

**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 Stubby Lyons, Councilors Tim Tolan, Don Johnson, Jay Barber, Dana Phillips and Tita Montero.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian; and Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal.

**AGENDA** Motion to approve the August 8, 2011 agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Phillips)

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Jan Barber, 2460 S. Edgewood, Seaside, stated she was the Co-Chair of the Friends of Clatsop County Community Gardens and also managed the Railroad Park Gardens in Seaside. There were a total of six Community Gardens in Clatsop County and the friends were assisting with three more that would be ready to go next year. There was also someone from Wheeler that would be attending their Board Meeting and the friends would be assisting to get a garden going in Wheeler. Ms. Barber further stated each garden in Clatsop County had at least one plot that was totally grown and donated to the local food banks. Just from the Railroad Park this summer there had been over one hundred pounds of produce donated to the food bank in Seaside. Ms. Barber further stated none of this could have happened without the support of the City of Seaside, Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, Seaside City Council, and a strong partnership with Mary Blake from Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District. Ms. Barber also thanked Alan Evans from Helping Hands as his team had been a tremendous support for the Railroad Park Gardens. Ms. Barber further stated the support and involvement of many other volunteers has made it possible to turn an unsightly former railroad sight into a friendly and welcoming entrance into the City.

Mayor Larson asked Ms. Barber to inform the public about the Community Gardens on Broadway.

Ms. Barber stated the Community Gardens in Clatsop County were located at Emerald Heights, Astoria, Hammond, Warrenton, and Seaside. There was a Community Garden located in Seaside behind the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District building with sixteen plots and the other garden area was located on Highway 101.

Councilor Phillips stated hats off to Ms. Barber and the Friends of Clatsop County Community Gardens.

Robin Montero, 2471 Sunset Blvd. Seaside, stated she was presenting a proposal for an information board at the Sailors' Grave at the Cove. On the back of the proposal that was presented to Council was a visual. Ms. Montero stated Gloria Linkey would discuss the issue further with the Council.

Gloria Linkey, 561 Bonnie Court, Seaside, stated approximately three weeks ago she had the privilege and honor of being interviewed by Tom Goldman on National Public Radio. Mr. Goldman was enquiring about the grave at the Cove. The story was recorded in Inez Hanson's book "Life on the Clatsop Plains". Ms. Linkey further stated no one knew who these men were in the grave or what their nationality was but they did wash up on the shore in Seaside. Ms. Linkey further stated the proposal was to manufacture and install one single face non-illuminated canted historical information board to be placed at the southeast corner of the Sailors' Grave Memorial. The board would be 16" in height by 30" in width surrounded with a non-corrosive metal frame consistent with other various historical formation boards located throughout the City of Seaside such as Seltzer Park, the Estuary, and the Salt Works. The information and graphics were yet to be determined, but the suggestion that the narrative should include the lore of the three sailors who perished at sea and were washed up onto the Cove beach, a map of various shipwrecks in the area and ocean safety information. The sign would mainly tell people that this was a grave sight. Ms. Linkey further stated she realized the property belonged to the State but the City of Seaside took care of the Salt Works and that belonged to the National Park Service. The City of Seaside did not need to care for the grave sight because Robin Montero, Walter Daggett, and a few others would take care of that.

Mayor Larson stated the Sailors Grave was on State property and Council would need to get permission for this to be done.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated staff would be more then willing to have conversations with State Parks and this may require that an agreement be entered into.

Tom Chatterton, 2190 S. Grove, Seaside, stated reflecting back on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July while spending an evening on the back patio at the Lanai at the Cove there was quite a lot of activity on the beach that was so intense that by the time the City Fireworks had started at 10:00 pm it was indistinguishable from the front line. If the City was going to take the time and expense to put on a program it should be seen and appreciated and not obliterated by competition. The City needed to take a really good look at the situation and to shut the beach down by 9:00 pm. Mr. Chatter further stated the Public Works Department takes one time a year to repaint the crosswalks, street lines, and whatever else needs to be painted in the City but for some reason the crosswalks on the east side of Broadway were worn down to nothing. The area was the most heavily pedestrian used in the City between the school, pool, and the skate park. There could be blue vinyl strips used on those critical crossing areas so people stood half a chance when crossing the street. Mr. Chatterton further stated the traffic engineers should revisit the intersection of Beach Drive and Avenue 'A' as the traffic egresses from the Trendwest Building. Traffic stops at the posted sign just inside the building to stop at the sidewalk but once the drivers were beyond that area they take it for granted to go out onto Avenue 'A' without looking for any other traffic.

**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 \$334,769.41; and July 25, 2011, minutes; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Barber)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

This is the duly advertised time and place to hold a Public Hearing regarding Providing for the Improvements of Certain Properties in the City of Seaside, Oregon, by the Paving of Asphaltic Concrete, Installation of a Storm Sewer Main, and Construction of a Concrete Valley Gutter to Handle Drainage as Required by City Standards on a Portion of Pine Street and Portions of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, known as Project No. 2011-11.

**ORD. NO. 2011-07**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, BY THE PAVING OF ASPHALTIC CONCRETE, INSTALLATION OF A STORM SEWER MAIN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE VALLEY GUTTER TO HANDLE DRAINAGE AS REQUIRED BY CITY STANDARDS ON A PORTION OF PINE STREET AND PORTIONS OF 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, KNOWN AS PROJECT NO. 2011-11

Mr. Winstanley explained Ordinance #2011-07 would provide for improvements to take place and if the Council passed the ordinance then the improvements would take place over in Venice Park on Pine Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and portions of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The ordinance section 1 established the boundaries of the Local Improvement District (LID), section 2 described the legal boundaries, section 3 recognized the fact that when a LID was formed that any of the cost associated with individual pieces of property would be a lien against the property unless the cost were completely satisfied within ten days after the LID was finished, section 4 recognized that a LID was being formed, section 5 directed the City Manager and staff to put together final design for the LID and prepare it to go out to bid, section 6 recognized the fact that Council reject or accept any and all bids submitted, section 7 recognized the fact that if people did not want to pay the assessment in full the assessment could be financed at a rate of 6.25%.

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

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

Motion to place Ordinance 2011-07 on its first reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Barber/Montero)

Motion to place Ordinance 2011-07 on its second reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Montero/Barber)

**VACANCY –  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Budget Committee with one application received from James Shipley. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to close the vacancy on the Budget Committee and interview the applicant; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)

Mayor Larson stated Council would interview the Budget Committee applicant prior to the City Council meeting on August 22, 2011.

**VACANCY –  
COMMUNITY CENTER &  
SENIOR COMMISSION**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Community Center and Senior Commission with one application received from Keith Eisenberger. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to keep the vacancy open for more applications and to interview prior to the August 22, 2011, City Council meeting. (Phillips)

Mr. Winstanley stated for Council to keep the applications open until the day of the meeting did not give staff enough time to check on the applications that were submitted. If Council could give staff a couple of days prior to the interviews that would be helpful.

Councilor Barber asked if Council could conduct the interviews prior to the September 12, 2011, meeting.

Mayor Larson stated there was a motion on the floor.

Councilor Phillips rescinded her motion.

Mayor Larson asked if Council wished to keep the vacancy open on the Community Center & Senior Commission.

Councilor Montero stated Council made a motion for the Budget Committee but the Budget Committee would not meet again until April, 2012. There might be more people who resign and Council could wait until January or February to appoint an applicant at that time.

Councilor Tolan stated he did not think it was fair to make the applicant wait until that time to decide.

Council consensus to keep the Community Center & Senior Commission vacancy open for more applications until the August 22, 2011 meeting.

**PRESENTATION –  
NECANICUM  
WATERSHED COUNCIL**

Neal Wallace stated the Necanicum Watershed Council made contact with staff about a proposed project to upgrade the City's water diversion on the South Fork of the Necanicum. The process had been very interesting and had gained a lot of support from different agencies like the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and the US Fish and Wildlife (USFW). The Watershed Council deserved the credit for seeing this project through the visioning and design elements and bringing this forward. There was now enough of a design completed that the project was highly ranked and staff decided to come to the Council and explain the nature of the project, what the benefits were and what the cost might be.

Melyssa Graper, Necanicum Watershed Council Coordinator, presented Council with a power point presentation of the Proposed Fish Passage and Screening at the South Fork Diversion Dam. Ms. Graper stated in 1987 the Governors Watershed Board was established, 1993-1995 the Watershed Health Program was established, and the Oregon Legislature dedicated \$10 million to establish local watershed council, 1995 local governments were established as the entity responsible for recognizing the formation of watershed councils in their community, 1997 the Oregon plan for salmon and Watersheds were placed in the statute, 1998 the Oregon Constitution was amended to set aside 15% of lottery revenues to be spent equally on acquisition and maintenance of state parks and to support restoration of native salmonids and watersheds, 1999 the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) was created as a new state agency to administer the watershed restoration and protection funds made available by Measure 66, and further refined the Oregon Parks for Salmon and Watersheds, 2010 Ballot Measure 76 confirmed that 15% of lottery revenues would continue to be spent on acquisition and maintenance of state parks and to support restoration of native salmonids and watersheds. Ms. Graper further stated the council's role was to establish and support the implementation of enhancement projects, information, outreach and other suitable activities for the benefit of the fish, reptiles and mammals dependent on a healthy environment. The Necanicum Watershed Council was a non-profit organization made up of community volunteers who were working to help ensure that the watershed was healthy and functioning ecosystem. Ms. Graper further stated the Council board and volunteer membership was broadly representative of those individuals and groups having interest in the health of the watershed. Ms. Graper further stated the watershed consisted of approximately 54,400 acres which includes the Necanicum, Neawanna & Neacoxie systems, there were 86 stream miles, within a short 21 miles the Necanicum River and its tributaries run from a height of more than 2,800 feet in the Oregon Coast Range down to the Pacific Ocean, the upper watershed was dominated by coniferous forests of Sitka spruce, Douglas fir, and western hemlock, which help to capture and hold rainwater, keeping the landscape moist year round. Excess water runs off into the river and its tributaries, the short, steep landscape of the upland region of the watershed allows for very little space to absorb the water critical to the survival of the resources of the region. Fortunately the Necanicum's watershed holds many flood plains and wetlands to help capture, filter, and absorb the vital resources.

Ms. Graper stated the watershed serviced a population of less than 10,000, the land use was 92% forest with some urban and rural residential, the watershed provided salmon habitat for breeding, rearing, and spawning grounds for coastal Coho, Chinook, and chum salmon, as well as steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout and Brook and Pacific lamprey, natural refuge for wildlife including elk, black tailed deer, beavers, river otters, red-legged frogs, and a wide range of birds, tourist attraction, land for agriculture, forestry lands, and floodplain protection for the region. Ms. Graper further stated the current project was a three phase approach with the current system meeting the needs at a low cost but was rather inefficient with a couple of environmental shortfalls. Ms. Graper showed Council a picture of the current diversion and explained how it worked.

Mayor Larson asked if the watershed owned the dam.

Ms. Graper stated the City owned the dam. Ms. Graper showed Council a picture of the outdated dam and the area not properly screened which allowed fish through. If there was a trigger event that occurred then full regulatory criteria must be met. Ms. Graper showed pictures of the dam in August stating within the next ten years the head gates and pumps would need to be replaced. The landslide on the side of the water intake could have triggered an event. Ms. Graper explained to Council the work that would be done during the project.

Mr. Wallace explained further about the presentation picture and the proposal of the project. During the summer the stream would be much more functional.

Ms. Graper stated the grant that was applied for would be approved by OWEB in September and she just received approval today from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that the application with them to start the Peterson Point pump portion of the project prior (which would be upgrading and screening) to the construction of the project which would start in the summer of 2012.

Mr. Wallace stated there had been many ideas passed around about what was needed with the project and the solutions that were proposed was as good of a solution the City could have with keeping gravity as the source of water into the reservoir, maintaining the water right, and being able to continue to provide water to the City.

Mr. Winstanley stated the variable pumps at Peterson Point had been a high priority for the City for many years and it had simply been difficult from a cost standpoint to apply the variable pumps and this was certainly a beneficial alternative as far as the City was concerned.

Ms. Graper stated the three phase of this project totaled \$874,883.00 and out of that \$588,941.00 would be paid for by OWEB, USFWS was giving approximately \$150,000.00, ODFW would put forth approximately \$83,000.00, NOAA has put forth an in kind support of \$10,800, as well as \$35,000.00 from volunteers, and a chunk from the City \$10,680.00 was Mr. Wallace in kind time. There was not any cash being asked for the project. Ms. Graper further stated OWEB and USFWS would share the cost of the pumps, ODFW would share the cost of the screening, and OWEB was picking up most of the cost of the channel, and the ODFW would provide regularity compliance and volunteering planting. The last phase which would be the biggest implementation phase was \$716,000.00 and OWEB was asked for \$490,000.00 and they hoped to receive the remainder in September, 2011.

Councilor Tolan stated great presentation and he was impressed with how Ms. Graper attracted money, and further stated there was an opening on the Budget Committee.

Mayor Larson complimented the staff for working with all the other agencies so well.

Councilor Phillips stated for future generations what was the process for protecting an amenity from coming in and some how stopping the water rights for the City.

Mr. Wallace stated water rights were something particular to the eleven western states and east of the Rockies. The state had a water rights division and when an application was filled out for water rights the water usage was listed and in Seaside's case it was calculated in cubic feet per second and there was a priority date. If there was a problem in the stream where water rights could not be met then senior water rights had priority. There was paperwork and processes that needed to be followed but the water rights were much larger then the City used.

Mr. Winstanley stated Council would be reviewing the proposed agreements at the next Council meeting as far as entering into a more formal relationship with the Watershed Council.

**AGREEMENT –  
BOB CHISHOLM  
COMM. CENTER**

Mr. Winstanley explained the City enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District (SEPRD) who managed the Bob Chisholm Community Center and the agreement between the City and SEPRD had expired and they were simply asking for a new agreement to be entered into and there were no changes with the terms.

Mr. Winstanley stated the only changes was that SEPRD was asking for a Cost of Living increase as far as the contracted amount was concerned and to allow for Cost of Living increases for the next two years and at no time would the increases exceed three percent. Mr. Winstanley further stated staff recommended Council approve the Bob Chisholm Community Center Agreement between the City of Seaside and SEPRD.

Motion to approve the Bob Chisholm Community Center Agreement between the City of Seaside and Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Phillips)

**ADOPTION –  
2011-2013 CITY  
COUNCIL GOALS**

Mayor Larson stated Council met in March, 2011, for the 2011-2013 Council Goals. Mayor Larson further stated there were concerns with the word “beach feel” and Council had agreed to come up with the meaning of beach feel within two years.

Motion to adopt the 2011-2013 City Council Goals; carried with Councilor Johnson opposed. (Barber/Phillips)

**VACANCY –  
CITY TREE BOARD**

Mr. Winstanley stated there were vacancies on the City Tree Board because Neal Wallace and Council President Lyons had been serving on the Board as voting members instead of as an advisory member.

Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the City Tree Board with one application received from Austin Tomlinson. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Council consensus to keep the vacancy open for more applications.

**VACANCY –  
TRANSPORTATION  
ADVISORY COMM.**

Mayor Larson stated there were seven vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Commission. Mayor Larson further stated Council would be accepting applications and asked the press to advertise the vacancies.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Councilor Tolan stated approximately a month ago while riding his bike by the Sailors Grave at the Cove he had heard that there had been some damage that had taken place at the grave because of an internet treasure hunt and people were digging around the grave.

Councilor Montero stated taking care of the area around the grave would also discourage people and add more respect to the Sailors’ Grave. People should not be geocaching around a grave site.

Councilor Johnson stated the Airport Committee would be scheduling a picnic sometime in September.

Councilor Barber stated this information about the Sailors’ Grave was something everyone hoped to see in the community and that was to take on a project and the responsibility for it.

Mayor Larson stated he attended the Mayor’s conference in Madras which was unbelievably beautiful and he had a great time.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Mr. Wallace stated there had been a little bit of work going on at Broadway Park and he owed a hats off to Dale McDowell and his crew who had jumped into the project with gusto. There had been conduits underground and piping and drainage. There was hope to save dollars by not trucking off material that was excavated and the crew had done a wonderful job and stock piled everything over by the pool. By the time the finish grade was set on the field and back filled around it then everything would be used because trucking all of that away was very expensive. Mr. Wallace further stated the two trunk line drainage pipes were in the ground and the sub grade was pretty much cut. The conduits and irrigation were going in next which would provide quick connects for cleaning of the field area and also irrigation for the other park areas once they were designed. There had been approximately six hundred feet of fence post put in and tomorrow a concrete crew would pour in excess of four hundred feet of the wall and the lighting crew had been working on the foundation for the lights. Mr. Wallace further stated by the end of the week there would be geotech fabric rolled out and the drainage channels would be put in place. The Turf Carpet would be delivered on August 17, 2011, and the crew would be arriving to install the turf around the week of August 23, 2011. Mr. Wallace further stated the project was on schedule and the crews from Pacific Timber with Chris as the project manager who had been on site at all times was doing a great job.

Mr. McDowell stated the crew had been working seven days a week, twelve hours a day and the Homecoming Game would be played on that field.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated the Convention Center had the Dance Magic event in the building until Tuesday, August 9, 2011. There would be a mixed Martial Arts event at the Convention Center on Saturday, August 13, 2011. Mr. Vandenberg further stated there would be a Convention Center meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2011.

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, stated National Night Out went very well with approximately two hundred and fifty people attending Broadway Park and Cartwright Park. Chief Gross thanked the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, Seaside Rotary, Seaside Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, and Safeway for providing the grand prizes. Chief Gross further stated the Police Department was gearing up for Beach Volleyball this coming weekend and the mixed Martial Arts on Saturday evening.

Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Department, stated Beach Volleyball was this weekend and the lifeguards would be up and running as usual. The Seaside fire department would be filling the boot for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) on Hood to Coast weekend. The Seaside Volunteer Fire Department Game Night was scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2011, at the Seaside Convention Center.

Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association, stated SDDA was working on refurbishing six of the Star Fish on Broadway and when the gorgeous flower baskets came down in September the Star Fish would go up.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR