

CALL TO ORDER	<p>The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barber.</p>
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Council President Steve Wright; Councilors Dana Phillips, Tom Horning and Randy Frank.</p> <p>Absent: Councilors Tita Montero, and David Posalski.</p> <p>Also, Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; and Judyann Dugan, Secretary. Mayor Barber stated just a quick message and reminder regarding our gathering procedures, We will be following the social distancing standards set by the CDC during this meeting, which includes masks, partitions, six foot separation, no handshaking, and no other physical contact for the duration of the meeting. Masks should be worn for the duration of the meeting, unless you are taking a drink or cannot be heard through your mask. Your cooperation is appreciated and follows the guidelines laid out by the CDC, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Thank you very much.</p>
AGENDA	<p>Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to approve the agenda as circulated.</p> <p>Council President Wright moved to strike item 8a and approved the agenda as amended, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Wright/Phillips).</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated we received notice that Viviana Matthews, the Clatsop County Homeless, The CCA director was not able to be here this evening.</p>
COMMENTS – PUBLIC	<p>Mayor Barber stated I will open the floor to, those who are here who would like to make a public comment on any item, not on the agenda this evening. If you would like to speak, come to that microphone there, identify yourself, give us your address and please keep your comments within four minutes. Is there anyone that would like to address the Council? Yes, sir.</p> <p>Dave Eilenberger, 240 6th, Seaside, stated I don't know if you have noticed that we had people moving in to the Necanicum between 1st and 12th. And so I have some concerns, on the busy weekends, none of the vehicles that were here, then this last busy weekend, no one parked near them. Everybody started parking up in the neighborhoods and there was big spaces there. I'm concerned about the parades that normally staged there, the pageant, the convention center parking, as you know, they use that whole street on busy events, the car show, when it comes, you know, for that weekend, and they use that street because there's not a lot of parking for trailers. We're concerned about the waste and the garbage and these vehicles not moving. Where are they dumping? I have pictures showing that possible, you know, where they may have been dumping. It's the only place in town where people can actually walk or use a wheelchair, you know, really to see the river. You know, there's a little bit downtown, but there's really no other river access along there. The fishing and crabbing, everybody usually parks up at that end for the park Goodman Park and then the crab, you know, so that's been real tight. Like there's no place to park at the whole end of the street. Also like we do a scotch broom clean up along there and we don't really want to be walking down where, you know, there's feces and garbage and who knows what is being dumped, down on the river. And then also across from some of the vacation rentals that people were paying big money to rent RVs parked, you know? So if people are wondering why, they need the rent places when they can come park for free other people that I talked to, you know, they don't feel safe walking their dogs along there. Some of the neighbors I talked to, want a discount on their taxes since people are being able to live there for free. And then we had a possible drug dealer move in. I took pictures and I pass them around. Someone said, this guy's a known drug dealer. And, you know, he has cars coming and going to his RV and I have pictures of him, you know, blocking the street, running generators all night long. And then it just it's been growing like crazy. You know, it was one then two, and last week, there was 14 combination cars and vehicles parked on that street. So that's 14 parking spots that we're giving up for free. Plus you don't know who your new neighbors are and when they're coming and going and they have pictures, people are saying, they need help. Well, I got pictures of these, some of these people running around town and their cars blocking, you know, doing different things around town. And, most of them are, old tags. None of the tags are good on them. And just so. That's most of my points.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated thank you. Could we, see the photos.</p> <p>Mr. Eilenberger stated you want me to pass them around?</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated you can bring them to Steve, as you're coming and there may be others that want to make comments about this. Just let me say, the city is very well aware of this issue. We are working on it and we're going to deal with it in a way that will, deal with the challenge. It takes some time to be able to do the posting and all the other things that are required, but we are very much aware of it. I've been driving there every day. I've seen it with my own eyes. I know. Please, anyone else that would like to speak? Yes, sir.</p>

Karl Schorr, 445 12th, Seaside, stated I'm the same subject, like the previous speaker. I want to address the RV parking on Necanicum. We together as a group got together in the park, across the street, people were relating and we would verify this when they called the police number. The police would say due to state statues, et cetera. The fact is that the ninth circuit, Martin vs Boise, House Bill 3115 and Oregon Revised Statutes or 458.528, do not have a single word about RV in their homelessness package. So as a minimum, I would like the police dispatcher, whoever sees the phone to say the city chooses not to enforce the codes more specifically to recent events. It appears the police did tag several vehicles, one left, and another one tore off the sign. They had another homeless person on a bicycle tear, the sign off. I would reiterate all the garbage, the sewage, the blocking of the streets. What we're wondering is why the city chooses not to enforce the code. And I heard that you have some things in the mill. I've also heard that at least one of those persons has been cited 150 times. I've no way of verifying that it may be pure hearsay, but somebody said that and there's just no way to do it. Anyway, we are getting fed up and if we're going to open a free RV park, then let's advertise it to the city of Portland. And that's about the point that we are. So that's all I have to say.

Mayor Barber stated thank you very much for your comment. Madam in the back. Yes, please.

Cathy Ryan, 465 8th, Seaside, stated good evening. Again about the long-term RV parking. I'm not a bleeding heart liberal. I'm also not a heartless conservative. I think that there is place to meet in the middle on all issues. I have long used that walking area, and yet it's become difficult because a lot of times people in the long-term RVs pull out all of their clothes. And I mean, it's like a Pandora's Box walking down there, I must step out into the street and either walk with my back to the oncoming traffic or cross the street completely. I do think that there is a simple solution. I guess I have a question is overnight RV parking there, condoned by the city. I don't know.

Mayor Barber stated no, it is not.

Ms. Ryan stated I took my little walk today and saw the signs from mid Second Avenue to mid Fourth Avenue saying, for boats and trailer parking, no RV overnight parking. It seems to me that something that the city could do quite easily since the signs apparently have already been made. And hopefully you have more in the store room that you could go down the rest of the Necanicum with just the RV, no overnight RV parking and post those. Because quite frankly, after you get past the sixth one that is posted mid fourth, it's only logical that we human beings see, this is the last sign. So everything else onward must be okay to park in. So my hope is, that something that you can do almost immediately is to post those signs down the rest of Necanicum and that would at least be the start of something. I also think that there may be an opportunity to connect with some of the RV parks around here to give a discounted price, working out a deal with the city and these guys to make sure that, these folks can, park there. I haven't thought that one through clearly. But I also think that it's a misnomer to call them homeless. They live in their motor home and it is called a motor home. And the definition a home from, dictionary.com is, a place where people live most of the time, which these folks do. So I would say that we need to look at it, not as a homeless problem, they have a home, we have to look at it as a parking, and traffic issue. Thanks very much. I appreciate all that y'all do for city,

Mayor Barber stated thank you Cathy. If anybody has something more to add to this, are others here to be concerned about the parking on the Necanicum with RV? Would you raise your hand so we can count how many people are here? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, all of you. So let the record show that eight citizens appeared at our Council meeting to, go on record as wanting the city to address the issue of RV overnight, parking on the Necanicum. And we have heard you loud and clear, and I'm as the Mayor, I'm telling you, we are working on this, even Cathy, your suggestion of talking to some of the, the motor home parks to provide some special rates for some of the people that maybe in a situation where they can't afford. I'm not sure that's true of everybody, that's parking there, but for those that are in dire circumstances. I don't want to take anybody's opportunity to speak. If you have something more to add to this, I want to hear from you, but I wanted to be sure that we're on record knowing that eight citizens came to our meeting to express their concern. Is there anyone else that would like to add something more?

David Anderson, 139 6th Avenue, Seaside, stated I personally have stepped in a puddle of urine while stepping off the curb into the street to unload crab traps parked in front of, we parked right in front of that first motor home there almost a year ago. It was when it happened that that motor home has been there for almost a year now. And, my neighbors and I went traveling one day. Well, we parked in front of that truck. I stepped off the curb into a puddle of urine. It was, it was really disgusting, you know, I mean, it's like now what I do, I don't even want to get back in my neighbor's truck at this point, you know? And also, I talked to so many, city employee in just recently and they, cited that they couldn't do anything with the homeless issue, the RVs because of, a circuit court, ruling in, Boise, Idaho. Well, I did my own research and this document here addresses a homeless housing strategy for California. They've got the same problem, had the same problem down there, way before we did. And, they stated in this document that, the definition of HUD, you know, fines, RVs, they rule RVs are actually a habitat for humans and therefore a home. So they're not homeless. And so I, you know, I know you guys were working on it. I appreciate it. I'm just concerned because I drive through Portland to get to here and I see how disgusting it is.

And once those people went out, they can come live over here in the park next to the river and use the facilities, walk to the beach. We might just get inundated with RVs here, parking for free and have a big problem here in people are going to go to Cannon Beach or somewhere else instead of Seaside, nobody's going to want to come here and all the businesses are going to suffer because of it. My opinion, thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you very much. I also have a written comment, let me just indicate from whom, one from, Marty Wajc, expressing the same concerns that you've expressed. Cathy we have your, written comments here. Thank you very much. And the photos. Thank you. And I think that those were all the written comments that we, and these will go on our record as well. So thank you all so much for coming and addressing the Council tonight about this issue. We are concerned about it and we are moving as quickly as we can to deal with it. I don't want to shut down anybody. Is there anybody else who wants to add something to this? Yes, sir.

Randy Skeie, 144 6th, Seaside, stated I'm here for the same reason. All my neighbors are. We're concerned about the RV parking, the dangerous situations that incurred. And I appreciate that the Council is looking into this, but we contacted over almost a year ago about this problem. And we were given a Stonewall saying nothing could be done now, six, eight, nine months later. You know, we have to come in here with a number of us and ask again, can we have something done in a reasonable amount of time? We don't expect the world to turn around in a day, you know, but this problem has been going on. I know since October of last year, so as appreciative and we are that, that you're aware of it and that you're looking into it, you know, we would like to see a little more action, a little less looking into it. And that's our concern. That's why each of us is here today. Just to reaffirm that we do care about what our city looks like. We do care about our neighborhoods. We care about the tourists, even though I'm retired. I care that family can come here in a safe environment, have a good time. And I don't see walking past the types of vehicles that are down there is good for our city or good for our neighborhoods. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Barber stated thank you for your comments. Anyone else who would like to speak before I close the public comments? Yes. Ma'am please, there you go.

MacKenzie Skeie, 144 6th, Seaside, stated on a personal note, most of my family, children and grandchildren are in Washington. So we've made it a great few times a year tradition to come down and go crabbing at the 12th Street Bridge, like most tourists. We go get our permit? We got fish bait. We take our cars, get ready to go crabbing. And we get there and there's no place to park. So because of the entourage of motor homes and cars and boats, they're parked behind them, we end up walking a block or so with these heavy crab bait boxes, we have to walk in the middle of Necanicum which is not safe because there's no place to walk on the sidewalk. There is either garbage or that could knew that this one guy has these add up placed on the sidewalk, different things that we cannot go by there. We are walking in the middle of a Necanicum toting those heavy things. And last time this happened, we decided, well, we have to rent a boat and do some crabbing elsewhere. And I don't want to see this happen at all. We love Seaside. And as far as the park right across the street it is not conducive for a grandchild for my grandchildren, anybody, any families to be there with the language, with suspected drug activity and the garbage and the sanitary conditions there. I hope that we can rectify this and I appreciate your time and help with this. Thanks.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Mrs. Skeie. Thank you any further comments. Again, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to come and speak to us. I assure you, we are addressing this, and your comment and soon. With that, I will close the public comments and move on in our agenda.

CONFLICT

Mayor Barber asked whether any Councilor needs to declare a potential conflict of interest on any item on the agenda tonight.

No one declared a potential conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$262,447.97; and Approval of Minutes April 12, 2021.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

**UPDATE –
CITY COUNCIL
GOAL (G1 BUSINESS
RECOVERY)**

Mayor Barber stated we have, an update on the business recovery in Seaside. David could not be here this evening, Councilor Posalski, but he did send a written report. And the Council President Steve is going to read that for us quickly.

Council President Wright stated this is from David's email just a few days ago. Mayor and I, as in David's words. The Mayor and I have scheduled a meeting at the convention center for May 18th at 6:00 PM. We'll be holding an open mic type of arrangement with the goals of determining the following. What are the greatest challenges your business is facing as the COVID Pandemic continues? What goal or what solutions have your fellow businesses done to remedy any of these? What do you think the city can do to assist with these challenges? Then from there, we will determine next steps, including the need for an ad hoc committee if desired. I intend to leave my opinions at the door in this meeting because David's a business owner until we hear from everyone. I believe we will hear that a difficulty finding employees will be a recurrent theme. This is due to several factors, including the housing struggles we have. I didn't mention, David's goal one is the business recovery, due to COVID, and what can the City Council do to help with that? And he's moving right ahead, so May 18th for business owners. Mark that on your calendar, and anyone from the public is welcome to attend as well. There will be limits on the number because of the COVID situation, but I think it may be available on line as well, but stay tuned on that. These are the goals that, uh, the council established, uh, when we met in our goal setting. And so you're going to be hearing about the forums and the activities on a regular basis on our agenda, on how we're progressing on these goals. I think, Randy sent an email to us. You want to update us on the ones that you've already set up?

Councilor Frank stated well, yeah. Do you want it now?

Mayor Barber stated sure.

Councilor Frank stated Steve and I met, Dale today over at the Lutheran Church. What used to be the Lutheran Church here on Broadway. And, we walked through that, took some pictures, discuss a possible use of the building, going forward and how it might, be used in the city and how our, residents would like to see that use. And, we'll, open that up more for discussion. And, I think the next step, we discussed is having, the structure evaluated to see, you know, really what kind of shape it's in and what the possibilities might be. But that is one of two properties that we hope to, make a decision with what happens. The other one is the old hospital, which is in, Cartwright Park. Probably some people know it as a, the previous school administration offices. So that building, I think everyone is aware, has no value. In fact, just standing it's somewhat of a detriment, so it's probably going to have to get raised and, just capped over. And then, perhaps it will become part of that park. We'll talk about more of that later, but I think, the entire Council has been busy on, seeing through these goals that we're working on. So, we're actively pursuing all these things. Do you have anything to add to that?

Council President Wright stated no, that was good. I looked to the city website for, whatever forum dates we have, and there'll be plainly, listed there. Homelessness we'll have some as well, starting next month too. We're trying to work on our goals and be upfront about it. Take all the comments we can get.

Mayor Barber stated good, thank you very much.

PUBLIC HEARING

This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seaside, Oregon, Pursuant to ORS 223.112-223.132, Setting a Public Hearing, Extending the Term of the Assessment District for Economic Improvement, Known as the "Downtown Maintenance District"; Repealing Ordinance No. 2020-05, and all Ordinances in Conflict.

ORDINANCE #2021-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, PURSUANT TO ORS 223.112-223.132, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT, KNOWN AS THE "DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT"; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05, AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT. (Second Reading)

Mayor Barber stated we now move to a public hearing continuation regarding Ordinance 2021-02. This is regarding the, improvement district. Mark, do you want to introduce that, and then I'll open the floor to the public.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated thank you, Mr. Mayor. Ordinance 2021-02 is an ordinance that would, assess the, downtown businesses and the downtown property owners, for the downtown maintenance district and the two contractors that are employed by the city one for the gardens and one for sweeping in the downtown sidewalks.

Mayor Barber stated I'll open the floor again, a continued open hearing. Is anyone here that would like to address the Council regarding this proposed ordinance? Hearing none seeing none, I will close. I will not close the hearing because we have one more motion, I will continue the hearing. Any council comments. Hearing none I'll entertain a motion to read by title only.

Councilor Frank moved that we read Ordinance 2021-02 by title only, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Mr. Van Thiel read Ordinance 2021-02 by title only.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Dan. This will be on our agenda at the next meeting for final reading and adoption, at our next meeting. For all of you here this evening, this, improvement district has to do with the gardens that you see down Broadway and on side streets. And, the business owners have supported this for many, many years, and we are noted, across the state for the quality of the downtown area in those gardens. So, this is a very important thing that really speaks to our visitors and to the people who live here. We'll finish that work next meeting under unfinished business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**VACANCY –
COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION**

Mayor Barber stated under unfinished business, we have two vacancies on our Community Center Commission. Somebody here ought to apply for that. We need, people who would be willing to step up and get involved at the community center where, meals on wheels and senior meals are served every day, five days a week. And, then many activities here, in the community.

(2 Vacancies)

**VACANCY –
CITY TREE BOARD**

Mayor Barber stated and then the other is the City Tree Board. An important board because we are a tree city and, we want to protect, the valuable resource that we have in our trees and the tree board oversees that. There's one opening there, we get the word out. We need volunteers. That really is the completion of our agenda this evening.

(1 Vacancy)

NEW BUSINESS:

None

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated that really is the completion of our agenda this evening. Dale, do you want to add anything this evening? It's good to see you here. No. Jon comments.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated no Mayor, thank you.

Mayor Barber stated Dan, good to see you, anything.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated no thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. And our city manager, any comment.

Mr. Winstanley stated actually Mr. Mayor, I don't, except for, I would, like to ask the Council to please excuse me from the next couple of Council meetings. I will be gone.

Council President Wright stated should we.

Mayor Barber stated how can we do that? A well-deserved vacation and we will, excuse you for that.

**COMMENTS –
COUNCIL**

Mayor Barber stated Council comments. Tom, any comments tonight.

Councilor Horning stated you know, I don't really have any comments this time around. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated Dana, anything.

Councilor Phillips stated I do. I just want to tell you sitting out in the audience, first of all, thank you for coming and voicing your concerns. And trust me, we all sitting up here, I've been just as concerned and trying to go through the lovely process of trying to work around what's happening, either from our governor, as well as, following what the courts are telling us, we can and cannot do with situations like this. And trust me, it's very frustrating. But we are in the process and you will see, some signage going up to, help alleviate this. But as I said, we are following all the edicts from our lovey legislators, and it's very frustrating, but we are, very on top of this and doing as much as we possibly can. I think each and every one of you for coming tonight and voicing your concern and trust me, we have the same concerns.

Mayor Barber stated Randy, comments.

Councilor Frank stated I would just like to, this is information that's been out there, but, May 4th, next Tuesday at 6:00 PM, there will be a, meeting concerning downtown parking at the convention center at six o'clock. So for all, who are able to make that we, would encourage people to come and, just throw out ideas or concerns, suggestions. And then the only other thing, Steve and I did get to tour the batting cage building today after the church, as y'all know, we gave them permission to use the property it's on city property, but it was a great collaborative effort between Seaside Kids and sunset parks and a lot of donors and businesses that donated to that.

And, I was very, thrilled to see once we went inside, they've got actually some pieces of the old high school bleachers in there with school colors, and then they just continued those colors around inside the building. So it's really nice for the, for all of our, kids that are competing, to walk into that and, real happy with how that came out. And then once again, thanks, we always appreciate people coming and, voicing concerns or whatever they want to, talk about. It makes a big difference with, everyone here. And, we appreciate it. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated Council President, Steve.

Council President Wright stated couldn't let this go by. April is a volunteer month, and so just want to express again that we're very grateful to the residents of our city that volunteer, their time and talents to improve life in Seaside. We want to thank you for your gift. Um, they counted them up once, and I think there's at least a hundred people that on an ongoing basis are volunteering. Update on the bridge funding. I got a phone call on Friday that we did not make the final cut on, Representative Bonamici district for our bridge on Avenue 'S'. We will continue to work on the other federal and state opportunities that are out there. And as I always do here is an article from the Seaside Signals celebrating our hundredth anniversary for our prom, that's coming up, always read a short note from the 1921 Seaside Signal, this is March 31st. Nature, again smiles. Ideal, Easter weather brought hundreds to the beach during the past weekend. And every hotel in the city has been crowded and many summer homes occupied Sunday was as perfect a day as could be wished for. And the citizens took advantage of the occasion and almost midsummer scenes of activity were in evidence. Hundreds, attended the impressive Easter services at the different churches, and all during the day, the streets and avenues were thronged. And the highways crowded with the motorist's. Nature smiled and speedily a long winter was forgotten. The thing that, I always see in this that could have been written last week, very similar. The wording maybe is a little different, but same idea, Seaside been a great place to live for well over a hundred years.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Steve. Just a closing comment from me. Councilor Montero and I are, on our goals, are working on what we're calling homeless strategies forums. We're trying to educate ourselves and the community about how to deal with the homeless situation here. Some of the things that we talked about tonight are a part of that. There will be four different forums trying to bring different groups together. The first one is May 6th at 6:00 PM at the convention center, bringing together the, faith community to ask them to inform us about what they are doing as churches and congregations to deal with the homeless situation. It'll be a process of listening and, the community are invited, there are three others, and then, a final one to just an open mic, kind of a meeting to give people an opportunity to talk about their concerns, there solutions and, how we navigate going forward. It's not unique to Seaside, as we all know. In light of that, I've thought about, a comment that I should make or could make about kind of what's happening, in our country right now, the unrest about justice. The concerns that we have about black lives and, Asian lives. Fortunately we are not dealing with that so much here in Seaside. We're, kind of an Island in that. That we know about. But the concern is that we need to be aware and to be thoughtful about how we as a community deal with justice issues. And it reminded me of a quote from Benjamin Franklin. And I'll share that in, closing, he said. "Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are." With that we are adjourned. And thank you all for coming tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR