

**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 Tim Tolan, Councilors Gary Diebolt, Larry Haller, Dave Moore, and Don Johnson.

Absent: Councilor Stubby Lyons.

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Bob Gross, Police Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Al Peinhardt, Finance Director; Trish Downey, Assistant to the City Manager; Donald Allison, Seaside Signal; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian.

**AGENDA** Mayor Larson asked to move agenda items 12, Comments from the Public; 13, Comments from the Student Representative; 14, Comments from the Council; and 15, Comments from the City Staff, before agenda item number 10, Recess into Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Regarding Real Property Transaction.

Motion to approve the March 23 2009, agenda as amended; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Diebolt)

**MINUTES** Motion to approve the March 9, 2009, minutes; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**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 \$297,828.79; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Tolan)

**VACANCY – PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Parks Advisory Committee with one application received. Mayor Larson asked what Council wished to do.

Council consensus to keep the vacancy open for additional applicants.

**LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION** Council considered an application for a liquor license for Goose Hollow at the Cove at 220 Avenue ‘U’. The applicant had an existing Limited On-Premise Sales Liquor License and was applying for a Full on Liquor License.

Motion to approve a Full on Liquor License for the Goose Hollow at the Cove; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**AUDIT CONTRACT FOR 2008-2009** Al Peinhardt, Finance Director, stated Delap, LLP, from Lake Oswego provided the City with an audit quote for the year ending June 30, 2009. There was no requirement for single audit procedures in 2009 and the fee was reduced by that amount. The audit fee for 2008 was \$57,000.00 and the audit fee for 2009 was \$55,100.00. The proposal and contract would be for one year since Delap, LLP, planned on retiring at the end of 2009.

Motion to approve the Audit Contract with Delap, LLP, for 2008-2009 year; carried unanimously. (Haller/Tolan)

**CONVENTION CENTER ANNUAL REPORT** Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager, thanked the City Manager, Convention Center Staff, and Convention Center Commission for all the hard work and help with the Convention Center. Mr. Vandenberg stated the Economic Highlights for the Convention Center during 2008 were the Convention Center’s Annual Usage realized a thirty-nine percent increase in total events, seventeen percent in total event days and a twenty-four percent increase in economic impact as compared to 2007. This resulted in forty additional event days that generated in an additional \$5,900,000.00 economic impact to the community. The Convention Center’s Economic Impact attracted a total of 42,923 delegates attending 134 events. Spending during their visit added \$29,600,000.00 or an average of \$81,096.00 each day to Seaside’s local economy. In 2008 the Convention Center’s total events were 134, total event days were 277, total attendees were 49,923, total attendees staying two plus days were 27,035, and the total economic impact was \$29,569,531.25. Mr. Vandenberg further stated the Convention Center in 2008 contracted a total of twenty-six new events that included conventions, conferences, and special events. The total number of projected delegates was 4,625 with a total of 51 event days. The new bookings were scheduled to take place 2008 through 2011. Since 2006 the Convention Center had contracted a total of 100 new events with an estimated 20,730 delegates that encompass a total of 211 event days.

Mr. Vandenberg further stated the projects and purchases completed during 2008 were new ceiling and dimmable lighting fixtures installed in the Pacific Room, new theatrical lighting fixtures installed in the Pacific Room, painted the Necanicum and Pacific Rooms, new sound and lighting control booth installed in the Pacific Room, modified lobby registration to incorporate a new business center, installed new interior signage, installed new trash compactor, purchase new environmentally friendly floor scrubber, painted ceiling above stage for better lighting and theatrical advantages, installed new motorized stage curtain in Pacific Room, relocated sound system in Necanicum Room, upgraded lighting system in Necanicum Room, and developed a new logo. The projects and purchases scheduled for 2009 are to purchase new chairs, purchase new table skirting, purchase new pipe and drape, purchase new tables, replace steamer oven in kitchen, apply concrete application to kitchen floor, re-lamp interior lighting fixtures, install Emergency Generator, repair exterior wall on North side of facility, install new draperies in Necanicum room, and install new draperies in Seaside rooms. Mr., Vandenberg further stated providing superior customer service continued to be the number one priority for 2008. There were seventy-three electronic surveys sent to clients asking them to evaluate the Convention Center services. The results were calculated and rated on how well the goal was accomplished and each evaluation was systematically analyzed to determine areas that needed improvement. In 2007 the Convention Center was pleased to report an overall customer service mark of 4.68. Mr. Vandenberg further stated he was delighted to announce that for 2008 the Convention Center obtained an overall customer service rating of 4.73 while handling a seventeen percent increase in overall facility usage. Mr. Vandenberg further stated he was extremely proud of the staff members at the Convention Center. The level and pride and commitment each staff member exhibited was a tremendous asset to both the center and the City of Seaside. Mr. Vandenberg extended his personal thanks and gratification to each staff member. Mr. Vandenberg stated this last year the City Council appointed an Ad Hoc Committee and were able to help in the feasibility study with the Convention Center. There was a Convention Center Expansion Market Study conducted by Strategic Advisory Group, Tony Peterman. Mr. Peterman would present his findings to the City Council at a workshop on Monday, April 13, 2009, 6:00 pm, and also at the City Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

**RESOLUTION #3672**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR BROADWAY PARK**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated the resolution was an enactment from the Council that would allow the City to participate in the Oregon State Park and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program. This was the same type of grant the City used previously to build the skate park. The grant would help fund the completion of the new artificial turf fields at Broadway Park. The total project was approximately \$1,500,000.00 for the new artificial turf fields, lighting for the ball fields, parking area, and the first steps of the trail system.

Mayor Larson asked Mr. Wallace to update the community on what would be occurring on May 16, 2009.

Mr. Wallace stated Saturday, May 16, 2009, would be a volunteer build a park day. There would be new playground equipment placed in Broadway Park. Through the generosity of Rotary, and for the Youth Legacy Grant received from the State. There was approximately \$100,000.00 of playground equipment in storage. There would be four separate play areas built in Broadway Park.

Mayor Larson asked for public comments and there were no comments.

Mayor Larson asked for Council Comments and there were no comments.

Motion to read Resolution #3672 by title only; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3672; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

**CONTRACT –  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT**

Trish Downey, Assistant to the City Manager, stated after months of negotiations between the City of Seaside and the Seaside Employees' Association there had finally been an agreement with the new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The last contract expired June 30, 2008, and there were important issues that both sides felt strongly about. Ms. Downey further stated in January, 2009 both sides met at impasse and met with a mediator on February 26, 2009. There was an agreement and the association had ratified the contract for three years. The two major areas were health and welfare and compensation and staff was requesting Council's approval of the three year contract.

Motion to approve the contract for the Seaside Employee Association Collective Bargaining Agreement; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

**NOMINATION –  
2009 EXCELLENCE FAMILY  
BUSINESS AWARD**

Councilor Haller stated the award was the Oregon State Austin Family Business Program. Each year at this time, the Austin Family Business reached into the community for nominations and applications for the next year's recognition of family businesses to join the elite ranks. Councilor Lyons and Councilor Haller suggested that two businesses in the Seaside Community be nominated which were Phillips Candies, and Ter Har Family. Both businesses had been in town for many years and Phillips Candies was the oldest business in the community starting in 1897.

Motion to approve the nomination for the Ter Har Family and Phillips Candies for the 2009 Excellence in Family Business Award; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Larson read the Proclamation for Arbor Week.

Mayor Larson stated on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, there would be a dedication of the Clatsop County Arboretum, which was in the area of the Seaside Historical Museum. Pacific Power was in support and had planted some trees. The old tree by Sterling Bank had shoots taken and planted and only one had lived and was planted at the museum.

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, read the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mayor Larson read the Proclamation for Tsunami Preparedness and Earthquake Awareness Month.

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC**

None

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Councilor Diebolt congratulated Clatsop County Housing Authority on the real-estate trade which would provide Seaside with forty-two additional affordable housing units.

Mayor Larson stated the name of the property was Clatsop Shores which was located across from the Creekside Pizzeria. There would be an open house or proclamation on March 31, 2009; at 3:00 pm. Mayor Larson further stated there was a City Council, Planning Commission Workshop on Monday, March 30, 2009, at 6:30 pm.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Mr. Wallace stated Public Works had been pretty busy chasing after stimulus money. Right now between various park grants, stimulus packages, and other types of free money there were approximately \$6,000,000.00 worth of projects out there right now. Hopefully the City would be lucky and capture some of the money.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated the larger challenge as far as stimulus money was concerned was that the federal government had given local governments virtually no time at all to prepare the massive amount of paperwork they wanted to have submitted. The City would get notification on Monday and all the paperwork and projects needed to be ready and sent in by Friday in order to make application for stimulus money. The process had been very difficult and the vast majority of the work had fallen on the shoulders of Mr. Wallace. The Police Chief had also been involved with stimulus money for Public Safety and that was an aspect that people did not realize. Mr. Winstanley further stated on Friday, April 24, 2009, at approximately 10:00 am, the City would be testing the new sirens and there would be written notification going out to all the people of Seaside to let them know about the drill. There should be a great deal of press on the subject. The sirens had not been tested in a full blown exercise at this point.

**RECESSED INTO  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Recessed into Executive Session at 7:43 pm in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) regarding Real Property Transaction.

**RECONVENED FROM  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:08 pm.

Motion for Council to direct the City Manager on behalf of the City to enter into negotiations with any parties interested in the old library property and to remove the cap of the present appraised value of \$625,000.00, subject to a new appraisal, with the City Manager having the right to negotiate and bring back to Council any and all offers for negotiation; carried unanimously. (Larson/Johnson)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR