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 Dana Phillips, Jay Barber, Tita Montero, and Tim Tolan.

Absent: Councilor Stubby Lyons.

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

AGENDA

Motion to approve the July 23, 2012 agenda; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Barber)

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, read the Proclamation for National Night Out. Chief Gross stated the event would be held at Broadway Park and Cartwright Park on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and everyone but the Mayor was invited because he usually was not in town and also would not be in town this year.

Mayor Larson stated he would be attending a yearly family reunion at Silver Falls. Mayor Larson thanked Chief Gross and further stated it was a great event for the Community.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Drive, Seaside, stated he had the pleasure of speaking with the new Clatsop County Manager in his office and passed on to him the letter that was sent to the Director of Business Oregon talking about the $220,000.00 of illegally diverted economic development dollars that went into the County's budget. Mr. Dunzer presented Council with copies of the letters and stated he knew that everyone was very excited about economic development and Mr. Dunzer was also excited about economic development. Mr. Dunzer further stated other items that were given to the County Manager were letters to the editor that had never been published and he did not expect them to be published. One letter dealt with insanity which talked about the fact that 37,000 residents were insane to fund six separate police departments. Mr. Dunzer further stated he was probably out of step but he would like to see a better jail and knew how that could be done. Mr. Dunzer further stated the County Manager stated that "he had been through this several times before and was very interested in the idea". The other letter to the editor that would never be published by either paper dealt with scuttle. This had to do with the Astorian Reporter Tyler Graf who had interviewed Mr. Dunzer when he ran for County Commissioner. Mr. Dunzer further stated The Alternative Energy Plan had been under lock and key with the County. Mr. Dunzer had a follow-up appointment next week with an advisor to see if the project could be unlocked. Mr. Dunzer further stated since there were articles published in the paper about how wonderful the City looked he distributed to Council pictures of properties in Seaside that needed to be cleaned up. Mr. Dunzer had been working with Lorna Brandt at the Seaside Police Department to get some of the areas cleaned up.

Mayor Larson stated all the information that was received by the public was copied to all the Council and staff members of the City. Mayor Larson further stated sometimes things did not move real fast but were taken care.

Mr. Dunzer stated he was excited about the progress that had been made.

Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon Street, Seaside, stated typically this time of year traffic was a terrible problem and he realized it was very hard to make any gains. One big problem was when traffic was coming in through the South and wanted to turn on Avenue 'U' to visit the Cove area there was only room in the left turn lane for one car. If there was more then one car then everyone coming into Seaside had to come to a stop. Mr. Humpal further stated Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, may want to speak to the Oregon Department of Transportation about the problem.

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 $677,302.77; and July 9, 2012, regular minutes; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Phillips)

VACANCY – CITY TREE BOARD

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the City Tree Board with no applications received. Mayor Larson asked the press to keep advertising the vacancy for the City Tree Board.

CONVENTION CENTER – FOOD AND BEVERAGE AGREEMENT

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, introduced the people who were in support of the food and beverage agreement and had attended the Council meeting. Mr. Vandenberg stated there was a sub-committee formed to evaluate the proposals that were received and to make a recommendation from the submitted respondents. The sub-committee members were Russ Vandenberg, Gretchen Darnell, Jeff Kilday, Terry Bichsel, and Mark Posalski. Mr. Vandenberg presented Council with a packet of information that represented materials that were used for the recommendation. In reviewing the proposals there were three categories which were technical, financial, and management and each category was given a scoring or rating system with one hundred points as the total. There were three proposals received from Oregon Fine Food, Inc., McKeowns's, and Venue Works and from the evaluation the sub-committee decided on two proposals which were Oregon Fine Food, Inc., and McKeown's. The two proposals were further evaluated and there were some clarification questions for each company and each company presented a luncheon from their menu and both did an outstanding job. The sub-committee then graded the companies again and recommended Council approve the proposal from Oregon Fine Foods, Inc. Mr. Vandenberg further stated there were changes made to the new agreement and one change was the gratuity charge which would be a 15% service charge to all internal catered food events. The contractor shall pay the service staff and non-management kitchen staff 60% of the gratuity and service charge with the remaining 40% would be divided as follows: 5% to the contractor for use as administrative fees and the remaining 35% to the Seaside Civic and Convention Center that may be used as a Food Service Reserve to replace equipment that was visible to the clients. The other changes were to give the facility a little more control of quality of goods, approval of employees, and absolute rights of the City. The contract for the food and beverage agreement would be for three years and was effective November 1, 2012.

Councilor Phillips stated she wanted fellow Council members to understand that part of the gratuity had been discussed over three years since Oregon Fine Foods had to deal with trying to keep wait staff when they could work somewhere else and receive tips. This had been a long process and she was thrilled that Oregon Fine Foods, Inc. was recommended from the sub-committee.

Mayor Larson stated that was a really good comment because Councilor Phillips had been so involved with the Convention Center.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that people did not want to pay more for the product but it was detrimental to try and retain and hire qualified staff and this should help to retain and recruit servers to work on a regular basis.

Mayor Larson stated under the gratuity and service charge at the bottom it states "The payout and distribution of the 60% portion of the gratuity and service charge shall be at the discretion of the contractor". Mayor Larson further stated would it be the individual person that was protected under that last sentence?

Mr. Vandenberg stated the contractor had the discretion of how the money would be distributed. There were some organizations that would keep track of who worked each event and how many hours each person worked and distribute the money that way or the salary could be based on a yearly average of gratuities.

Mayor Larson asked how many years the contract was.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the previous contract was for three years with two three year extensions at the option of the City and this contract was written the same way. At the last Convention Center Commission meeting the proposal for Oregon Fine Foods was approved by the Commission.

Motion to approve the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Food and Beverage Agreement with Oregon Fine Foods; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Tolan)

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Barber stated Council received a letter from Mary Cornell and his understanding was that there was a plan to erect a screen at the park to solve the problem of baseballs going on to her property.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated the City was in the process of making application for a grant through State Parks and that grant included funding for additional netting that would help that situation.

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated the grant decision was still a few weeks away. If the grant was received the City could look at what could be done to prevent baseballs from going into Ms. Cornell's property. Mr. Wallace further stated he would be speaking with the Campbell Group about possible solutions for the issue.

Councilor Johnson asked if Ms. Cornell had been contacted about the possible solutions.

Mr. Wallace stated he spoke with Ms. Cornell a few weeks ago but did not have a solution for her this baseball season. If the grant was received then the money could not be spent until October, 2012, and if the grant was not received then there needed to be another solution found.

Mr. Winstanley stated the City was still $191,000.00 short of paying for what was owed right now for Broadway Field. The total value of the improvements made to Broadway Park was approaching $2,000,000.00.

Councilor Tolan stated he visited Councilor Stubby Lyons two days ago and he was coming along quite nicely.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Chuck Minor, Seaside Chamber of Commerce President, stated Beach Volleyball was coming up August 10, 11, 12, 2012, and after that Hood to Coast Relay.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the Convention Center just finished the Cat Show event which was quite noisy and now the Convention Center was a little quieter with the Funeral Directors in town.

Chief Gross stated this was the seventh National Night Out and he hoped everyone could make it. The Police Department was preparing for Beach Volleyball, Hood to Coast, and Wheels and Waves.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

JudyAnn Dugan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR