kinds of things do you do, are you available for, or are you in favor of. One of the things I wasn't aware of, is that the church that has the, warming center, in Astoria is pastored by, the person who's the pastor, is also a pastor in Seaside. And I think that that person then brings some good knowledge to us. I'm just looking for ways for, us to keep discussions alive. If we don't keep the discussions alive, we'll never get to strategies. And I think we all agree. We want some strategies, things can't improve and, there are two ends of the spectrum. I think we all recognize that. So, again, thank you to, Vivianna and Susan for their presentation to us.

Mayor Barber stated I'll echo that as well. I thought it was an excellent presentation and educated me. I did know all those things and that's really part of the goal. And, during this, that was the goal of the forum to educate us. I do know, and I didn't bring this up during their discussion, but, the pandemic has had a significant negative impact on sheltering people during, the COVID-19. I know, that Helping Hands has had to close their facilities to any new people coming in because of having to shut down the whole facility. If you have someone come in, bring in the, COVID-19 and that's been a real challenge, and I'm sure that is a challenge for warming centers and, other places as well. I visited, last week, the Bybee Lakes Hope Center in Portland. Before I could go in at the door, I had to have my temperature taken, talk about the health history, all of that before I could come even in the door. So that's a part of the due diligence that all of these people who are serving this population or having to go through, and it's affecting all of us. So I wanted to say that. And then I also am looking forward to the goal setting on Friday and Saturday. Today, each of you were to submit the four or five goals that you hope will be discussed. If you didn't get that to Kim today, please, by tomorrow at the latest, get that to her so that we can provide that to, our consultants who are going to be facilitating this for us. It's important that we get a little head start on that,

Ms. Jordan stated I have received them all Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated well, wonderful. We all get a gold star. Thank you, Councilors, for doing that. Wonderful. Very good with that. I'll close with this quote. I don't know who to attribute it to, but it's in relationship to our work this weekend. It says this, "A goal without a plan is just a wish". Keep that in mind. With that we are adjourned. Thank you all. Thank you team, staff, Jon, and Kim and Mark for your work as well. Goodnight.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

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Kim Jordan, City Recorder

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JAY BARBER, MAYOR