

MINUTES	SEASIDE CITY COUNCIL	SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Councilors Larry Haller, Don Johnson, Dave Moore and Gary Diebolt.

Absent: Council President Stubby Lyons, Councilor Tim Tolan.

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Bob Gross, Police Chief; Mikaela Norval, Tourism Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Dale Kamrath, Fire Chief; Michael Desmond, KAST; Donald Allison, Seaside Signal; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian.

AGENDA Motion to approve the September 8, 2008, agenda; carried unanimously. (Diebolt/Johnson)

MINUTES Motion to approve the August 11, 2008, minutes; carried unanimously. (Johnson/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 \$621,753.08; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

RECOGNITION – RUSS VANDENBERG Mayor Larson stated Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager, received a Certified Facilities Executive Designation Award. Mayor Larson further stated across the nation there were only several hundred individuals who had received the prestigious award. Mayor Larson further stated the City Council wanted to congratulate Mr. Vandenberg for receiving the award. Mayor Larson asked Mr. Vandenberg to pass the award around for everyone to see.

Mr. Vandenberg stated this was a milestone in his career and he was honored and very proud to have received the award and represent Seaside.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated the City was very proud of Mr. Vandenberg and the work he had accomplished. The award was a very difficult certification to receive.

VACANCY – COMMUNITY CTR. & SENIOR COMMISSION Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Community Center and Senior Commission. Mayor Larson asked the press to keep advertising the vacancy.

REQUEST – PAVE GRAVEL ACCESS AVENUE ‘G’ Mayor Larson stated the request to pave the gravel access at Avenue ‘G’ was a continuation from the August 11, 2008 City Council Meeting. Mayor Larson stated Councilor Tolan and Council President Lyons were unable to attend the meeting and were an important part of the decision for the request. Mayor Larson suggested Council postpone any decision until the September 22, 2008, City Council meeting.

Council consensus to postpone the request to pave the gravel access at Avenue ‘G’ until the next meeting September 22, 2008.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION Council considered an application for a liquor license for Lola’s Fancy Food Market at 841 Broadway. The applicant had an existing Off-Premise Sales License and was applying for a Limited On-Premise Sales License.

Motion to approve a Limited On-Premise Sales License for Lola’s Fancy Food Market; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

HOOD TO COAST 2009 Mayor Larson stated prior to the City Council meeting there was a meeting with Robert Foote to discuss any issues with the Hood to Coast Relay.

Robert Foote, President of the Hood to Coast Relay, requested Councils permission to schedule the Hood to Coast Relay event and beer gardens in Seaside August 28-30, 2009. Mr. Foote stated this years Hood to Coast was the 27th Annual event and he thanked the City of Seaside, residents, and administration for allowing the Hood to Coast Relay to finish in Seaside. Mr. Foote further stated this year there was a two hour documentary filmed for Hood to Coast and would be shown in major cinemas around the world. Mr. Foote presented a check for \$17,000.00 to the City of Seaside which would be used for the renovation of Seltzer Park.

Motion to approve the Annual Hood to Coast Relay event and beer gardens on the beach for the dates of August 28-30, 2009; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

**VACANCY –
AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Airport Committee. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Larson read a Proclamation for Constitution Week.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association Executive Director, stated the City was lucky to have Gary Diebolt who was a local promoter for the Wheels and Waves event which was very successful this year. Ms. Oxley thanked Councilor Diebolt and presented Council with a plaque for their support.

Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon, Seaside, stated there was very little support from common people in the community for the Hood to Coast event.

Al Smiles, Seaside Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, stated he understood and appreciated the concerns from the public. The public should be aware of the benefits from the Hood to Coast event, the high school received a few thousand dollars by providing showers to the relay runners, and the soccer teams volunteered and receive revenue for sports equipment. The Chamber of Commerce also gave a considerable amount of money away last year to other organizations and other events within the City because of the revenue that was earned from the Hood to Coast event. Mr. Smiles further stated even though there were problems with traffic and other issues during the Hood to Coast event he hoped the general public also understood that there were benefits received during that time and through the year.

Janice Carpenter, N. Prom, Seaside, stated their house was located on the Prom and they watched the Hood to Coast event every year. Ms. Carpenter further stated during the Hood to Coast Relay the cones and ropes needed to be lined up from 12th Avenue to the finish area which would keep the public out of the way of runners who were trying to finish the race.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Diebolt stated there were some great pictures of the Wheels and Waves event in the newspaper. Councilor Diebolt further stated there was a wonderful turn out with people wall to wall all day long at the event. There were 412 registered participants with approximately another 175 to 200 cars that were also in Seaside.

Mayor Larson stated he was driving back from Portland on Sunday and there was just about as much traffic driving east as he had ever seen. Mayor Larson thanked Councilor Diebolt for the great event and thanked Ms. Oxley from the Seaside Downtown Development Association. Mayor Larson further stated Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, and himself attended drug court and there were two graduates. The drug course was very stringent and difficult and the two graduates were from Seaside, a fifteen and sixteen year old that promised to be clean and both had succeeded this year. Mayor Larson further stated the Mural on the Holladay Drug was absolutely beautiful and involved a great deal of history. Mayor Larson further stated the Library was moved on Saturday with the help of the children and they had a great time. The children received a police escort from the old library to the new library. Mayor Larson stated he would like to set a workshop date for October, there were several items to discuss.

Mr. Winstanley asked if Monday, October 6, 2008, would work for the Council.

Councilor Haller stated he would not be available October 6, 2008.

Mayor Larson stated the workshop could be scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008, or Monday, October 20, 2008.

Councilor Diebolt stated he would not be available on October 20, 2008.

Mayor Larson asked that Councilor Tolan and Council President Lyons be contacted to find out what their schedule were for the dates suggested.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated the money that was donated from the Hood to Coast Relay would be used for Seltzer Park. Seltzer Park had some vegetation that was doing well and other vegetation was not doing well. Boulders and rocks would be brought into the park to help with the landscaping. If the landscaping was done right the benches could be moved around which would improve the look of the park. The concrete was structurally perfect but the finish needed to be improved. The same finish that was used on the turnaround would be used on the concrete at the park. The project would take two years to finish completely. Mr. Wallace further stated Cartwright Park had been improved with donations that were received from the Hood to Coast Relay event and the park looked wonderful.

Mayor Larson asked Dale McDowell from Big River Construction if there was anything he wanted to add about the Library.

Mr. McDowell stated the library was very close to being completed. The landscaping was scheduled to be completed this week and the final touch up painting would be completed today or tomorrow. Staff and volunteers moved everything to the new library. The phones were scheduled to be connected Tuesday and the computer work still needed to be finished. Mr. McDowell further stated the architect was scheduled for the final walk through of the building on next week. Mr. McDowell stated the top of the Water Tank was finished and painting would begin next week. Once the painting was finished on the inside the tank could be looked at one more time and then would be sealed.

Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief, thanked the Council and the Seaside Downtown Development Association for the successful Game Night fundraiser at the Convention Center on Saturday. The proceeds from the fundraiser would be used to purchase equipment and training for the volunteers at the fire department.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the Feasibility Study for the Convention Center expansion would be advertised on Monday, September 15, 2008.

Mikaela Norval, Tourism Director, stated there was a Tourism Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2008. Ms. Norval further stated PDEExposed filmed on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, which would air Saturday, September 13, 2008 and September 14, 2008.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated he was able to see some of the most beautiful vehicles when he was driving on the freeway this weekend.

Councilor Diebolt stated there were cars that represented Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, British Columbia, Calgary, and one car from Florida.

Mr. Winstanley thanked the City of Seaside staff and especially all of the department heads who worked very hard for the citizens and visitors of Seaside. Mr. Winstanley further thanked the citizens of Seaside for their patience because of the large events that took place in Seaside.

Councilor Johnson stated there was an Elks Golf Tournament on September 19, 2008, at 8:00 am, and golfers were still needed which would help support the new library.

Mr. Winstanley stated the people camping at the Gateway Park at the North end of Seaside were members of the Confederated Tribe who were in Seaside to celebrate the dedication of the new mural. There were certain rights that allowed the members to camp at the sight when there were special occasions concerning the tribe. This was an agreement between the City of Seaside and the Nature Conservancy.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR