

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

ATTENDANCE Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Stubby Lyons, Councilors Larry Haller, Tim Tolan, Don Johnson, Gary Diebolt, and Dave Moore.

ABSENT None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Bob Gross, Police Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager; Joe Dotson, Fire Chief; Rod Jones, Seaside Signal; Laurel Eddy, Daily Astorian.

AGENDA Motion to approve the January 22, 2007, agenda; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Lyons)

MINUTES Motion to approve the January 8, 2007, minutes; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Lyons)

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 \$175,950.03; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

**RECOGNITION –
FIRE CHIEF**

Joe Dotson, Seaside Fire Chief, distributed to Council the 2006 year end annual report for the Seaside Fire and Rescue. Chief Dotson stated the department responded to 899 incidents throughout the year. There were 832 calls for help and 290 of the calls were for fires and 542 were for medical. Compared to last year there were approximately 173 more calls. The average response time in the City was 6.6 minutes for the volunteer fire department and the goal for a paid fire department was 5 minutes which was really close. The response time in the rural area was just over 8 minutes. Chief Dotson further stated from the dates of December 14 through December 17 there were 34 calls in four days, the big storm had hit Seaside and the lights were out. The volunteers removed trees among other things and slept in two hour increments with some of the volunteers staying at the station most of the time. Chief Dotson further stated he was so proud of his department and proud to be their chief. The community needed to be really proud of the volunteer fire department.

Council President Lyons stated he appreciated the detail of the annual report and the volunteers in the department.

Mayor Larson stated the City had known for a while that Chief Dotson was going to retire. Mayor Larson further stated he thought of Chief Dotson many times when he drove by or when he heard the scanner. Mayor Larson further stated many times he had thought of all the volunteers who supported Chief Dotson in the City while the Mayor was at home doing his own thing and the fire department was ready to go. Mayor Larson further stated the volunteers were an unbelievable group of people and their leader must be pretty good because there was always a full roster. Mayor Larson further stated he was personally sorry to see Chief Dotson retire. Mayor Larson further stated he would inform the public about a deal between himself and Chief Dotson. Mayor Larson had promised he would always be good to Chief Dotson and respect and treat him nicely, and Chief Dotson in return would not blow the siren by the Mayors bedroom in the middle of the night when driving by the house. The Mayor further stated he and the neighbors thanked Chief Dotson since they had never been awakened by the siren except for a couple of times.

Chief Dotson stated those were the days he was mad at the Mayor.

Mayor Larson stated the Seaside City Council sincerely thanks you for twenty seven years of service to the City with your job of saving lives and saving property. Mayor Larson thanked every fire fighter and their spouses for supporting them and sincerely appreciated every one of them. Mayor Larson further stated he hoped Chief Dotson had many years of retirement.

**VACANCY -
CONVENTION CENTER
COMMISSION**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy with two applications received from Nancy McKeown and Troy Jasmin who had been interviewed. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Councilor Haller stated there should be a roll call vote.

Mayor Larson asked for a roll call vote:

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| MOORE | JASMIN |
| LYONS | MCKEOWN |
| DIEBOLT | JASMIN |
| JOHNSON | MCKEOWN |
| TOLAN | MCKEOWN |
| LARSON | MCKEOWN |
| HALLER | MCKEOWN |

Mayor Larson stated Nancy McKeown was appointed to the Convention Center Commission and thanked Troy Jasmin for applying.

Term expiration for McKeown would be October 25, 2008.

**VACANCY –
LIBRARY BOARD**

Mayor Larson stated there was a vacancy on the Library Board with two applications received from Don McKay and Lea Jordan. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Councilor Haller stated Council did not need to interview Don McKay.

Councilor Diebolt stated Council should interview Lea Jordan.

Mayor Larson stated Council would interview Lea Jordan prior to the City Council meeting on February 12, 2007.

Motion to close the vacancy for the Library Board; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Diebolt)

ORD# 2007-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP REFERENCED IN CODE OF SEASIDE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 151 CHANGING THE ZONING AT 2155 GROVE STREET FROM C-1 TO R-2.

Motion to place Ordinance No. 2007-01 on its third and final reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-01; carried by the following roll call vote. (Haller/Lyons)

YEAS: MOORE, LYONS, DIEBOLT, JOHNSON, TOLAN, LARSON, HALLER
YAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

**UPDATE –
PARKS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Council President Lyons stated members of the Parks Advisory Committee agreed to update Council with information that was covered at the Parks Advisory Committee meetings. Council President Lyons further stated Mike Hinton agreed to present Council with information from the Parks Advisory Committee meeting.

Mike Hinton, Parks Advisory Committee Secretary, stated there had been three proposals received for playground equipment at Cartwright Park. The equipment would be funded with the money donated from the Hood to Coast Relay Race last year and this year. The project would be planned in two phases with approximately \$17,000.00 donated last year and the \$17,000.00 that would be donated this year. The committee would review the proposals that were received and once the committee selected a proposal there would be a recommendation made to City Council. There was interest in the community to use Cartwright Park for soccer but the committee was not sure if that was possible. During the Parks Advisory meeting in December there was a presentation by the Tobacco Free Coalition of Clatsop County. Kara Finch, Tobacco prevention specialist and Jill River, Lifeworks Northwest who was an advocate for alcohol and drug prevention presented information to establish a smoke free environment at Broadway Park. There was a recommendation to present the information to the City Council once the December Parks Advisory Committee minutes were approved. The Police Chief was very supportive of the recommendation. The positive factors in establishing Broadway Park as a smoke free environment would be eliminating exposure to second hand smoke, developing a positive community norm by role modeling healthy behavior, and eliminating fire risks and cigarette litter throughout the park and outdoor spaces. Clatsop County was highest in tobacco use for the state of Oregon and creating a smoke free environment would help discourage tobacco use in youths and adults. Corvallis had adopted the plan throughout the City parks system and Portland was considering eliminating tobacco in various locations. Mr. Hinton further stated reports were received from Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, for a preliminary engineering contract for Broadway Park so the construction plans could go forward. The Finance Committee was working on the funding for Broadway Park with presentations being made to the Weyerhaeuser Foundation. The City was applying for \$100,000.00 grant to help fund Broadway Park. Mr. Hinton further stated the skate park was moving ahead and would possibly be finished by spring.

Councilor Tolan asked what the price tag for the Cartwright Park Playground Equipment would be.

Mr. Wallace stated the proposals varied but the range was \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00. The project would be completed in two phases with half of the equipment installed this year and the other half next year.

Councilor Diebolt asked if there was space for a soccer field in Cartwright Park along with the playground equipment.

Mr. Hinton stated that information would need to be looked at further.

Mr. Wallace stated the playground equipment would be placed in the same location and would be contained in that area. What would be done with a soccer field would be a half field for the smaller youth soccer games and practices.

Councilor Moore asked what the time frame for Cartwright Park was.

Mr. Hinton stated possibility by late May, 2007.

Councilor Johnson asked if the smoke free park would include smokeless tobacco.

Mr. Hinton stated that would be included in the presentation given to Council. Mr. Hinton further stated the school board supported the adoption of Broadway Park being smoke free and the committee hoped Council would support the adoption.

**BID RESULTS –
CONVENTION CTR.
AUDIO & VISUAL**

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager, stated about a year ago the Convention Center identified the need to replace the sound system which was approximately twenty years old. The Convention Center advertised for bids to replace the audio visual system and had received two bids. The project would replace all of the speaker systems, console, board, microphones, and cables. The new equipment would enhance the facility and give the Convention Center the ability to sell the building more attractively and would eliminate some of the needs for clients that bring their own equipment. The two bids received were from Three Rivers Audio Visual for \$46,075.00 and Morgan Sound for \$61,043.72. There was a variety of equipment used for the project and the two contractors selected slightly different methods and brands of equipment. Staff recommended that Council accept the bid from Three Rivers Audio Visual for \$46,075.00.

Councilor Haller stated he was concerned because the Convention Center was built as a box and there never had been a good sound system. Councilor Haller asked if the contractors were aware of the situation with the Convention Center.

Mr. Vandenberg stated both of the bidding companies had been to the Convention Center with their own sound systems when contracted for events. The system that was selected was because of the shape and design of the facility.

Councilor Tolan asked how the sound system would affect a new ceiling that the Convention Center would like to eventually install someday.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the contractors had factored that into the design of the sound system and the location of the speakers and the design would have no bearing on the type of ceiling that would be installed.

Motion to accept the bid from Three Rivers Audio Visual in the amount of \$46,075.00; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Haller)

Mayor Larson asked when the system would be installed.

Mr. Vandenberg stated February 13 through February 21.

**VACANCY –
PROMOTIONS
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there was a vacancy on the Promotions Committee. Mayor Larson asked the press to continue advertising the vacancy.

**VACANCY –
PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Mayor Larson stated there was a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Tracy Gardner had resigned. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon St., Seaside, stated he was concerned with the sidewalk project on Wahanna Road. There were a number of telephone poles in the vicinity of the sidewalk and Mr. Humpal wanted to be assured the sidewalk would extend past the telephone poles which would allow people to stay on the sidewalk with their carts.

Mayor Larson stated Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, had assured Council the sidewalk would meet America Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Mr. Wallace stated Mr. Humpal had been quite observant because the contractor added one section of the curb in the wrong location which did not meet American Disability Act (ADA) requirements. There was one pole in particular and the curb was being cut out and reset this week.

John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Dr., Seaside, distributed a list of items he would be commenting about. Mr. Dunzer stated this was a second list that was compiled and asked where the Transportation System Plan (TSP) was which was promised after the City vote. The Seaside Comprehensive Plan stressed that a by-pass was required at the east of the City. The by-pass was rejected during the highway planning by the 1991 Seaside Bypass Feasibility Study. Council must change the Comprehensive Plan to eliminate the by-pass alternative and direct the Planning Commission to reject projects that increased traffic on Highway 101 until the improvements were completed.

Mr. Dunzer further stated the Conditional Use Permit for the sightseeing helicopter was void based on inaccurate significant errors made on the land use application which stated there was not a nearby airport when one existed. All Oregon coastal area helicopter sightseeing services were based at airports except in Seaside and the landing area was in the wetlands which should not be allowed since an alternate site were available. Mr. Dunzer further stated codes needed to be enforced in the Urban Growth area which was an agreement with the County. Council needed to direct the Planning Department to handle violations on the South side of Highway 101 at the former bead shop on the west side near Avenue 'U' and the former yard art business on the east side near the Taste of Tuscany Restaurant. Mr. Dunzer further stated the Ordinance for political signs needed to be modified to make size restrictions enforceable. Council needed to direct the City Attorney to reformulate the Ordinance. Mr. Dunzer further stated the economic development activities in the County needed to be reinvigorated. Council needed to attend the County Commission meeting on January 24, 2007, to request the County to implement the already approved economic development program that was in their comprehensive plan. Mr. Dunzer further stated there needed to be an economic development program formulated for Seaside. Council needed to have the area zoned for a resort at the ocean at Avenue 'U' instead of a condo. The Tides should be acquired and the site cleared to sell to a developer for a high intensity development. Council needed to look at the possibility of a pier being developed at Avenue 'U'. The Port of Astoria could do a study on the pier feasibility since they were receiving \$500,000.00 of our money every year and spending the money on Astoria only. Seaside should get organized with Cannon Beach and Gearhart to get a County Commissioner on the board to represent the South County. Mr. Dunzer further stated the post office should be closed down to the public based on the parking and drainage which was non-compliant. Council should either have the Post Office rebuild or contract out to a private operator who would build an adequate facility. Mr. Dunzer further stated Safeway should be told to either fix the drainage problem or the City would pump the area out and bill for the services. Mr. Dunzer further stated a program should be developed for vacant property within the Urban Boundary that required owners to clear properties for protection from forest fires. The City could clear the area and send the owner a bill. Mr. Dunzer further stated the Seaside Comprehensive Plan stated the future growth of the City would be in the hills south of the present Urban Growth Boundary. What was the plan for access to Highway 101? Mr. Dunzer further stated the City should hold a voters forum when candidates were running for City Council. There should be a mandatory submittal of qualifications by all candidates. The question format used by the League of Women's voters was poor and there was no rebuttal from questioners and no valid discussion of issues for duties of the office. Mr. Dunzer further stated the City business fees should be directed to City business development departments and not the Chamber of Commerce or the Downtown Development Association which should fund themselves with their own member dues. Mr. Dunzer further stated there were over one hundred parcels of state owned land, approximately ten acres along Highway 101 which was to be used for the highway widening. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) approved the landscaping and developed a plan and funding. Mr. Dunzer further stated when new facilities were built there should be a requirement that sidewalks were added.

Angela Fairless, 1176 Avenue 'B', Seaside, welcomed the new members of the Council and stated very often people get very passionate about their frustrations with the government and things that may or may not be done. Ms. Fairless further stated there were students that attended the Council meetings and speakers should watch their language at public meetings since children looked up to adults on how to act.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Moore stated to Mr. Dunzer that Rome was not built in a day.

Mr. Dunzer stated there was talk about low income housing and he built a house in Seaside and the same house built in Cannon Beach was worth approximately thirty percent more than the house in Seaside. There was low income housing in Seaside by the way the government had run the City for years and years. Seaside was a beautiful place and was screwed up by so many people not doing anything for a long time.

Councilor Lyons stated he would like to congratulate Councilor Moore who received a college degree from Linfield last month for International Business. Councilor Lyons further stated there were a couple of students at the high school who were lined up to be representatives between the City Council and the high school.

Councilor Tolan thanked Troy Jasmin for applying for the Convention Center Commission and stated he was pleased with all the work he had done at the Convention Center.

Mayor Larson stated Senator Wyden would be in Astoria at a Town Hall meeting on January 27, 2007. Mayor Larson reminded Council there would be a City Council and Planning Commission Workshop on Monday, January 29, 2007, at 6:30 PM. Mayor Larson further stated Bill Barrons would be the facilitator for the Goal Setting Session and would not be able to facilitate until March. Mayor Larson suggested Council select a date in March.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, suggested Council select a week day during the day.

Mayor Larson asked if Council would like to set the Goal Setting Session for Monday, March 12, 2007, at 9:00 AM.

Council consensus to set the Goal Setting Session date for March 12, 2007, at 9:00 AM.

Councilor Lyons stated the Seaside High School Assembly was tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2007, at 1:15 PM. The proclamation would be presented and also the grant from State Farm for \$3,800.00.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Mr. Wallace stated the City had some of the crazy storms last year and the volunteer fire department really shined during the events. The fire department came to the aid of the citizens and also to Public Works during those times. The fire departments service was invaluable and really helped take the load off Public Works.

Mr. Winstanley stated the GEO Bonds were sold last week and the funds would be received tomorrow and would go towards the upgrade and construction of the new water tank.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR