

CALL TO ORDER	The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barber.
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Council President Steve Wright; Councilors Dana Phillips, Tom Horning, Tita Montero, David Posalski, and Randy Frank.</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Also, Present: Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; Mitch Brown, Seaside Police Communication Manager; and Kim Jordan, City Recorder. Mayor Barber stated during 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. Mask 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, and Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Care Administration. Thank you very much.</p>
AGENDA	<p>Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to approve the agenda as circulated.</p> <p>Councilor Frank so moved, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips).</p>
PROCLAMATION	<p>Mitch Brown, Seaside Police Communications Manager, read the Proclamation for National Police Memorial Week.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated I should mention it's wonderful for us never to forget our dear departed Sergeant, Jason Goodding. I had the privilege weekend before last to drive by his Memorial on the highway and stopped and pulled in and remembered for a moment. So, let's not forget those who serve us so well, thank you.</p>
COMMENTS – PUBLIC	<p>Mayor Barber stated at this point, I'll open the floor for comments from the public on any item, not on the agenda. If you would like to speak, please come to that microphone in the center, identify yourself your address and, please limit your comments to four minutes. Is there anyone that would like to speak? Yes.</p> <p>Jessica Gardner, 951 Beach Drive, Seaside, stated hello everyone. I have lived there as a renter for nearly four years and not like on a day like yesterday I witnessed at least two or three people almost be hit by people between Lewis and Clark Street to about G Street. One individual look like they're going about 43 miles an hour. It's concerning to me on that part of the street. How fast people go. I also was trying to back into my, resident and had someone approach me going very fast. So that's why I'm here. I see people on Surrey's or, bicycles almost being hit as well or trying to go from the beach back to their residences between Columbia and Downing. Thank you.</p> <p>Mayor Barber stated let me clarify, are you speaking of the speeding on Beach? We'll take a note of that. Thank you for letting us know. Is there anyone else that would like to address the Council? Hearing none, I will close the public comment.</p>
CONFLICT	<p>Mayor Barber asked whether any Councilor needs to declare a potential conflict of interest on any item on the agenda tonight.</p> <p>No one declared a potential conflict of interest.</p>
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Councilor Frank so moved, with a second from Councilor Montero; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)</p> <p>Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$271,843.86; and Approval of Minutes April 26, 2021.</p>

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

**ANNUAL REPORT –
SEASIDE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Barber stated now we have the annual report from, our Seaside Police Department, from, Police Chief Dave Ham, and Mitch Brown, Communications Manager, come on up.

Seaside Police Department 2019-2020 Annual Report from, Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham, and Seaside Police Communications Manager, Mitch Brown.

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, stated 2020 presented challenges. The Virus and the interruptions in normal operations it produced was in part, reason the 2019 annual report was never presented to the City Council. This presentation will include the statistics from that year as well as the current 2020 stats. Covid-19 changed the operations for SPD and some adjustments were more noticeable than others. One of the daily changes was the closing of our building to the public. Physical response to some types of calls were changed to phone contact reporting while attempting to socially distance. In the spring the beach was closed which tasked the officers with educating people on the beach. Large events were cancelled, although First Amendment Assemblies were added. Throughout the pandemic SPD has focused our efforts of any kind of enforcement towards the education of the public and dealing with behaviors of those creating problems, rather than pursuing penalties for not wearing masks, not socially distancing and gathering in large groups. In 2019 and 2020 our staffing levels remained good with most patrol and dispatch positions filled. Corporal Mike Baugher retired after 21 years. We also had the anticipated departure of a long-time officer in November of 2020 when Lieutenant Bruce Holt retired after 37 years with the Seaside Police Department. As the calendar year of 2020 came to an end the department is currently in the hiring process for one patrol officer and one community service officer. In 2020 one of my goals came a realization when SPD increased the detective unit to four assigned investigators. In addition to the staffing changes, the detective unit received a work area makeover when the public works staff remodeled a portion of the building and created an office that gave three detectives a more modern, comfortable and efficient office space. The Seaside Police Department 2019-2020 Annual Report Presentation highlights: Chief Ham presented Population Estimates, Calls for Service, Part 1 Crimes.

Mayor Barber stated any questions about the part one crime? I have one, if I could interrupt you. I think there's a perception that we're a wash with illegal drugs in our community. And I noticed that, the crimes in that area went down by 40% during this report. Any comment on that.

Chief Ham stated I'd probably have a lot of comments for it. I'll try to pick and choose what I'm going to tell you, but, there's a drug problem out there. There's a certain amount of, personal use happening that is obviously being dealt, by people who have probably bigger bags and they're doing a little bit higher up, dealing, however, we have not been successful in getting into those investigations. The, county-wide task force that has been around in the past that dealt with some of that kind of stuff that, probably would help increase our numbers have not been, available, due to staffing, especially in some other agencies to make a multi-agency task force, feasible. The other thing that, you know, I will talk a little bit about is, the fact that it's not a crime straight up anymore to possess. You can have under two grams of methamphetamine, cocaine. It's not even a misdemeanor crime anymore. Friday, I made a traffic stop, got a guy with no driver's license on him. I couldn't figure out who he was for a long time until we ultimately fingerprinted them and got the computer system to identify who he was. That's a misdemeanor crime. He was also in possession of about a gram and a half of methamphetamine. I wrote him a ticket for a hundred dollars. It's an E violation, not even a crime. And, I gave him a piece of paper that we're asked to give. So, he has the phone numbers and resources to be able to call, to get an assessment done, which will in lieu of that a hundred dollar fine. He can just get an assessment done and be done with that charge. And so, to sit there and say, we're down. It's frustrating for officers. I'm sure it's frustrating for everybody to see that it's happening out there. It's not that we don't want to pursue it. It's not that we aren't pursuing it, but when it comes right down to it, the voters in the State of Oregon, I believe have, decriminalized it and de prioritized drug enforcement to be quite honest.

Mayor Barber stated well, I asked that question because I wanted you to give that answer. Thank you very much.

Councilor Montero stated just to reinforce. Going down, the fact that there are fewer drug crimes, in the statistics does not mean there's less drug use.

Chief Ham stated I do not believe that there's less drug use. Correct.

Councilor Posalski stated before we move on from that, can you explain where stolen property we have one versus larceny. I assume they're. What would put the one into a different?

Chief Ham stated stolen property is more in regards to the recovery of, and so if we are on a case and we recovered, and I'm not sure if there's a, a level of this, you might have a better definition for me, but stolen property is when we're actually recovering, from a case unrelated to maybe what we're out on. And, you know, I talk about a case the other day where some bicycles were actually reported stolen, from one of the hotels, a contact and a stop at another hotel. And the officers did a great job, dealing with the person as they were being either evicted or leaving and noticed a very distinct bicycle. And, that matched the description. We were ultimately able to seize the vehicle, write a search warrant, and recover those bicycles. And I believe they got picked up over the weekend. We made some people really happy. So that would be counting as a recovery of stolen property. Maybe next year we'll work on typing in what those mean a little bit better, but we're still getting used to the system to help that I got some definitions in here just in case he tried to stump me, which wouldn't take much. Continuing with Part 2 Crimes.

Councilor Montero stated can I ask a question? The sex crime's part one crimes went up 86% and I know it's small numbers, so that sort of inflates what the percentages are, what is the difference between the part one sex crimes and the part two sex crimes?

Chief Ham stated your part one sex crimes, compared to part two, what we talked about being kind of your RSOs. Part one sex crimes are going to be more of your statutory rape, illegal porn, incest, forcible sodomy, non-forcible sodomy, or, penetration with a foreign object. Those are going to be more of those definitions for those cases versus the part two. Does that answer your question?

Councilor Montero stated and so then in part one, rape is shown separately and so that's not a statutory rape, that's a rape.

Chief Ham stated that would be forcible. Part 3 Crimes, Traffic Stats, 2019-2020 Use of Force.

Councilor Posalski stated the use of force percentages. Do you ever compare, are they ever compared with other agencies? I understand every locale is.

Chief Ham stated historically I haven't necessarily done that, but that would be something that we could, take a look at doing. There's, definitely some room for improvement for, the review of it in general. We'll keep that in mind and take a look at that. STOP DATA (Statistical Transparency of Policing).

Councilor Montero stated Chief, the 193 citations, 87 warnings, and the 3 arrests, are those reflected in the previous statistics that you gave us about the crime statistics.

Communications Manager Brown stated the three arrests, would be, the citations would be in the traffic stops, but not, an actual part. 1.2, and part three.

Chief Ham stated the next part is race.

Councilor Montero stated that's interesting that it reflects our demographic in that we have so many people who are visitors and I I'm sure you're having trouble with visitors.

Chief Ham stated well, you know, I mean, we have troubles with, you know, visitors and sometimes I've kind of joked with some people that, you know, it seemed like for a lot of years there, you know, you'd have these big events or whatever. It was still our locals we were dealing with, everybody else. And you can definitely see that, you know, I mean, there's, you know, there's a diverse crowd that comes to Seaside and it's excellent and awesome to see.

Councilor Montero stated how do you determine race? Do you ask the person?

Chief Ham stated this is so these perceived, numbers, and if it comes in there or not, so the definition for us to be making a stop, there's a clearance code. First thing you clear with is what you stop them for. So, if I stopped him for speeding and I went with an 8-11, 1-11, or what have you, the next code would be a William, a w or a C for Charles, which is a warning or a citation, and then your perceived race. And if I've got my things going right, and that's, can I perceive their race at the time I'm stopping them, it might be wrong. I may think I'm stopping a white person and I'm not, it's some other race. And so, the perception is answered, you know? Was there a perceived race prior to the stop? And then we report what the actual race is? These races that we're reporting our actual goals versus a perception at the time, but we are reporting what our perception is beginning. Then moving on to Mental Illness, and Homelessness.

Mayor Barber stated regarding the mental health are, I know you encounter a lot of the same people, so would these be individual, contacts?

Chief Ham stated this is individual contacts, not per individual. It would be how many, somebody might be given us 10 contacts in a month. And so, they would be counted every time.

Councilor Montero stated I don't know if this is the right time to ask this, but with the ones that are mental health, and I know that lots of behavioral health is, has, an outreach, that they can help the police, they come out and, and I'm not sure.

Chief Ham stated it's called the mobile crisis unit and team. And so.

Councilor Montero stated how much do you find you use them? How responsive are they, how helpful is it?

Chief Ham stated it's been helpful? I think it has not been as helpful as officers on the street would like it to be. There are still certain criteria that we need to meet for them to be able to respond on top of. We're not the only game in town. And so, they may or may not be out dealing with something else and they just we'd like to come, but we can't because we're tied up right now. So, there's only a couple of people who are trained and assigned to do that. And some of the bigger issues that we've probably ran into has been, you know, somebody that's just, under the influence to the point where it's, not going to be helpful for them to come out and really deal with them anyway, in that situation. And we kind of fall back to the old, take them on a police officer hold, take them up to the emergency room, and then the doctor gets involved and calls them when they believe they're ready or however that goes. It's helpful to a degree. I think there's room for improvement, but, just the fact that they're there and available. they've been coming and wanting to either ride with the officers they've recently come and kind of done a little kind of sit down, briefing training, you know, 5, 10 minutes arrive where everybody's at and how to get ahold of us and all that kind of stuff. So, we're in regular contact, but, you know, I think, the idea that it was going to be a pretty good fix-all, just isn't and that's life.

Councilor Montero stated do you foresee or perceive that, in the future there will be opportunities to have the kind of sit downs to determine, and suggest how do we make this better? How do we make this partnership work better? What does the police department need from CBH? All that kind of thing.

Chief Ham stated we've as law enforcement administrators have regular meetings, contact with them regularly. And I mean, I think there's a really good open line of communication, and you know, my history with them as well. And so, it's, good. It's just, you know, it's kind of like what you're dealing with, the homeless topics and all that kind of stuff, when it really boils down to it is, you know, I mean, until some, dedicated funding that's going to pay for enough services, places for these people to go to, get those services, and get some housing or what have you, I mean, it all interwoven to a certain degree. We're always willing to talk. I don't know what the next step of that's going to be. I know this is a, good step to have that resource available. So, thank you. I turn it over to Mitch. He's going to talk a little bit about dispatch center,

Communications Manager Brown stated I got to spend some of last year and a little bit of this year working in Astoria, also at the dispatch center up there, it's been really enjoyable, but this is my Seaside spiel and presented the report on dispatch. Seaside Dispatch, 911 Calls, Non-Emergency Calls, Fire Calls over 5 Years and Percent of Growth, Police Calls Dispatched over 5 Years and Percent of Growth, Everbridge Nixle.

Chief Ham presented the Property Watch Program. Chief Ham presented Officer of the year 2019 – Bruce Holt, Corporal Baugher Retirement 2020, Lieutenant Holt Retirement 2020, Police Department Staff, New Detective Office 2020, Fun Friday, and Jason Goodding. Gone but not forgotten. Questions?

Mayor Barber stated any questions.

Councilor Phillips stated no, just a giant. Thank you. Excellent report.

Councilor Posalski stated thank you.

Councilor Montero stated thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, especially Mitch for your work also, appreciate it.

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. (Third and Final Reading)

Mayor Barber stated we now move to a public hearing continuation regarding Ordinance 2021-02. This is regarding the improvement district. Mayor Barber stated I'll open the floor again, a public hearing. Is anyone here that would like to address the Council regarding this proposed ordinance? Hearing none seeing none, I will close. Any council comments. Hearing none I will entertain a motion for third reading by title only.

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

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, read Ordinance 2021-02 by title only.

Mayor Barber asked for a motion to approve.

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

Mayor Barber asked for a roll call vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VACANCY –
COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION (2 Vacancies)

**VACANCY –
CITY TREE BOARD**

(1 Vacancy)

Mayor Barber stated onto unfinished business, we still have vacancies on a couple of our commissions and boards and we're in an emergency status regarding the Community Center Commission. We have three openings, so Council, we need to get out there and shake the trees and find some people who would be willing to come in. It's one meeting a month for about an hour, maybe an hour and a half at the most.

Councilor Phillips stated it's less than an hour.

Mayor Barber stated less than an hour and doing good work to make sure that our, community center continues to operate at the high level that it does. So please be looking at, if you're looking online and would be interested in volunteering for this, you can get an application, here at the city hall from our recorder Kim Jordan, and the same applies for the City Tree Board. I think we just have one opening there.

NEW BUSINESS:

**LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATION**

Liquor License Application - The Vineside Wine Bar, 737 Broadway Street #2 (New Owner – Autumn Haile).

Mayor Barber stated moving on to new business, we have a liquor license application from the Vine Side. Autumn, are you here? You were here earlier and applied for a standard liquor license and you're wanting to extend your service, correct?

Autumn Haile, The Vineside, LLC at 737 Broadway Street #2, owner, stated we're applying for an Off Premise in order to sell, we do a lot of wine tasting, so we're hoping that if people discover something they really liked, they can take a bottle to go. Or in the case of COVID, if something does go backwards and we have to close down, we still have an opportunity to make some sales.

Mayor Barber stated good, we found no problems with your previous application and none on this one. And I'll entertain a motion to approve your application.

Councilor Posalski moved to approve the application, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Posalski/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated it has been moved and seconded any further comments or questions.

RESOLUTION #3978

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, EXTENDING SEASIDE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE TO VOLUNTEERS OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE

Mayor Barber stated and then Resolution 3978. This is a resolution regarding extending Seaside workers' compensation coverage to volunteers of the City of Seaside. And that includes the people sitting at this table, but also those who volunteer for our boards, commissions and committees, Councils, fire department volunteers really important in this police department, all of those. It's a blanket coverage, but we need to renew that annually. I'll, this is not a public hearing, but I'll open the floor for any public comments regarding this hearing. None. Any Council comments. I'll entertain a motion to read by title only.

Council President Wright moved to read Resolution 3978 by title only, with a second from Councilor Montero; carried unanimously. (Wright/Montero)

Mr. Van Thiel read Resolution 3978, by title only.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Dan. A motion to adopt.

Council President Wright moved to adopt Resolution 3978, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Wright/Phillips)

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated comments from the city staff, Jon.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated thanks, Mr. Mayor. Just on that, the last resolution, some quick numbers for you. This includes as the chief just mentioned in his report, four volunteers, with the police department, more than twenty with the fire department, and then close to eighty individuals that volunteer for your commissions, committees and boards. We're talking about more than a hundred people to extend this, workers' compensation coverage, for people that are giving up their time to the city. So, thank you for that and thank you to the wonderful volunteers that donate so much of their time, including new Councilors. Second, we, our employment got a little low over COVID and we didn't hire like we did last summer, but that's starting to pick up again. Lifeguards are getting ready to come on. We'll have about eight or nine lifeguards coming on by Memorial Day or shortly thereafter. We also have a vacancy for four seasonal full-time public works position right now.

That's a really, integral part of our public works team during the summer. They do maintenance and pick up trash, really critical functions for the city, as we see demand pickup in this city. If you know of people, it's a full-time job for the summer. It's about 10 to 12 weeks and can amount to about \$6,000 to \$7,000 in gross wages for the summer. It's a good summer job. If you know, someone we'd love for you to push that out there, and then let's see, and then today, just in, thank you to the three Councilor that were able to make it, we did a staff training, kind of a unique one. We had, thank you to the Clatsop County Sheriff's office, they came down, Lieutenant Armstrong and Deputy Rico conducted training for about 30 total individuals, about 20 staff, five CERT members, and then three Councilors for an active shooter training at the convention center. I was not able to attend, but staff from the office did. And, it sounds like it was a good training, so we recorded it and we'll make that available to the rest of our staff, but I think it was a really good training to have. Thank you,

Mayor Barber stated thank you Jon. Chief Ham, any further comments you'd like to make?

Chief Ham stated no.

Mayor Barber stated Dan. Nice to see you.

Mr. Van Thiel stated good to be here.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Kim. Any comments?

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated thank you Mayor, I do not.

Mayor Barber stated I think we've covered all the present.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Mayor Barber stated Council comments. I'm going to start with, David, give us a little update on your forum.

Councilor Posalski stated thank you, Mayor. Last Tuesday, Councilor Frank and myself held a forum regarding our parking situation in our town. We had about 20 businesses, represented at that forum. Had lots of good conversation about what they felt the issues were, what they felt the solutions or, the bottom-line solution was that we really need more parking spaces available. How we accomplish those was definitely, there was a lot of, varying beliefs. There were ideas of a parking garage, being constructed was brought up, but nobody really had a way of paying for it. Nobody, seemed to want paid parking within Seaside. They were very, reticent of having being the first city on the coast to have paid parking, that it would push, tourists either out of the downtown area or out of town completely. And so, they were very concerned about that. They also talked about parking right opportunities and maybe having a shuttle service that goes around town. If we find some outlying areas in the city to put parking in and then be able to shuttle people around town, as a possible solution, there was an issue that came up though that everybody, all of the businesses that were there having issues, finding employees, and one of the big factors in our town is housing. And we've known that for a long time. And so, they're a bit reluctant due to the fact that can we really handle more people anyway and does our parking problem reduce the, risk of them not being able to handle the amount of people that come to town? They're full during the summer. We're full during the summer, having more people isn't necessarily what we need. We don't necessarily have enough services for an additional 10,000 to 15,000 people a day. You know, we don't have the capability to handle that right now. Randy and I also looked at the report from 2003 and 2004, about parking and we found some low hanging fruit that may be there, the existing parking structure at World Mark, we believe that the upper levels of that are underutilized. It's supposed to be for their guest parking. I don't know the arrangement that was created when that building was built. And we have public parking on the bottom floor and what kind of enforcement they're doing to make sure that their guests are using their spaces up above leaving the lower levels. We have seen that the upper levels typically, have low usage. And what we're hoping to do is be able to have a conversation with World Mark to discuss how they're having, they're making sure that their employees are up in their section and to, see if there's a way that they can partner with some local businesses to have employees be able to park on that top floor. And so, what I would love to be able to see from, the Council tonight is a motion for us to instruct city staff to open that line of communication would have those conversations.

Mayor Barber stated would you like to make that motion?

Councilor Posalski moved that we instruct city staff to open a dialogue with World Mark to discuss the usage of the parking structure at their property, with a second from Councilor Frank.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Any further discussion?

Councilor Frank stated well, it's a, it's sort of a two-part thing. So, it's, the conversation, first of all, was the bottom two floors, which are public parking. Shouldn't be their employees parking in there. And then, the other, hope is that, we might work out some way to utilize, whatever is not used on the top floor, which does not seem to be popular with the people staying there. And it could just be that, you know, perhaps some city, businesses are able to use a few slots, you know, that are in that area, whatever we got out of that would help, with the overall parking.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful.

Councilor Montero stated so just to be clear, it sounds to me as if it's, we would like World Mark to have their employees not park in the public parking and to discourage their guests from parking in the public parking.

Mayor Barber stated and also to talk about whether or not some of the local business people could.

Councilor Posalski stated if there's 40 or 50 spaces up there that could be used by local business employees, that's 40 or 50 spaces somewhere else that are opening up.

Councilor Frank stated and to the employees, you see, it'd be, it would be valuable because, if you have a morning shift, it's not so hard to find a parking spot, but a lot of the service industry employees come in between three and five and it's very difficult to find a parking space. Well, if they knew there was going to be one for them, it would make life a lot easier and they wouldn't have to show up 20 to 30 minutes early to find parking. It would be nice.

Councilor Posalski stated I've definitely during the summer have employees that have to park over on Necanicum or farther and have to walk.

Councilor Phillips stated I have a lot of reservation about we as a Council asking WorldMark the potential of allowing employees to have their employer or employees parking that's, maybe it should be something from the, businesses to approach WorldMark to offer some, payment for employees to be able to park there. I realize, I don't think that's our responsibility as a city Council to instruct WorldMark.

Councilor Frank stated well, it wouldn't be instructing. We were just hoping to open up a dialog.

Councilor Posalski stated I believe our portion definitely affects the bottom two levels.

Councilor Phillips stated yes.

Councilor Posalski stated and so therefore it's a way of us opening that dialogue to then be able to say, okay, well what's happening up above.

Councilor Phillips stated okay, that's great. I don't want us to cross a line.

Councilor Frank stated it's not with a heavy thumb or anything.

Councilor Posalski stated it's not direction. It's an opening of dialogue for clarification.

Councilor Phillips stated good clarification.

Mayor Barber stated good discussion. Are we ready to vote on that motion? Those in favor, say aye.

Mayor and Council carried unanimously. (Posalski/Frank)

Mayor Barber stated that's a unanimous vote. Thank you. Randy did you have any other comments?

Councilor Frank stated no, I think, we had, a pretty good turnout and just so people understand this is because parking structure comes up over and over and over again. One of the reasons for, our meeting was to, get some numbers to toss out there and bring people up to date on what that means. And so, we're looking at, a four-level parking structure with elevators for staircases is going to be, in the neighborhood of about \$30 to \$31 million. And that works out to about \$38,000 per space. Our gain, we would have a total of about 790 spaces. We currently have 225. So, we'd gain about, 565 to 570 spaces. But also, there's going to be over the long-term. There's going to be maintenance, especially if there's elevators, you know, to deal with handicap. And, there was conversation brought up about, you know, would that be just a place for homeless to shelter? And then, the other thing is that whenever it gets constructed and it will take a lot of time, so the downtown will be in turmoil as you know, those of us who were around during the million dollars walk here on Broadway, that was a long time to be sort of, you know, really impact businesses. So, there's a lot of things to that, and plus then to top it off, you know, as, Carrie Lambert said, you know, our top priority is to solve, the employment issue and, affordable housing really. So, we have people to staff so that we could take more customers.

Councilor Montero stated there's several things to think about in that area. And, one of them is that I do believe that there's money out there, in grants for tsunami safety buildings, which a multi-level parking structure would, could definitely be built to, create some tsunami safety. Another thing for us to think about if we were going to be doing building there's you're, not going to have the parking lot downtown, but even, with the parking lot we have and such, I think it might be a good idea to talk a little bit with Sunset Empire Transportation District. They already have 18, trips a day between Astoria and Seaside. They already have, trips around Seaside during the weekdays during the summer.

They, put in the Seaside Street Car, but within the next couple of years, it is in their plans to have full service, not just five days a week, but seven days a week. And to do the same thing on weekends that is being done during the week in terms of, transportation just around the city.

Councilor Posalski stated they contacted me today and, they are in touch for any future meetings that we have to be involved.

Councilor Montero stated I sit on their Budget Committee and there, where we're asking for funds for, different projects. And that's one of the projects. The other thing is it's all well and good that we made this proposal and this motion, but we didn't put a timeline with it. And I'm wondering if we want any kind of a timeline that we want the city to be talking to WorldMark so that we're not hanging out there just indefinitely.

Councilor Posalski stated Jon, do you have an idea of how long the staff would take to be able to make that connection?

Mr. Rahl stated I think it's just starting to have the conversation. I mean, I don't want to put a date on it, but I mean, I think within the next month we can, try to make some headway on that.

Mayor Barber stated we'll put it on the agenda a month away in July.

Councilor Posalski stated well, then we know what summer was going to look like the parking spaces.

Mayor Barber stated Tom, any comments from your end of the room?

Councilor Horning stated well, I've been kind of quiet over here. With regard to the parking garage concept. When I was on the Planning Commission, we talked about that for a while. And there was some concern by merchants who said that if you, crowded the sidewalks too much in downtown Seaside that, tourists wouldn't buy they'd come in and look around, walk away. I think there was something about the density of people would sort of repel them is, that still something that's being, talked about or.

Councilor Posalski stated that did not come up at all at our meeting? The only conversation they had is that they were concerned that it was risky to have any sort of paid parking that people would decide over \$3 or \$5 or whatever the parking cost was that they would go somewhere else instead.

Councilor Horning stated you might talk to Keith Chandler about that.

Councilor Posalski stated he was there.

Councilor Horning stated it's surprising that it didn't come up. Anyway, just a thought.

Councilor Posalski stated I think as we, one of the other goals that we have is to develop a destination stewardship plan, I think is what, it was called. And, you know, one of the conversations is that maybe that South Holladay corridor, is our next area for growth, but before we can grow something, we have to be able to have the capacity for the people to support that.

Mayor Barber stated well, Steve will report later, he's in charge of the housing, part of our goals. So, you've got that solved, right? Steve?

Councilor Wright stated no actually I'm waiting because all of these things, all kind of tie into housing eventually I keep hearing that's the problem. We need housing to help solve these other issues, homelessness and people and a place for them to live.

Mayor Barber stated that's a big challenge. Tita, do you have any additional comments? You had a forum as well?

Councilor Montero stated well, we had the first of the, forums regarding homelessness and it was a faith-based round table. We had, representation from four of the churches and, I thought some very good remarks from, the churches represented there. I was pleased with the attendance and, then at the end people coming from the audience and expressing their questions, their views, their ideas, and also several telling us what they are doing personally in terms of, some of the homeless issues. So, I think it was a very good start. And you were there, so maybe you have some comments as well.

Mayor Barber stated I think it was clear that we don't have a solution to the problem, but we're understanding the problem more. And the real insight that came out is that there are a lot of people in this community who are working to address the homeless situation, to reach out, to homeless people, to try to find them where they are and support them in ways that, a city cannot do it has to be grassroots. And so that was, to me, one of the encouraging things that came out of the evening. Is good. Dana, did you have anything more you wanted to add?

Councilor Phillips stated one of the things that for goals is, and the chief talked about it today or tonight about the fact that we're the problem with drugs and alcohol in our community, and then it just keeps rising.

But the problem I'm coming up against is the more I read about it in the more I talked to people about, it's just so far reaching and it's, there's so many people doing so many things trying to help, but it's all of a sudden, I'm thinking the other day, I thought on every television show at the end of the show saying, if you have problem with mental health or you have problems with alcoholism, this is the number you call. I thought, okay, well maybe I need to get involved with each like SDDA and the chamber and the city, and trying to get all of us working into one core area. So, people know who they need to call or how to contact, but it's the situation is, is that like League of Oregon Cities, you're going, our legislators have screwed us up. I mean, the way they voted the drug problem. I feel like I'm going around in circles, but I'm going to find out I'm going to try to come up with some suggestions because it's so prevalent in our community and it's really affecting our youth. It's costing us big.

Councilor Montero stated and unfortunately, it's not the legislators to pass the law that, allows people to carry drugs on them. And to, I mean, tonight to hear that you're going to be punished more for not carrying a driver's license than for carrying an ounce and a half of meth. That really disturbs me.

Mayor Barber stated grams.

Councilor Montero stated that really disturbs me and that was the voters.

Councilor Phillips stated I know. Well, it, the interesting thing is, that I spend so much time over in the Richland area. It's talking to rural versus metro and you're going their attitude right on, over in Baker County. I'm going, I don't know, the Eugene, the Portland people. Anyway, so it's just, it's frustrating. And I know it's so frustrating for so many of us in this community trying to figure out which way to go.

Mayor Barber stated well keep working on it. We'll get out of that circle. Randy any other comments.

Councilor Frank stated I'm done.

Councilor Posalski stated one more comment Mayor. Just a reminder that next Tuesday, we have a meeting also with business people regarding, COVID Recovery for the Businesses. And I think the whole housing issue and the lack of employees is really going to drive that meeting. I think it will, bring us some, more insight and hopefully, some ideas and some solutions to help with the employment situation.

Mayor Barber stated and Tita, there's another forum for the homeless.

Councilor Montero stated yes, there is. There's a little problem with speakers.

Mayor Barber stated well, hang in there right now.

Councilor Montero stated I'm hanging in there.

Mayor Barber stated Steve, you have the floor.

Council President Wright stated well, obviously we're, giving lots of opportunity for the public to come and talk to us. Many different kinds of forums. You know, in the short time I've been on the Council, this is the most I've ever seen. So there, is no excuse. It's also no excuse if you want any kind of a voice in the public right now, we're voting on, boards and, you know, the transportation parks, those kinds of things on an off year. So, get out and vote for that. You can also vote by getting your vaccine. The numbers of vaccines going into arms is dropped precipitously, and now there are more opportunities than ever to just walk up and get one. Please do that. I wanted to also say thanks chief, particularly for thanking your spouses. That was excellent. Yes, they kind of get, you know, in the background sometimes, and I think that was particularly important. So, thank you. And thanks for all that you do and tell Mitch the same. A note from a hundred years ago, Seaside Signal, actually again from March 31st. Many of the residents of Seaside are busily engaged this month in painting building, and in beautifying the grounds about their property. The city is now taking on a very neat and attractive appearance. Pardon me, this guy, the editor who happened to be the Mayor at the time, this is all one sentence. Teams have been employed by the city to haul away all tin cans and other refuse in the city limits that the citizens in the general clean up and gathered in piles and within the next week, practically all the rubbish will have disappeared. And it is hoped that interest will be taken in keeping lots clean during the summer season. Too bad Dale's not here. Let's get those part-time people out there to help Dale.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Great. Well, we've had a good discussion this evening. I want to conclude not with a quote, but with a statement. Thank you, police officers and first responders who keep our community safe. Thank you, chief. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR