

- CALL TO ORDER** The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Don Larson.
- Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Tim Tolan, Councilors Stubby Lyons, Don Johnson, Larry Haller, and Jay Barber.
- Absent: Dave Moore
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Max Milander, Seaside High School Representative; Rebecca Herren, The Coast Times; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian; Jeff Nelson, KAST; and Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal.
- AGENDA** Motion to approve the February 8, 2010, agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)
- PRESENTATION** Mayor Larson stated he always had fun recognizing people. Mayor Larson honored Tom and Virginia Dideum and Mike and Laurie Scott for their efforts during the past several years to clean up the beach after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration. Known as the "Beach Drive Buccaneers," the two couples dress as pirates and distribute bags, candy and beads to those who help gather trash on the beach. The recognition and certificate was on behalf of SOLV, which was celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> year of conducting clean-up days throughout Oregon.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Jose Ayala, 941 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside, stated the street on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue was very bad. Rock was coming up which made the street even worse.
- Mayor Larson stated the City would speak to the Public Works Department about the issue. Mayor Larson further stated a Local Improvement District could be done that would pave the roads, add sidewalks and curbs. The cost would be split between the property owners on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Charles Murdy, 940 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside, stated the owners had tried an Improvement District before and owners on that street could not afford the \$40,000.00 to improve the streets. Mr. Murdy further stated he was told the street would be improved and gravel would be added but that was not being done. Mr. Murdy further stated he had added gravel himself but the large trucks seemed to carry the gravel away in the treads of their tires. With John Morris's new property the water would puddle up which also made the streets bad and there was more truck traffic because of Mr. Morris's property.
- Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon Avenue, Seaside, stated there must have been a rule passed at a prior time by the City Council, which required the City to add sidewalks and curbs when improving a street because most of the neighborhoods did not have sidewalks and curbs. Mr. Humpal further stated to have the requirement did not make sense.
- Dan Whitehead, 980 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside, stated the requirement of adding sidewalks and curbs for six blocks on a street seemed silly. All the neighborhoods should have sidewalks and curbs instead of the cost of paving a street being increased because of adding sidewalks and curbs.
- Mayor Larson stated there was a Local Improvement District being worked on.
- John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Drive, Seaside, stated there were problems with the Transportation System Plan (TSP). The last two inputs of the TSP had been done through Mayor Larson and neither one of them was put into the comments that were being studied. There had been a write up about the highway footprints and Mr. Dunzer reviewed the Environmental Impact Report and there had been issues about areas of controversy with the project but there was not an area in the report about highway footprints. Mr. Dunzer further stated he was sure Tita Montero had mentioned at one meeting the project would be as wide as the Council Chambers.
- Ms. Montero stated she had mentioned the information at more than one meeting and more than one time.
- Mr. Dunzer stated that was what he had remembered. The other part of the meeting had to do with a letter that someone had written about the highway footprint being dangerous to walk across. There was a huge problem with trying to figure out why there was such an issue to build a four lane highway. There were many Cities' that already had a four lane highway like Lake Oswego and there did not seem to be any problems with their highways. The community was not suffering because of their highways. Mr. Dunzer further stated now the word was that the four lanes would not work through Seaside which would not solve any of the problems Seaside had with traffic. The idea was to get a TSP so there could be a bunch of grants written. Mr. Dunzer further stated he had scheduled a meeting with the Gearhart City Manager who was not aware of any of the highway information and Mr. Dunzer would be speaking with the new County Commissioner to discuss Police Departments and staffing, redistricting, and County Police Forces. Mr. Dunzer further stated there was a new plan for another Seaside Police Officer which was just great since there were five or six more police officers than the normal planning averages and if that was a priority of the City then that was great.
- CONFLICT** Mayor Larson asked whether any Councilor wished to declare a conflict of interest.
- No one declared a conflict of interest.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$866,295.56, and approve the January 25, 2010, minutes; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding approving a ballot title to be submitted to the voters at the next special election; regarding funding for the purchase of police vehicles and funding a police officer position

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, explained Resolution #3694 was a resolution that would allow for placing on the May 18, 2010, ballot a special election for funding of a police position and the purchase of seven vehicles. The levy would be for five years. Mr. Winstanley further stated during the Budget meeting last year there was not enough money in order to fund all the patrol positions in the police department and there had to be one position left open and the levy would allow for the position to be filled. There were also three patrol vehicles that had over 100,000 miles and another two vehicles that were in the 90,000 mile area. There was an excessive amount of money being spent to maintain the vehicles with high mileage since the vehicles were not being replaced at the pace they needed to be replaced at. Mr. Winstanley further stated the levy was for five years and the total amount of the levy was \$725,000.00 which would be \$145,000.00 a year. The estimate on the increase in taxes would be fifteen cents per thousand or approximately \$30.00 on a \$200,000.00 house.

Councilor Tolan asked when the last special election for police was.

Mr. Winstanley stated the last special election was before the current Police Chief was hired and that was quite a while ago.

**RESOLUTION #3694**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, APPROVING A BALLOT TITLE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE NEXT SPECIAL ELECTION; REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES AND FUNDING A PATROL OFFICER POSITION

Mayor Larson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Humpal stated Mr. Winstanley spoke about the police cars having 100,000 miles which was not valid since cars can get 200,000 to 300,000 miles. Mr. Humpal further stated he did not quite understand Mr. Dunzer’s comments about more police then a City the size of Seaside and would appreciate any explanation about the issue.

Mr. Winstanley stated Seaside did have more Police Officers than a normal City with a population of 6400 people but Seaside was not a normal City since the population increased considerably during the busy time of year.

There were no other public comments and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments.

Councilor Barber stated anytime the City considered raising property taxes, which was a very important issue particularly in today’s economy. When Councilor Barber was considering placing his name for City Council one of the priority issues that citizens were concerned about was public safety. The levy falls under that category clearly that unless the police officers were supported with the very best equipment and the number of staff needed during the peak times then they would not be getting the support of the public that was needed. The property taxes needed to be considered but Council was not dictating but was asking the voters to decide what was important to them.

Councilor Lyons stated the two most important areas were fire and police protection. Seaside was a tourist community with our children and other people’s children running around the City. This was crucial to take a look at the City’s rating with other communities even bigger then Seaside or the same size and you would find that Seaside was right up in front with police and fire protection. Seaside was very proud of the accomplishments with the community with the two areas of safety.

Motion to read Resolution #3694 by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3694; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

**VACANCY –  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy with three applications received from Linda Jaklich, Leroy Hackett, and Robert Johnson. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to nominate Linda Jaklich, Leroy Hackett, and Robert Johnson for the Budget Committee and conduct interviews; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Tolan)

Mayor Larson stated interviews would be conducted prior to the City Council meeting Monday, February 22, 2010.

**LIQUOR LICENSE  
APPLICATION**

Council considered an application for a liquor license for The Harbor Bite at 220 Avenue ‘U’. The applicant was applying for a Limited On-Premise Sales License.

Motion to approve a Limited On-Premise Sales License for The Harbor Bite; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Lyons)

**PRESENTATION –  
TEN YEAR TREE  
CITY USA AWARD**

Councilor Lyons stated all the members of the City Tree Board had attended the Council meeting. Councilor Lyons introduced Tom Chatterton, Chair person of the City Tree Board, Mr. Wallace, Richard Bailey, and Lynn Smith in place of Jason Smith.

Mr. Chatterton stated he had the pleasure to serve for many years on the City Tree Board. Mr. Chatterton presented a Ten Year Tree City USA Award to the Council.

Councilor Lyons stated Arbor Day in Seaside would be the first or second week of April, 2010.

**APPROVAL –  
AUDIT CONTRACT  
2009-2010**

Mayor Larson stated staff was recommending Council approve the Audit Contract for the 2009-2010 year.

Motion approving the 2009-2010 Audit Contract; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)

**BID RESULTS –  
DOWNTOWN LITTER  
REMOVAL**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated the City received one bid for the Downtown Maintenance District Litter Removal Project. Jay Paul, 'A' Affordable Cleaning Company presented a responsive bid in the amount of \$29,700.00. 'A' Affordable Cleaning Company had been in the cleaning industry since 1988 and had been cleaning for the City of Cannon Beach since July, 2002, which included street cleaning, parking lots, and flower beds. Staff recommended accepting the bid of \$29,700.00 from 'A' Affordable Cleaning Company.

Motion approving the bid for the Downtown Maintenance District Litter Removal Project to 'A' Affordable Cleaning Company in the amount of \$29,700.00; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)

**COMMENTS - STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Max Milander, Seaside Student Representative, stated the school started a coin drive for the people of Haiti that were recovering from the dreadful earthquake and if the City Council or public was interested in contributing coins they could talk to Mr. Milander after the meeting.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Councilor Lyons reminded the public the U.S. Census bus would be stationed at the turnaround from 2:00- 4:00 pm on February 18, 2010. Councilor Lyons reminded Seaside residents they needed to participate in the Census this year.

Councilor Barber stated he experienced both a Typhoon and Hurricane during his vacation which was not a pleasant place to be when on a sailboat. Councilor Barber further stated he noticed the changes and improvements with the South Sidewalk Project and Community Gardens especially with the fence that was going up.

Councilor Johnson stated he wanted to officially congratulate his nephew Tyler Johnson for receiving firefighter of the year for Seaside.

Mayor Larson stated he attended the Art Show at the Library which would be there a couple of weeks. Staff and volunteers did a great job with their own art which was extremely interesting. Mayor Larson further stated there was a picture in the Daily Astorian of the 100 year celebration of the Port which was well represented with Congressman Wu who attended. Port Commissioner Bland was very interested in supporting Seaside. Mayor Larson welcomed John Chapman to the Council meeting and stated the City and Community were very blessed by the way they pulled together for the Chapman's during their time of need.

Councilor Tolan thanked Mr. Winstanley and Mr. Wallace for the much needed improvements to 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, thanked Council for the opportunity to let the people decide on the election measure for the public safety levy.

Lynn Smith, Seaside Police Communications Manager, stated the new dispatcher that Council had met a few weeks ago, had four to six weeks before he went solo.

Mr. Wallace stated he was aware of the time the Seaside Mechanic worked on the Police Vehicles and there was more than making sure the cars ran and that the motors were working. The Police Officers were called to do many tasks and needed vehicles that worked without the breaks squeaking and front ends rattling. Keeping the vehicles running good was more difficult when there were over 100,000 miles on them. Mr. Wallace further stated the North Holladay Project was going pretty well. North of twenty-First Avenue there were trees in the right-of-way and there were some that needed to be taken out but quite a few had been saved.

Mr. Winstanley thanked the neighborhood where the North Holladay Project was taking place. This was the largest street project in Seaside and the City hoped to get the work on the project finished as soon as possible and appreciate the patience of the neighborhood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR