

CALL TO ORDER The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barber.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Council President Steve Wright; Councilors Dana Phillips, Tom Horning, Tita Montero, David Posalski, and Randy Frank.

Absent: None

Also, Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; and Kim Jordan, City Recorder. Mayor Barber stated just an opening comment message and reminder regarding our gathering procedures. Clatsop County remains in the high-risk category, which limits our in-person gatherings to 19, in-person guests at city hall. Although the CDC, Oregon Health Authority and OSHA have recently made new recommendations for masking guidelines. We will continue to mask for meetings in the City of Seaside facilities 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 for masked facilities, laid out by the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Thank you.

AGENDA Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to approve the agenda as circulated.

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

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

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, give your address and, please limit your comments to four minutes. Is there anyone that would like to speak? Yes.

Cathey Ryan, 465 8th Avenue, Seaside, stated Mr. Mayor and Councilors. I've come before the Council many times before, always with a concern and something that I wanted to bring to your attention as if you weren't already aware of it. But today I come for a different reason. I come to say, thank you. Thank you to all of you who moved forward to put signage on Necanicum Boulevard. I live less than a half a home away from there. And the swift action that you have taken and putting up nine additional signs on the Necanicum has been noted. I assume you always, or most of the time get complaints or concerns. And I wanted to make sure that you were recognized for the swift action that you have taken. My only confusion is that there is still one, RV down at 12th street that has been there forever. But I am assuming you have a plan. If you have a plan, raise your hand. Thanks Jay. But really, my purpose today is just to say thank you. I appreciate your swift movement, your attention to the public's concern. And I say, bravo.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. And thanks to Dale and your crew for getting those in and the city manager for approving that. Good work. Everybody working together solves a problem. Anyone else like to address the Council on any item, not on the agenda. Hearing none. Joyce, almost too fast.

Joyce Hunt, 510 13th Avenue, Seaside, stated I also want to thank you for the work done there. I'm really close to it. Now I've got a visual of the park and everything from my house. But I also want to at least 8-10 other people showed up at the convention center last Thursday, to participate in the homeless thing. And I'm not just, I'm not sure how the word got out that it was canceled, but obviously there was 8-10 of us. I mean, they were kind of coming in and out and they saw the doors were closed. I think there were other people that came up and went when we had the phones out. It's still, even today, it's still listed on the flyer on the city's web site that was going to happen. So just to let you know that there was some people out there they're concern that must not be on the right mailing list or the right. The information just didn't get out.

Mayor Barber stated we heard those comments and we do apologize for that. We tried to get the word out in every way. Tita, I don't know whether you have any comments on that or not.

Councilor Montero stated it was short notice. And we, I do believe it, ended up on the website. I know we, put it out in, several different ways and there's an email list of probably close to 50 people. It went on the, convention center website. It went on the city website and I know Facebook pages.

Ms. Hunt stated just an old-fashioned note on the door of the convention center. Hey folks. Sorry, short notice has been canceled. That would've helped a lot.

Councilor Montero stated good suggestion.

Mayor Barber stated thank you very much. Joyce, any other comments to the Council? Thank you though. Both of those are very relevant comments. Very much appreciated. I'll close that portion of our meeting

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, although it is a small amount with Mark gone, it seems like we can put money away, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$88,986.95; and Approval of Minutes May 10, 2021.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

**UPDATE – CITY
COUNCIL GOAL (1)**

Mayor Barber stated moving onto reports. We've had a couple of forums that we've been working on these as you will recall, our, the work that we're doing to really address the goals that we set back in January. We're gathering public, input on this. And we're going to have periodically on the Council agenda, some updates. And the first one is from, regarding the economic base business recovery in Seaside. And, really David is driving that and I'm supporting him. David, give us a little update.

Councilor Posalski stated we had a meeting at the convention center. We had a small turnout, about four or five, businesses all in the hospitality sector. We didn't get anybody that showed up from any of the other, business sectors in the area. Pretty strong consensus that the biggest issue everybody is having is staffing. And we've heard that nationally. We definitely hear it locally, had another business reach out to me yesterday, just asking what they were doing wrong, because they couldn't even get any applications, and you know, let them know that is definitely the issue. We've seen a, a common thread among several of our goals, whether it deals with, I'm sure homelessness, whether it deals with, transportation, deals with business recovery, it comes down to our lack of housing availability and you know, I've always felt that the underlying issue that we have here in the State of Oregon, the reason we have such high real estate prices and lack of housing is the lack of buildable land due to the urban growth boundaries. And I think it's, a system that has great purpose to protect our Wild lands, but I don't know that it's being managed effectively. It's at a higher level than we are, but it's something that definitely needs to be figured out, as a city moving forward, how we can make the most of, residential property.

Mayor Barber stated I heard the same thing. Basically, what I heard from those that are in the hospitality corridor that they have people to bring in, even from outside of the U S but finding places for them to live while they're here is a real challenge. And I know that some very creative business minds are putting their heads together to try to figure that out. And so, when you've got a problem, it takes a group of people working together to solve it. And my friend Council President Wright, his goal has to do with addressing the housing issue. You're going to have that solved by end of summer, right. But Steve was there, he heard the comments as well.

Councilor Posalski stated I think there is some promising movement here in town. We've got a 40-apartment complex going in there at North Wahanna. There was another, I believe another a hundred units that somebody is working on. So, there's definitely some movement in the right direction and the type of building that we need happening. And I think there are definitely some things we, as a Council can decide that can help motivate those larger complexes that can bring less expensive housing to our community.

Councilor Montero stated I think that's the, nail on the head and that is, it doesn't matter how many units get built out there. If they're not affordable for our workforce, then that's only going to, that only creates more of a problem. And so that's where, somehow, we need to be able to work with the builders, the investors, the people own the apartment houses for a way to keep those rents reasonable.

Councilor Posalski stated I think the underlying factor that we will always see is the economics of supply and demand. If there's enough properties and enough houses, and apartments and everything to go around and they're sitting empty, then rent start coming down or moderating. But as long as we have more demand than we have supply, those numbers are going to continue to go up. The other thing we might look at is some of the other, some of the things that, other places here in Oregon have done is requiring higher density in certain zones or certain areas where we decide if you're going to build on this property, you know, we've got those new 800 square foot, single family dwellings going in on Wahanna. You know, 800 square feet, isn't a lot, but we're using a whole lot that could have had, you know, possibly a duplex where we have two housing units rather than one tiny unit going in. And so those are some controls that may be able to be put in to require either higher density or higher, use of the properties as we're building.

Mayor Barber stated we're going to continue to work on this and hopefully come up with some clearer steps that will help resolve some of these challenges. Thank you, David.

**UPDATE – CITY
COUNCIL GOAL (12)**

Mayor Barber stated regarding the, next one, the, quality of life homelessness in Seaside, Tita is driving that one and I'm supporting her in that. We've had how many sessions.

Councilor Montero stated we have had; two sessions and session number three was canceled. We have two more to go June the third and July the first, all at six o'clock. Those are Thursday nights. June the third will be a town hall, open forum type of meeting. There have already been some signs posted on different Facebook pages. The, Chief Ham was, I thought he was, very generous with, his officer's time and a good idea that he had that if we had some sort of, an invitation, they'd be very happy to distribute those amongst our homeless population. I created a really bright yellow flyer, and this is what is on Facebook and will be disseminated more, that, has the date, the time and how we, invite everyone to give us their views and opinions. And this is very much, to get input as to what is, what do people see? What do people want? Mainly in a, oh, what's the, word? I totally lost the word. Brainstorming fashion and brainstorming is when you share your ideas, no matter how pie in the sky they may be, and nobody does any kind of judgmental, retorts to those ideas. It's all to take in, not to decide and, and make judgments at that time. On July the first we are going to have a, presentation mainly led by the League of Oregon Cities that will be very close to a webinar that I think Councilor Wright also attended. There are four laws too that have been, I'm not sure the other two have hit the governor's desk yet to be signed all with regards to homelessness. And so, we're going to have presentations and discussions as to what does it say in those laws? What does it, what do those laws mean? And then how, can we look at making sure we operate within those laws? And that's is all going to be, an overlay for, what we do as we, work with, our homelessness issues in the future.

Council President Wright stated I believe all of, the seminar on Friday is available on the website, LOC website on a recording.

Mayor Barber stated and withholding a possible natural disaster. Those meetings will take place, Joyce. They won't be canceled. We had the loss of a speaker for the meeting last week. And that's what got in the way.

Councilor Frank stated a question, on those flyers, how many, do you do, or how do they, how are they disseminated?

Councilor Montero stated well at this point, and I was hoping to have some tonight here. But at this point I sent, it's two on a page, so it's a half sheet piece of paper. And, the chief is, printing them up for his people to pass out as, they go out into the community. And, we'll have them for, other ways to pass out. It's mainly, the paper ones to pass out is mainly to get to people that we don't believe would hear about it, otherwise online, that kind of thing.

Mayor Barber stated I've already seen it on Facebook.

Councilor Montero stated I put it there today. I'm trying to hit all the different pages that I've linked into.

Mayor Barber stated well, thank you, Tita. And thank you, David, for that work. And, you know, one of the challenges that, I know Tita and I've talked about is when we're done with these forums, how will we know we've been successful? And I think the answer to that is that if we're better informed, if we're more educated about what the issues are and what we can and how we can do something about them, then that will be successful. So, we'll keep looking forward to measuring those things and all of these areas, as these forums do take place. Thank you so much.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VACANCY – COMMUNITY CENTER COMMISSION

(2 Vacancies)

Mayor Barber stated and now we're moving on to unfinished business. We have some vacancies on our commissions and boards and committees. And the first one is that we have some applicants for the Community Center Commission. Dana, I know you're the liaison there, do you have comments?

Councilor Phillips stated I do. But first of all, I'd like to take a moment to, we lost, an incredible volunteer in our community, Lila Vernon passed away and she was on the, Community Center Commission for a long, time. And plus being the wife of a past Mayor and whatever else, I just wanted to acknowledge her and, all that she did for our community. And, she was just the epitome of what we want as volunteers.

Mayor Barber stated and she baked the best Coconut Cream Pie.

Councilor Phillips stated she also did a Lemon Merengue Pie too.

Councilor Phillips moved that Council had two applicants, so I would like to nominate Gretchen Darnell and Tracy MacDonald to, be interviewed prior to our next meeting, with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Frank).

Mayor Barber stated wonderful, two good volunteers.

**VACANCY –
CITY TREE BOARD**

(1 Vacancy)

Mayor Barber stated and then, regarding the City Tree Board. David, you're looking into that. I think. We don't have anybody. So, David's it's your responsibility to go out there and get someone

Councilor Montero stated just for a clarification that, nomination was that to interview them or was that to appoint them?

Councilor Phillips stated that's nominated to interview.

Mayor Barber stated at the next meeting prior to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

**LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATION**

Liquor License Application - Viva Tijuana Mexican Cuisines, 1445 S. Roosevelt (New Owner – Sergio Sanchez). (Previously was Mazatlán Mexican)

Mayor Barber stated Moving on to new business, we have a couple of liquor license applications of the first one was, is with Viva Tijuana Mexican Cuisines and Sergio, I believe I see you're here, please come up and tell us about your business and what's happening.

Sergio Sanchez, 1445 S. Roosevelt, and Owner of Viva Tijuana Mexican Cuisines, stated Hello, how's everyone doing tonight? I'm just here to, try to get my liquor license approved by the city. I have worked in the restaurant industry for 22 years now. I worked for Mr. Frank at Norma's for eight years. And, where I work right now, I have worked there for the past 22 years. So, I just took over the business and, I would like to be able to sell alcohol at my restaurant. This

Mayor Barber stated this is kind of the transfer of a license. It's been an existing license, but now we're under new ownership. You're applying for that. I don't think we've had Jon. I don't believe we've had any comments from the police department that were negative regarding this application.

Councilor Frank stated and in fact, I can vouch for Sergio because he was an employee of mine. And, I know that he's going to do a great job and be successful, so I could even recommend him. I would, unless there's any other comments.

Councilor Frank moved that we accept that application, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

**LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATION**

Liquor License Application – Adrift Hotel SPC, 125 Oceanway (Owner – Allyx Connor) (Have a Limited On-Premises License)

Mayor Barber stated the next one is from the Adrift Hotel on Oceanway. And is, Alice Connor here? Elise, how do you say your first name?

Allyx Connor, 125 Oceanway, and Owner of Adrift Hotel SPC, stated we are just a 22-room hotel and we've been in business here for several years. We have a liquor license right now to be able to sell, wine and beer, which is great, but we would love to be able to serve some spirits maybe for our guests, Mimosas, Bloody Mary's, that kind of thing, just really easy. And so that's why I'm here today.

Councilor Montero stated I have a question about that when you came for the liquor license, the first time I asked specifically whether this was to serve alcohol to only your guests or to anyone who came in off the street. And at that time, I was told it was only going to be for the guests. But as I understand it has become, actually for anyone to walk in, it's become just like a lounge for any place, for any, business. Is that the way you would be continuing that?

Ms. Connor stated we would like to be able to, be accessible to the community,

Mayor Barber stated I think as long as it's consumed in that. There's no violation of the liquor law.

Ms. Connor stated absolutely. It would just be in our lobby or in our, space.

Councilor Phillips stated and there hasn't been any complaints. Is that correct?

Kim Jordan, City Recorder stated no complaints. There is a recommendation in your packets from the police department.

Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion.

Councilor Posalski stated I would move to approve the liquor license application, with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried with Councilor Montero Opposed (Posalski/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Allyx.

**DISCUSSION – REVIEW
CARTWRIGHT PARK
EXPANSION**

Mayor Barber stated next discussion. The Parks Advisory Committee review of Cartwright Park expansion. Dale. You're going to give us some feedback on that.

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, stated thank you, Mayor and Council. I am here tonight on behalf of our CHR parks advisory committee members here. And I have our chairman or chairperson here with us tonight, Nancy Holmes and I invited her as well just to, get this out in front of you. And this is, basically the mile high version of the potential expansion of Cartwright Park in the next few years. We just wanted to give you, get this out in front of you to take a look at it, start thinking about discussions. There's plenty of time. One of the things that we do not have in Seaside are Pickle Ball Courts. What, what are those? They're the most asked for facility in our park system and apparently, we even have, I think a Councilor that plays amateur.

Councilor Posalski stated is he the one that asks all the time?

Mr. McDowell stated no, he knows better. But anyway, pickle ball courts, it's probably the most popular sport, asked, especially over tennis. One of the things that we could do to, expand our parks is to add these facilities and we do have a location, the old hospital, or former school district office, it's a potential site for pickle ball and a tennis court. And as you know, we have plenty of parking there, not only, where school district employees used to park up along the fence, but also the main parking lot, which we generally keep a couple stalls there for, boats and their tray or their trailers, for the boat ramp there. Right where that hospital is now would be the four pickle ball courts and a tennis court. And this is just a rough drawing of where they would be located. As you know, behind the, the building right now is a BMX pump track that was put in by North Coast Trail Alliance. Well, we've also had requests to expand that with one more lane because it gets so much use. Again, this is a great neighborhood park in it's almost a destination place in some cases,

Mayor Barber stated no daylight back there over the weekend and didn't know that they had paved that.

Mr. McDowell stated they have paved it. Yes, the little kids, the ones that their feet are just a blur when they ride on that thing, along with parents taking their kids over with the remote-control cars. Oh, and they're playing with the tractor that way as well, skateboards out there as well and you name it is out there. Even the, standup, wheel boards that are, we see out there, it gets a lot of use. You know, we were a little hesitant at first, even with the parks advisory, is, that the right thing for us, but it really has turned out to be a great asset to the park system. To the side, you can see the existing playground. We did some work there a couple of years ago. We put in ADA access to it and paved the parking lot, that little building that you see down in there as the restroom. Our future goals are to replace that restroom. It's basically two sani cans in a brick building is all it is. It's very small with a restroom, similar to the chamber of commerce or Goodman Park, something like that. And actually, turn it 90 degrees so that parents can see their kids when they run over to the restroom and go inside right now, they go around the corner. That's not a good setup the way that is. In the future of the new restroom, it would be turned. And again, Avenue 'S' has already an improved street. The access around the building is there. We do have a wastewater treatment plant pump station, that round circle, down in the far-right corner. That green area is a, wetland buffer, not a wetland buffer, but the buffer for the Necanicum River. And we're not in any way, shape or form near that as it is. We said, the expansion of the pump track, we would add an additional lane. This is just one of our locals that goes out there about every other day. And then the restroom would be this style restroom. Again, we would turn it and that's about it, but I'll go back to that overall layout, just so that you, if you have any questions and again, this is first discussion, we're not asking you to do anything other than start thinking about it. This is, you know, down the road. We're hoping at some point when we dig a hole out there, we find a bucket of money to do all of this work. It hasn't worked on any of the other parks yet, but we're still thinking it's a possibility.

Councilor Posalski stated I've got a question. Difference, and Randy would probably be able to speak to this. We have four dedicated pickle ball courts and a tennis court. Is there significant benefit to having them as dedicated as opposed to multi-use like I've seen up in Gearhart, they're actually tennis courts that they've.

Mr. McDowell stated right. We had actually looked at the tennis court just for the size is what this drawing is for, but it would be striped both ways for pickle ball court and tennis court. As you know, the North Forty, we have an existing tennis court there, right. For that potential development to go in there that tennis court would have to go away. It can't go away based on the funding, unless we put one over at the, pole vault. That'd be a great place for it over in the corner. They can park on Holladay Drive, it'd be out of the way, so it doesn't interfere with the baseball/soccer fields. We've kind of looked at all of those things is to keep the tennis court at the North Forty, but maybe add another one down here. Or maybe we don't want another one down here if there's not enough activity and maybe we do it as another pickle ball court.

Councilor Montero stated I want to make sure I understand we're required to keep a tennis court at the north end of town.

Mr. McDowell stated for five more years. That's based on the funding source, it came from. It'd be nice to have one there anyway, because it's basically, if it's over towards the North Holladay side, you've got easy parking. It's just pull up alongside the curb. You can park, just walk over and you can play tennis. It could also be ADA access. It's real simple at that location. I'm all about trying to make sure that everything's ADA access town. It's a good possibility that that could happen at that location. Just some ideas for our parks, and like I say, we have a very active Parks Advisory Committee and, Councilor Horning is our, Council Representative really liaison too. So, everybody's trying to, you know, work well with the city and come up with some new ideas.

Councilor Montero stated how well used is the, boat ramp?

Mr. McDowell stated the boat ramp gets used some, there are some people that do launch their boat there it's a narrow boat ramp. It could be widened, at a later date, there could also be some stairs or some way to get, canoes or kayaks down there. But even with that, you've got some areas down towards Avenue 'G'.

Council President Wright stated right at my house.

Mr. McDowell stated right at your house, they get out and walk it through.

Council President Wright stated it's very tidally affected. And, people that don't know that get stuck right in my backyard, right, in the river. You can walk across the river in low tide during the summer.

Councilor Montero stated when we talk about ADA that is probably not a good idea for the kind of, dock that we have.

Mr. McDowell stated correct, the water is way too swift there during tides. If you're not aware up to Avenue 'U' can be coast guard navigable, or up to that location during high tide. That water is extremely swift.

Council President Wright stated it's funny to watch it flow the wrong way.

Mayor Barber stated Dale is this a part of the parks master plan, or is this an addition to it?

Mr. McDowell stated this is an addition, we're going to start working on the parks master plan because it is a living document. Like all the ones we've done is to add these things in there as part of process or part of the committee's process. Again, that's why I say this is just kind of a first, you know, aerial view of what the proposal is for this to expand our parks and the facility or amenities in our park systems.

Councilor Phillips stated do you have any idea how much it potentially will cost?

Mr. McDowell stated I don't at this point, I showed this exact same presentation to the park's advisory. We talked about doing something. I showed this to them really quick. It was just kind of a down and dirty design just to kind of get it out there to see if that was something we know the restroom was going to be somewhere around \$200,000, somewhere around in there. The tennis courts and all that. I don't really, I don't know for sure, because of the type of fencing I still need to research. What type of fencing goes around pickle ball compared to what goes around tennis courts? The different sockets for different nets if needed. And we would look at all of that and this design is you're strictly, should we put the pickle ball court side-by-side so there's two, side-by-side going down. And then going into the tennis court, we've got room to leave some additional space. I was sent the measurements of what a pickle ball court should be. I already had these drawn in, these are considerably larger than what's needed because we have all that room, to put them in there and have waiting areas or benches, for people.

Councilor Phillips stated love the concept. I Love it.

Councilor Frank stated I like seeing things happening at this park. I mean, it's been there quite a while. I remember, junior Posalski, doing some projects over there. But in the south of Seaside, this is like the only family park in existence and, sort of been neglected for a while. If I remember, right, you talked about maybe a sidewalk, could have fence along the street to keep kids in, correct.

Mr. McDowell stated and keep the kids in and keep cars from parking up on the lawn. We have a Tom Chatterton Memorial tree out there along Franklin Avenue as well. Our peace tree is going to be planted in Cartwright Park on the south end. And the tree board is going to be doing that shortly here. This Park has a lot of lawn it's kids they played T-ball.

Councilor Frank stated I have made it a habit the last few months to drive through there and around the building. Since the school district, moved out one to sort of check for homelessness and broken windows, but I've noticed just in that time, how much that does get used, and I think paving the pump track, you know, they did that, it doubled the use. I mean, it was like all of a sudden, boom. So that's been really nice.

Councilor Montero stated have you started increasing the number of waste barrels and, receptacles? Because as you get more people, you get more waste and more paper flying around.

Mr. McDowell stated the park has four trash cans as it is, and so far, that's been fine. We haven't had any major issues.

Mayor Barber stated excuse me, the other one of our Council goals has to do with the proposed plans for these two surplus buildings, this one and the church next to the library. And so, the committee working, I can't remember whose goal it is, you and I both. You'll need to be chiming in on that as well. If there are any other questions, I want to give the members of the Parks Advisory Committee that are here, if you want to make any comments about this, anything you want to say just for the record, Nancy, identify herself and your address.

Nancy Holmes, 1520 Cooper Street. The one that I think Dale just mentioned that I wanted to having point out that is the largest area of grass that we have, and I guess they do play T-ball, but it's, you know, where families can get out and really toss the ball. And that is a wonderful long, the whole length of the park. You're only showing about half of it. Nice riparian area that, and there's picnic bench and, you know, picnic table and so forth. It's, really a nice park. And, it's just kind of funny to see pickle ball courts in the middle of that hospital, but that's okay. That's good. I think it will be great.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Nancy.

Councilor Montero stated that makes me think of a question. Have you thought about the possibility of a small dog park there?

Mr. McDowell stated we've thought of that, or we briefly discussed it. One is trying to figure out the location in that. The area that's in green, the Kiwanis Club actually planted a bunch of trees there years ago. So, we're trying to maintain that area and keep it surviving. The other end of the dog park, one of the things that we have and, you know, we're always wanting students to do Pacifica Projects. One of the issues with the south end of the park, where we do have the exercise boxes is we don't really see those being used. I think it's, it's almost like it goes in fads in parks. You've got to keep up with the most popular thing all the time. Otherwise, people get bored and they don't use them anymore. We've looked at that area as far as a dog park too, but then we've got homes right there. Do they want to listen to barking dogs? We hate to put them alongside the river because we've got picnic tables down there and benches where you can sit and just sit along the river and read a good book. We're still looking again; this is a kind of a first you know mile high version of this.

Councilor Montero stated well Randy needs to give the dog's one of the pickle ball court.

Mr. McDowell stated well maybe if he brought, came over and did pickle ball, they could use his fence backyard. It's already fenced.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Randy. It's a great idea. And, I'm sure we'll continue to think about it. I'm wondering if there might be some grant funds from, you know, the pickle ball, phenomenon. Companies that produce the equipment for, that may have a grant program that would help.

Mr. McDowell stated that might be along with, Oregon State Marine Board to upgrade the boat ramp itself, because it is very narrow.

Council President Wright stated assuming that the building comes down and we've looked at it and it's in pretty bad shape right now, but that's a whole other discussion for the Council,

Mayor Barber stated creative thinking. We love it. All right. Thank you. And thank you, Dale. Thank you, Nancy.

**VACANCY –
PARKS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (TERM
EXPIRATION)**

Mayor Barber stated we have some vacancies, on committees, boards, and commissions, the Parks Advisory Committee. Tom, you want to make any comments on those or make any proposing action?

Councilor Horning stated well, Nancy Holmes and Michael Hinton both have, reached the expiration on their present appointment. And, they are two of the most dedicated, committee people I've ever seen. They live and breathe this excellent, work well in groups and, provide great leadership. Councilor Horning appointed them both and therefore make that motion, with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Horning/Frank)

Mayor Barber stated thank you to both of them for their faithful services. As you've indicated really great volunteers.

**VACANCY –
AIRPORT COMMITTEE
(TERM EXPIRATION)**

Mayor Barber stated and then the Airport Commission, Randy.

Councilor Frank stated and we are also very blessed with, having, people who are dedicated and, really care about, this property and, so much so on that they have, asked to be reappointed. Councilor Frank stated I would love to, reappoint to you three Bruce Francis, Dianne Widdop, and Jesse Taylor, with a second from Council President Wright; carried unanimously. (Frank/Wright).

**VACANCY –
CITY TREE BOARD
(TERM EXPIRATION)**

Mayor Barber stated and then the City Tree Board, a term expiration date.

Councilor Posalski stated we have William Barnes, who's one of our valued, police officers, up for renewal at the end of his term. Councilor Posalski moved to reappoint him to the City Tree Board, with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Posalski/Frank)

**VACANCY –
COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION (TERM
EXPIRATION)**

Mayor Barber stated and then the Community Center Commission, Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated it's a pleasure to reappoint Julia Weinberg. She's kind of a new person on our commission, but has done, has given a lot of great input. I welcome her wanting to be reappointed, with a second from Councilor Posalski; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Posalski)

Mayor Barber stated thank you very much. It's great to have active volunteers and keeping them in line. We still have some openings here and there and we need to be looking for people to fill those out.

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated comments from the city staff. Let's start with Jon. Our Assistant City Manager, Jon.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated not too much tonight, Mr. Mayor. We are, I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that we're getting ready for a lot of new summer hires. We're still actively recruiting for public works, summer help. Those are full-time jobs, really needed jobs and in our city this time of year. And the lifeguard towers up, you'll start seeing lifeguards on the beach here, this coming weekend, actually. That's full steam and then there'll be introduced I'm sure in the next month or two, but we've finished the process for a new police officer and a new community service officer. Those names will be forthcoming, but that's quite a process started last fall and to go through all the screening and whatnot, that's been completed, so we'll look forward to welcoming them in the near future. But it has been very busy in that regard with, hiring and welcome back Mark.

Mayor Barber stated yes, Mark, it's nice to see you back. I hope you had a wonderful vacation.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated Mr. Mayor. I did, and I appreciate the Councils indulgence in allowing me to have the two weeks and, be able to enjoy those.

Mayor Barber stated and we're expecting a travel log here soon. We can have an early meeting and, Jon can project on the screens and we can enjoy all your pictures.

Mr. Winstanley stated well, there are a few.

Councilor Frank stated his phone takes pictures now.

Councilor Wright stated he took a selfie; can you believe that.

Mayor Barber stated seriously? We're glad you had a wonderful trip and you are back safely. Mr. Van Thiel, nice to see you.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated good to be here. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated Kim, do you have anything you'd like to add?

Ms. Jordan stated no thank you.

Mayor Barber stated and we did have our Seaside Chamber, Executive Director here for a while, but he must've had another meeting to go to. Dale, do you have anything more you'd like to add?

Mr. McDowell stated I was going to mention too. The other parks person that's here tonight. Mr. Bill Montero, is here with us tonight. And don't forget, this was a Memorial Day weekend. One of our busiest weekends, even though we've had COVID and you can't really tell anymore though. It's supposed to be nice weather.

Mayor Barber stated we're going to have lots of company, I'm sure. Did we cover everybody on staff?

**COMMENTS –
COUNCIL**

Mayor Barber stated David comments.

Councilor Posalski stated a couple of things. First thing I wanted; we seem to have a continual vacancy on the Community Center Commission. It also looks like one of our largest commissions to continue to, try and fill over and over again. And I wonder if it isn't something that we want to talk about, maybe reducing the number of seats that are on that commission.

Councilor Phillips stated that it is. And then Steve, was concerned about why we've lost so many. It's just age related and moving out of the community, and then the passing of Lila. I agree because I was concerned when I came in to talk to Mark and Jon, this evening that they wouldn't even have technically a quorum at the next meeting because they're down so many members. And I know that there is another two that are going to be leaving as well. I agree that, it's something that we need to, because it's a nine-member commission and there's really no reason. I mean, they are working diligently, they are planning a new fundraiser to help.

Councilor Frank stated going down to seven would be good.

Councilor Phillips stated I don't need; I think even five would be enough. It's a good point, David, because they are having trouble.

Mayor Barber stated Dan, what is the process for reducing the size of the commission or a committee?

Mr. Van Thiel stated I never had it ever come up before, but I would assume that it just changed. We've created a certain number of people for it. I would assume that this Council has the ability simply put to reduce it.

Mayor Barber stated revise the ordinance to reduce that. If the Council's in agreement with that, let's get that in process.

Council President Wright stated maybe find out why it had nine to start with, or did it go up some time for some reason. Mark is our city historian, he ought to know a chunk of history.

Councilor Phillips stated it has been like that from way back when.

Mr. Winstanley stated commissions have a tendency to, change sizes. There's no doubt about that. And, this currently is your largest, committee or commission and, lots of times Councils do that just to be more inclusive. There's no rules or regulations that dictate that other than your ordinance. So, we can certainly bring you an ordinance with, fewer people. And you can go ahead and consider that.

Mayor Barber stated good, we can put that on a future agenda. Thank you, David.

Councilor Posalski stated the other item from the last meeting, I brought up a little bit of the discussion of our transportation conversation regarding the Trendwest parking and Dale has been so kind as to point us in the right direction. And there is a meeting set for June 2nd that we'll be able to bring up the topic.

Mayor Barber stated good, wonderful, good follow through, thank you. On the other end, Tom.

Councilor Horning stated well, my recollection of, the Community Center Commission is that it was merged. One was for the management of the facilities and then another was for, advocating for the elderly. And so, they came together and I think they added up more. And that's part of the explanation. That's a vague recollection that I can't pin down though. Sounds reasonable. Otherwise, I'm just enjoying spring except for the fact that the elk keep raiding my garden and destroying it.

Mayor Barber stated Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated hats off again to Dale, your, unit never rest, your mind never stops and awesome ideas about the new park, the Cartwright and hats off to your park committee because you guys have worked very, hard and it really is showing in our community. And, I really appreciate it very much. So, thank you. And thanks to Jon, taking good care of us while Mark was in Turkey.

Mayor Barber stated Randy.

Councilor Frank stated well, at the airport, our shed is looking good. The exterior is pretty much done and, it looks like the interior is next, that's going to happen. We're, going to, do a fly in on September 18th and, this isn't, this is something we, have done in the past every year. Normally we would, coincide with another event that happening with aviators in the area or around Oregon and this year September 18th was selected and, we might even get some grant money to help do that. We've, been asked to maybe invite the public, which, looks like we might do. The only thing is there's a sort of limited parking, so we're not sure how that would go over, but our intent is there to do that, open it up to people who'd like to come out and see what happens and, the new, building and things that go on out there. And then another thing, Anne McBride just, sent out a little note saying that there might be some grant funding for, maybe a comprehensive feasibility study to look at a parking structure so we could choose to, look at that. It would, it was, you know, all these things take time and then we'll just have to decide if that's something we want to look at, or if we want to put all our focus in housing and what, you know, affordable housing, homelessness, and, employee housing, you know, how are we focused? Steve and I have, looked at both structures. We know that this one need to be raised at Cartwright Park. And, I think the one over here has some hope to it. Possibilities are being explored and what might happen with that. And, lastly, I'm really glad Tom cleared up what was happening at his property because, people were asking, if you were raising elk.

Mayor Barber stated Tita.

Councilor Montero stated well, you know, now that you, have bikes out there at the airport, you can have a fly in and a bike in.

Councilor Frank stated well, actually the bikes are for the pilots to get in after they fly in.

Councilor Montero stated I know, but have the people come out to the fly in, let them bike. I also want to give some compliments to Dale, not from the park side so much, but from the public works side, definitely from the public works side, everything that Cathey Ryan said was true. The signs went up quickly, in fact, I kind of looked for them every day and one night I drove down and went, oh my God, they're there now. I'll just be real honest about it. It has already started pushing the cars into my neighborhood overnight camping. That does not eradicate the issue. And as I have the philosophy, there is no permanent solution. It will always be with us. We need to find ways to, to handle it and deal with it. But Dale's public works people unbeknownst and unacknowledged by most of the population of this city do an awesome yeoman's job in keeping this city clean, in keeping it presentable, and inviting. That's not just a job that they do with the physical part of it. But I don't think any of us know how much it costs to do that today. I received, some texts from somebody on, Avenue 'D' who wanted to report to me that some people were, camping and staying down by D and E and there's some city property there. And I went down to check it out and, saw some bags of trash there. And so, I picked up the phone and called Dale and said, gee, could you really, could you do me a favor? Somebody went to the trouble of bagging; this trash and the animals have started to get into it. Could you maybe send some people down to pick it up? And what he told me is that first of all, the people who live in the, homeless people with their camps in that area have actually been bagging their trash every day and bringing it up and putting it there. But what I think is a credit is that our city staff has been going and picking it up every day. They've created a partnership if you will there, they've created some ways to, work with the population, but that also all comes to at a cost to, our taxpayers and to our city budget. The other thing that they have to deal with, and this is something that, I think all of us need to be aware of. And I think that our, I'm going to call them our good citizens here, need to do something different. And that is if they've got, old furniture, if they've got stuff, they want to get rid of from their houses, stop taking it to the recycle center, because all that does is then get into the hands of the homeless campers who feel the need for whatever reason, to, hoard this, these pieces of furniture, et cetera, which ultimately then get abandoned and have to be hauled out at the cost to the citizens. When I started thinking about this some earlier today, I'm almost at the point where I'm thinking maybe we need to not have a free recycle center. Maybe we need to ultimately go the road of having our dump here, like Cannon Beach does, where everybody in town gets taxed for the dump, because right now we don't have something like that. And the people who should be paying to get rid of their stuff are not doing the right thing. And it's going to come out of our pockets either way. We look at it either because Dale's people have to take the time, trouble, or, energy to get it to a dump, or we pay for a dump and people use the dump. So that's something put in our, hats for a little bit in the future. But again, kudos to your public works department. Our, public works department with your leadership Dale.

Mayor Barber stated President Wright.

Council President Wright stated I'm still concerned about our county vaccination rate, and it doesn't seem to be changing. I just thought the only thing the Council can do is maybe suggest that our regional boards get changed to say something about get vaccinated, not just the masks and wash and stuff. That would be, I think, a, good step. The museum is reopening, June 11th at noon. We're having a ribbon cutting. You're all invited. The Transportation Advisory Committee met last Thursday and they approved, another small parking restriction. That's going to be coming to the Council before very long. So just warning about that, I love the car ride park ideas because that's my neighborhood. When my granddaughter comes from Tigard, she's, both of them say Seaside has the best city parks, and they've, got a really nice one in Tigard that they go to, but they love ours. And finally, Seaside Signal May 5th, 1921, regarding the prom, the title work half completed. This is May 5th. The water front improvement is now about one half completed. And contractor Tillman expects to have the entire bulkhead railing and walk finished by about June 15th. During next week, the contract for the installation of the equipment in the restrooms will be awarded. And by the time this work is installed, the walk and turn around will have been paved and in shape. And the top rail will be put in place and the lamp posts erected, and it goes on and talks about some of the other things too, but half done by, May 5th. This was dedicated on August 6th and 7th. So, they made a lot of headway.

Councilor Montero stated and the amazing thing is that it was started at the beginning of the winter and worked on during the winter, and yet they were half done by May 5th.

Mayor Barber stated amazing. Thank you, Steve. My final comment, is to say that, as a result of our forums and particularly last week meeting with the, service industry, people that we met with David, really encouraging news about the business climate in Seaside currently, basically what we're hearing is that restaurants, bars, hotels are ahead, in terms of revenue and business over the really the heart of before the pandemic. And to me, that speaks well for the way these businesses are being managed and, the way the city is working with them. I like to think whether it's true or not, that the grants that we made during the heart of the pandemic to our local businesses may have encouraged people to hang in there through a very difficult time. Thank you again to the Council, but particularly to Mark for that idea that is unique to any other city in the, State of Oregon to provide direct grants to local businesses, it was really a bold move. And right now, we have, I think as much construction either in planning or underway in our city that I've seen in the 15 years that I've lived here. It is an encouraging time to see all of this happening, but it does have its side challenges, housing, affordable housing, and all the things that go with that. And we need to work together to try to figure out how to

provide housing really for our industry that funds our community, the tourism industry. Let's continue to think and work together with that. Thinking about all of the controversy around the masks and the CDCs and all those things. I came up with this quote that really was speaking to me, not just to you. "Never make permanent decisions based on temporary findings".

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR