

- 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 Don Johnson, Councilors Tita Montero, Jay Barber, Randy Frank, and Dana Phillips.
- Absent: Councilors Stubby Lyons.
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; and Sayde Moser, Seaside Signal.
- AGENDA** Motion to approve the February 25, 2013 agenda; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)
- PROCLAMATION** Mayor Larson read the Proclamation for Earthquake Awareness and Tsunami Preparedness Month. Mayor Larson stated there would be a Tsunami Preparedness Talk March 11, 2013, 7:00 pm -8:30 pm at the Broadway Middle School Library. Mayor Larson further stated he attended a Senior Officials workshop on hazard preparedness and it came down to one thing and that was, we as individuals need to be prepared.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** None
- CONFLICT** Mayor Don 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 \$123,703.57; and February 11, 2013, regular minutes; carried unanimously. (Barber/Montero)
- VACANCY – CONVENTION CENTER** Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Convention Center Commission with two applications received from Greg Boat, and Sasha Flint. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.
- Motion to nominate Greg Boat and Sasha Flint to the Convention Center Commission; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Barber)
- Mayor Larson stated the applicants had been nominated. Mayor Larson asked if Council wished to keep the vacancy open and interview.
- Councilor Johnson stated the vacancy should be kept open and schedule interviews in a couple of weeks.
- Mayor Larson asked Council when they wished to close the vacancy.
- Councilor Phillips stated the beginning of the month.
- Mayor Larson stated Council could keep the vacancy open until March 25, 2013, and conduct interviews prior to the City Council meeting April 8, 2013.
- Council consensus to keep the vacancy open for the Convention Center Commission until March 25, 2013, and conduct interviews prior to the City Council meeting April 8, 2013.
- APPROVAL – CITY COUNCIL GOALS 2013-2014** Mayor Larson stated the City Council had their Goal Setting Session on January 19, 2013, and the City Council and City Manager started the goal setting session with the department heads presenting their goals and then the City Council spent the rest of the day working on what the goals and what Council wanted to see achieved within the next two years. Mayor Larson stated the three Council goals for the next two years were Council members to read the sign ordinance and have a work session with the Planning Commission, design and implement a visioning process, and decide whether to move forward on the Convention Center Expansion. The three Council goals for the next four years were to conduct a needs analysis on the Chisholm Center, consider annexation and future Urban Renewal District of lands south of the city limits, and create a storm water master plan.
- Councilor Phillips stated the goals in the packet were incorrect and Council received the amended copy prior to the City Council meeting.
- Motion to approve the City Council Goals 2013-2014, as amended; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, stated this was a revised City Ordinance regarding Taxicabs and Shuttles. The current ordinance had not been reviewed since 1992 and had Council setting the rates, and parts of the ordinance were vague with no specific reviews of the company or the drivers. Chief Gross further stated the amended ordinance clearly identified taxicabs and shuttles, gave companies and drivers specific guidelines to become licensed companies or drivers, outlined a review process before licensing which was presented to Council this evening which in essence must be filled out by the police department whether applying as a company or driver and must be signed by either the Chief or a representative before a business license can be attained through the City. The ordinance established clear expectations for taxicab or shuttle companies and drivers. The biggest issue was the increase to the insurance from \$100,000.00 to \$500,000.00 which kept up with the current liability issues. The drivers would obtain a taxicab/shuttle drivers license that the police department would issue and Chief Gross presented Council with an example of the license which would be required to be on the drivers at all times. In addition there would also be a vehicle decal affixed to the rear of the vehicles which would indicate the standards of the ordinance had been met and were legally licensed to operate in the City of Seaside. That would allow the Seaside Police Officers to stop any taxicabs or shuttles without the decal to see what the situation was. Chief Gross further stated the ordinance was given to each of the current licensed companies in the City of Seaside and there was a meeting conducted where input was provided and there were a couple of changes made. The ordinance was also reviewed by the City Attorney, Dan Van Thiel who had minor corrections with the language. Chief Gross further stated the revised ordinance was an ordinance that created the frame work that would protect the taxicab/shuttle companies and the driver's needs as well as the needs of the City.

Mayor Larson asked for public comments.

Lawrence Houstein, 2481 N. Highway 101, Seaside, stated he was the owner of Arrow Cab and Seaside Cab. Mr. Houstein further stated on page 3, paragraph E, "A taxicab/shuttle driver's permit may be suspended by the City Manager upon proof of conviction of any crime, ordinance violation or any state law regulating traffic or the use of a motor vehicle, whether or not the violations involved the operation of a taxicab". There should be a change from may be suspended to shall be suspended and the ordinance violations and language seemed very broad and that was the only concerns he had.

Chief Gross stated "may be suspended" was used which gave leeway to the violation of the ordinance if for instance it was concerning someone who owned a taxicab company. Chief Gross further stated on page 5 there were specific information that dealt with revocation and suspensions. The driver or Cab Company does have a right to file an appeal of any violations with seven days.

Councilor Phillips thanked Chief Gross for the very comprehensive ordinance.

Councilor Montero stated the ordinance was very good and she was in agreement with all of it. There were some areas where the t's need to be crossed and i's dotted. Councilor Montero stated the ordinance was concerning taxicabs and shuttles and appeared that way in most places in the ordinance. The word taxicab/shuttle should be referenced in all sections of the ordinance but some areas only had taxicab. On page 1 where it stated Taxicab/Shuttle it gave an overall definition but individually gave definitions for every mode of conveyance except a taxi and the reason that should be there was because there was taxicab/shuttle and it defined a shuttle as being on a fit schedule and that made sense but a taxicab was not on a fixed schedule. The definition of a taxicab should be added to the description. There were several places on page 3 and a couple of places on page 4 that shuttle needed to be added to the word taxicab. Councilor Montero stated on page 5, paragraph K, Shared Ride, the last sentence stated "Under no circumstances shall a driver pick up a second passenger when transporting a minor", and the word alone should be added because if transporting a minor with their mother or father then a taxi should be able to pick up somebody else but when alone then nobody else should be picked up.

Chief Gross stated the ordinance stated that no passenger shall be required to share a taxicab with another passenger.

Councilor Montero stated that was true for a taxicab but typically with a shuttle then sharing was expected.

Chief Gross stated what he neglected to do was take shuttle completely out of the ordinance because this was something that came from the drivers. That definition section should come out completely because taxicabs and shuttles were treated the same.

Councilor Montero stated the wording might be added in the ordinance that a taxicab and shuttle should be the same.

Chief Gross stated if taxicab/shuttle was listed instead of just shuttle then it would be the same.

Councilor Montero stated she liked the fact that there was a form that needed to be filled out and approved. Councilor Montero asked if each driver needed to fill out a separate form.

Chief Gross stated there were two parts to the form which was the first half as the company and the second half for the driver.

Councilor Frank stated the ordinance was a little over due and would bring a degree of professionalism to the people working in that field and a sense of security for the public since the police department was involved in the process.

Motion to place Ordinance 2013-01 on its first reading as amended by title only; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Barber)

Motion to place Ordinance 2013-01 on its second reading as amended by title only; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)

COMMENTS - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Absent.

COMMENTS - COUNCIL

Councilor Johnson stated he would be having surgery on his knee Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

COMMENTS - CITY STAFF AND PUBLIC

Esther Moberg, Library Director, stated she attended a meeting last week with several librarians in the area to discuss libraries. On Thursday, February 28, 2013, there would be a great presentation by Sue Glen who would be talking about Seaside 1920-1950 at the Seaside Library.

Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief, stated there were five people sent to winter training and a couple of new recruits in the recruit academy. Tonight was the CERT training class and there were 32 people in the class between Cannon Beach and Seaside.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated Jazz Festival was well attended this last weekend and all seemed to have a great time. The event for Portland wrestling had been cancelled and would not be coming to the Convention Center.

Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association (SDDA), stated there would be Seaside helping Seaside New Jersey T-shirts on sale at SDDA and were \$15.00.

Mayor Larson stated this weekend one of the finest organizations came to Seaside and that was the Jazz Festival event. There were many good compliments received about the event, convention center and the city. Those people were coming from all over the place and the event would not happen without the volunteers.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, thanked the Seaside Police Chief and the Taxicab owners for rewriting and reviewing sections of the code of ordinance which was not an easy process. Mr. Winstanley stated he appreciated all the work that had been done and the professional approach that the chief and owners took.

Councilor Barber stated regarding the Jazz Festival, Sunday morning there was a gospel open to the public and Mary Blake and Allan Evans made an appeal for the food bank and passed the hat and received approximately \$2,400.00.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR