

MINUTES	SEASIDE CITY COUNCIL	SEPTEMBER 22, 2008	7:00 PM
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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, Don Johnson, Tim Tolan and Dave Moore.

Absent: Councilor Gary Diebolt.

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Bob Gross, Police Chief; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Michael Desmond, KAST; Donald Allison, Seaside Signal; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian.

AGENDA Motion to approve the September 22, 2008, agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

MINUTES Motion to approve the September 8, 2008, minutes; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

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 \$292,125.93; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

SWEARING IN SEASIDE POLICE OFFICERS Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, swore in Seaside Police Officer Jason Pohl and congratulated him.

VACANCY – COMMUNITY CTR. & SENIOR COMMISSION Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Community Center and Senior Commission with one application received from Louis Neubecker. Mayor Larson asked what Council wished to do.

Motion to appoint Louis Neubecker to the Community Center and Senior Commission; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Haller)

Term expiration for Louis Neubecker would be June 1, 2009.

VACANCY – AIRPORT COMMITTEE Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Airport Committee with applications received from Guy Williams and Louis Neubecker. Mayor Larson asked what Council wished to do.

Motion to appoint Guy Williams to the Airport Committee; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

Term expiration for Guy Williams would be June 30, 2009.

PAVE GRAVEL ACCESS AVENUE ‘G’ Mayor Larson stated there was a continuation with a proposed agreement with Mike Meyer to pave the gravel access at Avenue ‘G’ and the prom. Staff had prepared a Memorandum of Understanding for Council to discuss.

Councilor Tolan stated several meetings ago Council had discussed that staff needed to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for Council to review. Councilor Tolan suggested Mr. Meyer explain to Council what he planned to do with the property.

Mike Meyer, 751 S. Prom, Seaside, stated he had attended the meeting on behalf of several of the property owners, Irene Horowitz at 721 S. Prom, Joan Dallas at 741 S. Prom, and Larry Blakely at 761 S. Prom. The property that would be improved was one of the worst looking and unpleasing parts of the prom from Avenue ‘G’ to 781 S. Prom. Mr. Meyer further stated other areas of the prom were lined with property that had fences and rock walls with landscaping. The plans were to pave the existing gravel road ten feet wide and make the property more appealing. Mr. Meyer further stated if Council had any questions he would be glad to answer them.

Councilor Haller stated all the property along the prom belonged to the City and the owners were aware of that. The fact was that Mr. Meyer wanted to improve the look of the property that he and others around him owned but the property would still be owned by the City.

Mr. Meyer stated he understood the property belonged to the City.

Councilor Tolan asked Mr. Meyer what landscaping he planned to do to the property.

Mr. Meyer stated at a minimum remove the weeds around the property, plant a lawn, and add some hedges on the proposed driveway which would delineate the boundaries and once again prevent any vehicles from doing u-turns on the property. The better the property looked then owners would be less likely to let their dogs use the area.

Mayor Larson stated that five years ago he met with the property owners and had suggested benches and picnic tables be added to the area and was surprised the owners wanted nothing done with the piece of property at that time. Mayor Larson further stated Mr. Meyer spoke about concrete, pavement, and gravel and asked what the main piece would be on the wide strip.

Mr. Meyer stated that area would be concrete.

Councilor Tolan asked Mr. Meyer when he used the gravel access area if he backed out or turned around in the grass area.

Mr. Meyer stated he backed out of the access area.

Mayor Larson stated that Councilor Diebolt had noticed vehicles parked in that area previously.

Mr. Meyer stated there was one property that used the access road to get to the backyard of the property. There was a rule that vehicles could park five minutes for loading and unloading in the access area.

Mayor Larson asked Mr. Wallace if paving the access area would create any drainage problems.

Mr. Wallace stated given the soil type in the area a ten foot strip area paved would not create a drainage problem.

Mr. Meyer stated there would be no problem with drainage because there was approximately four hundred yards of rock which seemed to keep going. The promenade was fifteen feet wide and there were not any drainage problems.

Councilor Moore asked if the property owners would be ok if groups of people brought there chairs and tables to the area to have picnics.

Mr. Meyer stated the property did not belong to the owners and that decision would need to be made by the City.

Councilor Johnson asked Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, if there were specific times that were given for the loading and unloading of vehicles.

Mr. Van Thiel stated property owners could make their own rules with signs but the City would not be obligated in any way. The property would not be taken away from the City and the area would be enhanced by the beauty.

Motion to allow Mr. Meyer and neighbors to upgrade the gravel access at Avenue 'G' and the prom and to accept the Memorandum of Understanding; carried with Mayor Larson and Councilor Moore opposed. (Tolan/Lyons)

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council considered an application for a liquor license for Del's Chevron at 1215 S. Holladay. The applicant was applying for an Off-Premises sales license.

Motion to approve an Off-Premises Sales License for Del's Chevron; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

RIPARIAN PLANTING PROJECT

Teresa Retzcliff, Watershed Council Chair, stated the Necanicum Watershed Council was one of a number of Watershed Council's throughout the State of Oregon and were primarily funded through grants from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. The Watershed Council was a group of community volunteers, stakeholders, and people who lived and worked in the Necanicum Watershed and had an interest in the health and well being of the watershed.

Sarah Newton stated the Watershed Council would like to ask the City of Seaside to consider a project proposal to enhance the Necanicum estuary by removing invasive plants and replanting with native vegetation along the banks of the Necanicum River and Neawanna Creek. The project would be funded in part through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. Ms. Newton further stated the proposed project would be focused in two areas. One area would be along the west side of the Necanicum River between 1st Avenue and 12th Avenue. The other area would include the undeveloped right of ways at the end of streets that ran towards the Neawanna Creek (Avenue 'A' through 'G' and 5th Avenue through 9th) as well as the Neawanna riparian areas to the north and south of Avenue 'S'.

The Watershed Council hoped to engage private landowners willing to have riparian plantings on their properties. Although final plans had not been developed for each of the locations there was a plan to select appropriate species that would serve the intended ecological function, as well as enhance the view shed along Necanicum Drive and the Neawanna. Ms. Newton further stated the project goals included: invasive plant removal of scotch broom, blackberry, English ivy, and knotweed. Replanting with native shrubs and trees such as willow, evergreen huckleberry, twinberry, and cascara that would provide food and habitat to wildlife, improve the ecological function of the estuary riparian zone, as well as improve the overall appearance of the area. Public outreach and education, inviting both visitors and community members to actively participate. Contacting private landowners along the estuary to gauge their willingness for having native riparian plants installed on their property. Work in cooperation with the City of Seaside, and local organizations such as Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation, as well as the local schools. Seek funding to place an interpretive sign explaining the functions of the estuary and the wildlife of the area. Recognize the importance of Seaside as a popular tourist destination by reaching out to regional groups like the Audubon Society and Trout Unlimited, inviting members to come to Seaside and join in weekend estuary enhancement activities. Ms. Newton further stated the group intended to work with the Seaside Public Works Department to ensure the riparian planting would not interfere with infrastructure such as storm water outfall. Ms. Newton further stated the project would enhance habitat in the Necanicum Estuary for coastal Coho Salmon, Neo-Tropical Migratory Birds, as well as a large population of birds that lived in the area year round. Ms. Newton further stated the group hoped the City of Seaside would join by supporting the project and allow the work along the estuary on city owned property. Through the project there was a hope to enhance the beauty of the Necanicum Estuary, improve wildlife habitat, and engage visitors and locals alike in their watershed.

Councilor Johnson stated between 6th and 10th Avenue along the Neawanna there were many retired residents living in the area. Councilor Johnson asked what the plans were for that area.

Ms. Newton stated there would be plantings in the right of way at the end of the road.

Mayor Larson stated he was extremely happy about the Necanicum along the river which has been used a lot. Mayor Larson asked what the time period for the project would be.

Ms. Newton stated the Watershed Council would be applying for a grant that would be submitted in October and would find out if the project was funded by March, 2009. If the funds were received the planting would start winter 2009.

Councilor Johnson asked if there would be a maintenance program to keep the blackberries from coming back.

Ms. Redcliff stated the grants usually involved some maintenance funds because there was an understanding that blackberries did not just disappear once cut back.

Councilor Lyons asked if there would be any trees planted.

Ms. Newton stated there may be some appropriate areas where Spruce Trees could be planted but for the most part shrub species would be planted.

Councilor Tolan asked if the Watershed Council had taken on any other project in Seaside.

Ms. Retzcliff stated there had not been any projects in Seaside but there had been projects at Klootch Creek and Weyerhaeuser.

Motion to approve the Riparian Planting Project from the Necanicum Watershed Council; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

TSUNAMI ADVISORY GROUP

Alice Wood, Tsunami Advisory Group Chair, stated that current members had been recruited by Deb Treusdell who was the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. The volunteers were concerned citizens, business owners or leaders, Ham Radio Operators, and Geologist.

Tom Horning stated he had helped researchers over the years do studies on earthquakes and tsunamis in the Seaside and Clatsop County area. The Tsunami Advisory Group adopted a scenario that could be used for setting up a strategic plan for making investments into the City infrastructure for evacuation and supplies. The scenario called for being ready in twenty years to house twenty thousand people for twenty days. This assumed an earthquake would hit during summer on a busy weekend. The scenario would be that the earthquake would be a magnitude 9.2 and would shake for approximately five minutes rather violently because the City was built on gravel and sand. The result would be highly damaging for all buildings, bridges, waterlines, and gas lines. The City water system would be severed from the reservoir and the sewer lines would not work. There would not be any power or utilities. The highways would have land slides which would block Seaside from Portland, Cannon Beach, and Astoria.

Some of the bridges would most likely be pulled into the river. Once the shaking was over there would be twenty minutes before the Tsunami would strike the coast. Recent studies up and down the coast had indicated the wave could be forty feet high which would be twenty feet over the prom and would pour into the City for approximately fifteen minutes. Seaside would be filled up to an elevation of thirty feet and if you were on Wahanna Road the water would be twenty feet deep. Houses would be flooded and only a few large structures would survive. After the earthquake was over the City would be three to five feet lower and would be forty to fifty feet farther to the southwest. The beaches would start to erode and most of the City would be largely obliterated in the lower areas. Mr. Horning further stated there were problems that needed to be addressed which were the need for good evacuation routes which meant all bridges needed to stand during the earthquake. There had been four bridges replaced which would most likely stand but there were at least five other bridges that needed to be replaced. There was a need for pedestrian foot bridges because parts of the City would be difficult to evacuate in time. If the earthquake hit next week the City would potentially lose half the population of the people who lived down in the lower areas. The City needed to be prepared and there were funding mechanisms that could be generated. The Tsunami Advisory Group was prepared to have seminars or work parties to establish and bring up to date on the latest research. This should be one of the City's highest priorities.

Jeff Holwedge stated he had been a licensed Ham Radio Operator for fifteen years and served in the United States Marine Corp as a licensed Ham Operator. Mr. Holwedge was one of the many Ham Radio Operators in Clatsop County that helped during the December, 2007, storm. Everyone was able to see the importance of Ham Radio Communications and the importance of the skill in a real emergency. There were fifteen members on the Tsunami Preparedness Group and fourteen of the members were Ham Radio Operators. Clatsop Community College noticed the value in community service last year and Mr. Holwedge and his wife were invited to the college to start teaching Ham Radio Classes. In the last year there had been two hundred people who attended the classes and were now licensed Ham Radio Operators. During the December storm, Ham Radio Operators provided communication at the Seaside Police Department for the Emergency on Call (EOC) group, the Seaside Fire Department, Bob Chisholm Community Center, and Providence Seaside Hospital. Next week staff at the Seaside School Districts would be trained as Ham Operators and receive a license.

Ms. Wood stated she was really pleased the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was a part of the Preparedness Grant Program. The volunteers had twenty hours of training towards disaster medical operations, fire safety, damage assessment, and light search and rescue to assist themselves, their neighborhoods, and communities during disasters. There had been approximately nineteen volunteers trained and fifteen who were actively involved.

Carolyn Lee stated she was a member who went into the neighborhoods to teach people about preparedness. The goal was to elevate awareness and to have a strategic plan and the purpose was to inform people about the awareness of being ready for a disaster. Individual and family planning was encouraged which was having phone numbers to call in emergency, NOAA Radio's put into the homes, and family member and friends helping with the elderly, emergency packs which would be one for the home and one for every car in the family. Life jackets in cars were also recommended.

Mayor Larson asked who was responsible for coordinating the neighborhood preparedness parties.

Ms. Lee stated Tsunami Deb was responsible originally and now all the volunteers were responsible in the neighborhood preparedness parties.

Terry Williams stated last year during the storm he spent six days at the Bob Chisholm Community Center helping out. A Tsunami Fair was scheduled in April and there was another fair scheduled for November 1, 2008, at the Convention Center. The fair had displays from twenty vendors with information from insurance to emergency care for pets. There were Cache barrel supplies and Ham Operator supplies. The people at the Bob Chisholm Community Center during the storm last year were afraid and many elderly people stayed over night. The NOAA Radios, workshops, and Emergency Preparedness Fairs were the most important tool for the community to teach people what to do during an emergency.

Roy Hackett stated he was the team leader for the Barrel Cache Project. There was a federal grant received that allowed for the purchase of items for the barrel cache's. There were one hundred and twenty barrels which would feed two thousand four hundred people. The cost of the barrels was approximately five hundred and fourteen dollars each. The strategy was to distribute one hundred and twenty barrels to high ground locations in private homes in various locations in the City. The barrels would be looked after and kept dry and safe in the homes. The barrels would produce goods and supplies for approximately three days. In each barrel there were nutrition bars, containers for water, and the means to purify the water, space blankets, first aid supplies, hygiene supplies, and sanitation supplies. Every five years the food stuff and batteries would need to be replaced. The barrels would be distributed once the agreements were signed and turned into the City.

Guy Williams stated he was a trained CERT volunteer, Ham Radio Operator, and a member of the Sunset Hills Emergency Team. Mr. Williams read a passage from the book by Williams Sullivan called Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters. The progress that had been made as a community preparing for a major event was just the beginning and a stable and financial commitment would be needed to be adequately prepared for every disaster need in the future. The updating and maintenance of the barrels would require approximately \$6,000.00 a year and the group would like to see that amount placed in the annual budget as soon as possible. The funding for other needs such as bridges, vehicular and pedestrian would require new and much larger revenue sources. The Tsunami Preparedness Group would like to schedule a workshop with the City Council to investigate possible sources and to work with the City to incorporate any ideas about emergency preparedness into the advisory planning.

Doug Barker stated a book would be handed out to businesses in the community to teach employees how to deal with emergencies and tsunamis. The book was meant to be a tool and should be visible in offices and businesses. There was a section on emergencies and disasters that gave suggestions on how to relate them to a particular business and there was a section on planning. The book was printed in small batches so the book could be expanded, changed, and revised. Mr. Barker further stated the group was now a part of the Clatsop County Emergency Preparedness Committee and attended meetings with Gene Strong and other members of the preparedness community. This should provide sources for revenues and grants and help to learn what other communities in the area were doing.

Ms. Woods thanked Council for their time and stated the volunteers were well organized, highly motivated, and tireless in the commitment for community preparedness education.

Mayor Larson thanked Ms. Woods and all the volunteers.

**SURPLUS LIBRARY
SHELVING**

Grays River Library was a small community project with no funding and lots of volunteer spirit. The past few months the library had been accepting donated books from other libraries as well as community members. There was a large room in the old school in Roseburg, Washington which was the site of Johnson Park. The school was closed in the early 90's and was in the process of becoming a community center in the middle of approximately 17 acres.

The volunteers were ready to start putting books on shelves, and were hoping the City of Seaside would donate the surplus shelving from the vacated Seaside Library for the project. The volunteers would accept the responsibility of picking up and transporting the shelves.

Motion to approve the Surplus Library Shelving to Grays River Library; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

**PROM RAIL AND
POLE RESTORATION
PROJECT**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director stated Gary Hanson of G.L. Hanson Patterned Concrete had completed the restoration work on the Promenade, issued a one-year warranty, and requested release of the final funds. The original bid was to work on the railings and light poles and the price was \$159, 250.00. Staff added two change orders for additional items and the first change order was to refinish the entire turnaround and the additional cost was \$17, 200.00. The second change order was to refinish the west facing Prom wall between the turnaround and the Avenue 'A' ramp and the additional cost was \$2, 100.00. The total cost of the restoration project was \$178, 500.00. Staff recommended accepting the project and releasing the remaining funds, including the retainage for \$63, 550.00.

Motion to accept the Prom Rail and Pole Restoration project and release the retainage for \$63, 550.00; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

**VACANCY –
PLANNING COMM.**

Mayor Larson stated there was two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Bill Hubbard resigned and there was term expiration for Tom Horning who wished to be reappointed. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to reappoint Tom Horning to the Planning Commission; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Tolan)

Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

Term expiration for Tom Horning would be November 1, 2011.

**VACANCY –
TOURISM ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Tourism Advisory Committee. Heather Wadkins resigned. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

**VACANCY –
CONVENTION CENTER
COMMISSION**

Mayor Larson stated there was two vacancies on the Convention Center Commission. Carole Rees resigned and there was term expiration for Nancy McKeown who wished to be reappointed. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to reappoint Nancy McKeown to the Convention Center Commission; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

Term expiration for Nancy McKeown would be October 25, 2011.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Larson read a Proclamation for Hall of Fame.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

None

**RECESSED INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:17 PM in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) regarding negotiations to acquire property.

**RECONVENED FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:29 PM.

Motion to accept the offer from Shore Terrace Association for approximately 7.83 acres of land in the City limits; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Johnson stated the new Library looked great. Great weekend with the Library, Buddy Walk, Extreme Air Dogs, and Oktoberfest and Golf Tournament from the Elks.

Councilor Tolan stated the Library had good attendance and the Mayor did a great job. Councilor Tolan stated a couple weeks ago there was a sound that was heard coming out of the sirens.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated the sirens go through a weekly test and the audio was not so silent when testing the frequency that week.

Councilor Moore stated he was impressed with the many projects that had taken place in the City like the water tank, library, and parks.

Councilor Lyons stated he would be looking for a new Council Representative next week.

Mayor Larson stated there was a City Council Workshop scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Mr. Wallace stated Barbara Roberts made an announcement this morning naming the City of Seaside as the recipient for the Oregon 150 Youth Legacy Grant. The grant was \$50,000.00 and would be used for playground equipment for Broadway Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR