

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 Stubby Lyons, Randy Frank, Dana Phillips, Jay Barber, and Tita Montero.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Sayde Moser, Seaside Signal; and Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian.

AGENDA Motion to approve the January 28, 2013 agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Montero)

COMMENTS – PUBLIC None

CONFLICT Mayor Larson asked whether any Councilor wished to declare a conflict of interest.

No one declared a conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA Councilor Frank stated he had a correction to the January 14, 2013, minutes.

Mayor Larson stated he would remove the approval of the minutes from the Consent Agenda and asked for approval of payment of the bills only.

Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$82,174.31; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Frank)

MINUTES Councilor Frank stated there was a correction to the minutes on page 1, Call to Order section under attendance. Councilor Frank further stated Councilor Tim Tolan was present under attendance but no longer served on the City Council and Councilor Randy Frank was not added to the attendance and was present.

Motion to approve the January 14, 2013 minutes as amended; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Barber)

PRESENTATION – SEASIDE GOLF COURSE Justin Cutler, Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District General Manager, presented Council with a PowerPoint Presentation on the Seaside Golf Course property. Mr. Cutler stated the Seaside Golf Course was for sale at a listing price of \$2,000,000.00 and would present to Council the possibility that exist at Seaside Golf Course, gauge the community interest for a community entity to acquire Seaside Golf Course, and to preserve the golf course for community use and access in perpetuity. Mr. Cutler further stated the items that had been accomplished to date was the listing of the property in August 2012, meeting with potential project partners October 2012, feasibility study completed in November 2012, identified possible funding streams in November 2012, and continue meeting with potential project partners. Mr. Cutler presented PowerPoint pictures of the golf course and property surrounding. Mr. Cutler further stated there was not an opportunity to build on the golf course and the existing opportunities was to have an Edgfield/St. Andrews style course, walking trails, walking only course (1 or 2 carts for ADA), open public days, revise the first hole, enhance the pro-shop, contract out the management of golf activities, contract out the management of the restaurant. Mr. Cutler further stated the potential opportunities was to have landscape buffers, golf range, enhance play area, trailheads and trails, water access, conservation areas, lawn area, dog areas, adventure activity, and program areas. Mr. Cutler further stated general concerns were how would acquisition be paid for, how would improvements be made, who and how would the golf course be maintained – possibly with program partners, volunteers, additional staff, and operational endowment. Mr. Cutler further stated the next step would be to gauge community interest, and determine direction – February, 2013. Mr. Cutler further stated was this right project for Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District (SEPRD) or was there another champion better suited. SEPRD actions were to continue to provide excellent recreation opportunities with Sunset Empire Pool and Fitness Center, Broadway Skate Park, Broadway Field, Bob Chisholm Community Center, Seaside Youth Center, and Mary Blake’s Playhouse. Mr. Cutler further stated if SEPRD went forward with the golf course the plans were to reconvene partners February, 2013, appraisal spring 2013, approach seller with a proposal late spring 2013, grant application spring 2013 – full funding, acquisition summer 2014, community design process and implementation summer 2014. Mr. Cutler asked if Council had any questions.

Mayor Larson asked Mr. Cutler to bring Council up to date on where the next presentation would be presented.

Mr. Cutler stated any place that would have him.

Councilor Barber stated there would not be any tax base applied for the acquisition.

Mr. Cutler further stated that was correct and grant funding would make it happen. The local government grant pool to the lottery fund was probably the biggest chance at securing upwards of \$750,000.00 and that would make or break the proposal.

Councilor Phillips stated she loved the idea but especially in the County things could be purchased and in use but it was the maintaining that really bothered her.

Mr. Cutler stated that was the big unknown and how to get enough roots together to maintain and operate the property. People do want to see the golf stay there.

Councilor Montero stated the other consideration that she thought of was that four months out of the year that golf course could not be used because it was under water or raining. There was a vast array of outdoor activities presented and those four months would not change and the course would still be unusable. Councilor Montero further stated she was glad to hear indoor activities were also planned.

Mr. Cutler further stated the frustrating thing was there was grant money to purchase land but there was no money to build a facility. Most of the money targeted land acquisition instead of health and fitness facilities in the community.

**APPROVAL –
AUDIT CONTRACT**

Mr. Winstanley stated this was the Audit Contract for next year. Kern and Thompson had been the auditors for the last three years and Kern and Thompson had provided a proposal to conduct the City of Seaside audit for the next year in the amount of \$42,000.00. That amount was an increase of \$2,000.00 from the previous year. Kern and Thompson had done a wonderful job performing the audit and staff was recommending Council accept the Audit Contract in the amount of \$42,000.00.

Motion to approve the City of Seaside Audit Contract from Kern and Thompson for \$42,000.00; carried unanimously. (Barber/Lyons)

AVENUE 'B' SPEED LIMIT

Mayor Larson stated the Transportation Advisory Commission has conducted two meetings with Councilor Johnson and Mayor Larson attending both meetings. Neal Wallace and Mark Winstanley had also attended the meetings and there had been one visitor. Mayor Larson stated the Transportation Advisory Commission met and discussed speed options on Avenue 'B'.

Mr. Winstanley stated the Transportation Advisory Commission had been doing an excellent job and had a spirited conversation when discussing Avenue 'B'. Avenue 'B' was unusual because it started out as Avenue 'B' and when heading west turns into Avenue 'A'. Avenue 'A' from Holladay to the Prom was a 20 miles per hour (MPH) speed limit. Avenue 'B' from Holladay to Highway 101 had no speed limit posted. Mr. Winstanley stated the Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission conducted a meeting and members examined traffic conditions on Avenue 'B' between Holladay Drive and Highway 101 and recommended a 20 MPH speed limit. The Commission had further recommended that speed signs be posted at either end of the portion of Avenue 'B'. The Commission would evaluate the effectiveness of the speed limit posting and may make additional recommendations for traffic calming devices.

Motion to approve the recommendation from the Transportation Advisory Commission to post 20 MPH speed limit signs to Avenue 'B' between Holladay Drive and Highway 101; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Montero)

**VACANCY –
CONVENTION CENTER**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Convention Center Commission with Councilor Randy Frank resigning from the Commission. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

**COMMENTS - STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

Kegan Wallis, Student Representative, stated the Seaside Swim Team had a meet against Astoria last week and both the girls and boys teams won. The Seaside High School Dance Team was going to state. Next week was the swim team districts and the basketball teams were doing well.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Phillips apologized for missing the swearing in of the Councilors.

Councilor Frank stated he was still learning and did not have any comments.

Councilor Lyons stated there were two seventy foot poles delivered to Broadway Field and would be used with a net to protect Mary Cornell's house during baseball season. Councilor Lyons read an article about a work session conducted to the north that Nancy McCarthy had written about in the Daily Astorian.

Councilor Lyons asked if anyone had read the Local Focus, State of the City, page 15, which had a picture of the Seaside Fire Department which was really excellent.

Mayor Larson stated there were two people from Council that would not be attending the February 11, 2013 City Council meeting and asked if the other five Councilors would be attending the meeting.

Councilor Phillips stated she had cancelled her trip and would be attending the meeting.

**COMMENTS – CITY
STAFF AND PUBLIC**

Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association, introduced the new Seaside Downtown Development Association President, Greg Boat who was the owner of Del Sol.

Esther Moberg, Library Director, stated the library was gearing up for many children and family events next month concentrating on Valentines.

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated there were many things going on at Broadway Park with the netting to protect Mary Cornell's house and also working on the Osprey Cam but were still a few dollars short.

Councilor Frank asked how many dollars short.

Mr. Wallace stated with the pledges that had been received approximately \$800.00.

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, stated the new recruit had graduated and was being trained on graveyard. Chief Gross further stated he was preparing the annual report for Council and the budget for next year.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated things were going well at the Convention Center and Thursday, January 31, 2013, was the Homeless Connect event at the Convention Center and Saturday was the Clatsop County Scholarship Program.

Mr. Winstanley stated Council would recess into executive session for his performance evaluation and he wanted to compliment the Council on what a great job they had been doing.

**RECESSED INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:48 PM in accordance with ORS 192.610 (l) (i) regarding annual evaluation of the City Manager, Mark Winstanley.

**RECONVENED FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:08 PM. Mayor Larson read a summary of the Council's evaluation on City Manager, Mark Winstanley.

Mayor Larson stated he would read a couple of brief items from Mark Winstanley's evaluation. Council was very fortunate to have Mr. Winstanley as the City Manager and there was no question about it. Mark was well versed at the effective management of the City's affairs and definitely kept Seaside on track both directly and through the staff he leads. It is to his credit that Seaside was in very good financial shape. Mayor Larson further stated from the financial perspective Mark knew just about everything there is to know about fiscal management but puts together a thoughtful proposed budget and guides the Budget Committee to understand the city budget. Mark did well in keeping the Council informed as to what other jurisdictions were doing and how they could work together. Under his leadership we as a City Council and department heads do more than most people around us. Seaside was fortunate to have such an incredible City Manager. Mayor Larson stated Council did find one piece where Mark was overworked and was doing the City Manager and three-quarters of the job of the Human Resources, and was the Financial Manager. Council had always told Mark to take time off and this year he did it. Mayor Larson further stated Council was a group of seven people who had total confidence in our City Manager and were extremely fortunate and blessed to have Mark here and also as a Council were extremely happy to be part of the government of the City of Seaside.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR