

- 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 Tim Tolan, Councilors Stubby Lyons, Don Johnson, Larry Haller, and Jay Barber.
- Absent: Councilor Dave Moore
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Max Milander, Seaside High School Representative; Rebecca Herren, The Coast Times; Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian; and Jeff Nelson, KAST.
- AGENDA** Motion to approve the March 22, 2010, agenda; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)
- PROCLAMATION** Mayor Larson read a Proclamation on Tsunami Preparedness and Earthquake Awareness Month.
- Mayor Larson read a Proclamation on Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Kevin O’Keane, 2525 Pine, Seaside, stated he wanted to follow up with the improvements that needed to be done to Pine Street, and the Venice Park area.
- 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 \$233,960.64; and approve the March 8, 2010, minutes; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)
- UPDATE – SEASIDE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** Councilor Johnson introduced the Airport Committee members who attended the meeting, Randall Henderson, Steve Phillips, Roy Bennett, Wally Hamer, and Neal Wallace.
- Randall Henderson, 7233 SW Benz Park Ct., Portland, stated he was the chairman of the Airport Committee and enjoyed serving the City by volunteering for the committee. Mr. Henderson further stated the Airport Committee had accomplished quite a few projects like clearing trees that were a safety issue at the Seaside Airport; ongoing brush removal at the North and South end of the Airport; pavement maintenance which was mainly paid for by the state. The Seaside Airport was very fortunate since there was a pavement management program in place which consisted of crack repairs, sinkholes, and striping; Windsock and segmented circle update paint was completed a few years ago which the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) covered nearly all of the cost of the project; parking lot was paved and a security fence was placed around part of the area which was paid for with a grant that was received; and there were drainage improvements done to the Airport. Mr. Henderson further stated the projects for 2010 would consist of a grant received from the FAA for \$226,000.00, to pay for extending the security fence; aviation easements to the North and South of the property; and drainage improvements. Mr. Henderson further stated future projects were adding signage to the airport; widen the runway; tie-down rework; upgrade runway and taxiway lighting; run-up pads; and approach slope indicator lights. Mr. Henderson further stated there were plans to improve transportation access with a bus stop schedule at the airport; and to improve pilot education for people flying in or out of the airport.
- Councilor Barber asked what kind of traffic the Seaside Airport experienced on a typical day.
- Mr. Henderson stated there was not a typical day at the Seaside Airport because in the summer the airport was very busy and in the winter there could be a week or two go by with just one or two planes depending on the weather. A typical summer weekend there could be approximately twenty airplanes on the ramp and on average there were ten to fifteen airplanes flying in and out.
- Mayor Larson asked if there was any discussion about adding another hanger at the Seaside Airport.
- Mr. Henderson stated the existing hanger at the airport was sub-leased. When more people were interested an additional hanger could be added.
- Councilor Tolan asked who had access to the security fence at the Seaside Airport.
- Mr. Henderson stated there was a pedestrian gate and an automobile gate at the airport. The policy and procedure for the gates were being established which would ensure no one was locked out. A person would exit out of the gate and get the code and when returning would use the same code to enter back into the gate.

Councilor Johnson complimented all of the Airport Committee members for all the hard work that had been done and were still doing. Councilor Johnson further stated there was a great pride in ownership by the members of the Committee.

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated the Airport Committee had worked very hard with the FAA in developing the new Airport Improvement Project (AIP) which was a capital improvement list for the airport. Mr. Wallace further stated since adopting the Seaside Airport as part of the City infrastructure and with the help from the FAA and the Oregon Department of Aviation there had been many functional and safety improvements made at the airport. With the larger expenditure this year from the FAA the grants were very generous and only required a five percent match. This year Connect Three was being administered through the Oregon Department of Administration and would actually pick up even the five percent match and would make the project one hundred percent funded.

**BID RESULTS –  
CONVENTION CENTER  
IMPLEMENTATION  
PROJECT PLAN**

Russ Vandenberg, Seaside Convention Center General Manager, stated he wanted to clarify the Convention Center's potential expansion project. There was a feasibility study conducted approximately a year and a half ago to see if there was enough business to support an expansion for the Seaside Convention Center. The feasibility study came back very positive and based on the demographic of the business there would be enough support to move further along. The next phase of studies would determine if there was an expansion, where the expansion would be built, a site study, land use study, geotechnical reports, environmental reports, and a cost estimate. The information would be collected and compiled into a master plan. The studies for the Convention Center were completed for the purpose of educating the City on whether or not the project needed to move forward. The studies were preliminary in nature and would be used strictly for educational purposes; there were no plans to expand the Convention Center at this time. The City Council would need to approve all reports or changes that were done to the Convention Center and there had never been an approval to expand the Convention Center. Mr. Vandenberg further stated the City received five bids for the Convention Center Expansion Implementation Master Plan. After making a detailed comparison, the Convention Center and Ad-hoc Committee recommended accepting the bid from EHS Design in the amount of \$36,000.00. EHS Design had presented a thorough understanding of the project, approach, presentation, and references.

Mayor Larson asked if EHS Design was based in Seattle.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that was correct the company was based in Seattle.

Councilor Barber asked where the funds would come from to pay for the master plan.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the funds came out of the Convention Center Contractual Professional funds.

Motion approving the bid for the Convention Center Expansion Implementation Master Plan to EHS Design Company in the amount of \$36,000.00; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Barber)

**VACANCY –  
PARKS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the Parks Advisory Committee with two term expirations. Steve Phillips and Chris Quackenbush wished to be reappointed to the Committee. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to reappoint Steve Phillips and Chris Quackenbush to the Parks Advisory Committee; carried unanimously. (Haller/Johnson)

Term expiration for Steve Phillips and Chris Quackenbush would be March 31, 2013.

**COMMENTS - STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Max Milander, Seaside Student Representative, stated Seaside High School students were on their Spring Break Vacation and in one week the final trimester would start for the school year. Mr. Milander further stated he was able to attend the Town Hall meeting on Saturday, March 20, 2010, with Senator Jeff Merkley, and presented the first question for the meeting.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Councilor Johnson stated at the last City Council meeting he had suggested Council have a workshop to discuss alternative plans with paving, sidewalks, and curbs.

Mayor Larson asked Mr. Winstanley if a date could be set for the workshop.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated staff was working on the date for the workshop.

Councilor Haller stated Mary Blake, Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation Director, had several great events scheduled for Spring Break.

Councilor Barber stated he had just returned from Germany on Sunday, March 21, 2010. Councilor Barber further stated he had visited Washington DC to attend the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Mercy Corps, March 10, 2010, and March 11, 2010. Councilor Barber arrived a day early and visited the offices of Representative David Wu, Senator Ron Wyden, and Senator Jeff Merkley. The meetings were largely an opportunity to say hello to the members of congress and remind them of the needs in the Community and region.

Councilor Barber further stated both Representative Wu and Senator Merkley were present for the appointments; Senator Wyden was unable to attend but sent two of his staff to represent him. Representative Wu expressed the greatest interest in Seaside, and the City's request for appropriation support and was generally interested in the latest news from Seaside and Clatsop County. Councilor Barber further stated visits by local officials were very important in keeping issues alive to the representatives. If Senators and Representatives personally knew us and were well informed of both the opportunities and needs of the City then most likely Seaside would be remembered when decisions were made.

Mayor Larson stated there was a new bus service that traveled from Portland to Seaside for the day, and there had been a ribbon cutting for the bus service at the turnaround Saturday, March 20, 2010. Mayor Larson further stated he visited the Thunder group at the Seaside Convention Center this last weekend and everything seemed under control. Mayor Larson further stated the Sunday Oregonian printed a nice article regarding Seaside that was very positive. Mayor Larson further stated the portals for the Highway 26 Tunnel would not be touched or removed.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated the new lights were installed on the South Highway Sidewalk Project. Mr. Wallace further stated the work was finished with Seltzer Park at the Cove. Mr. Wallace further stated the City of Seaside received the Tree City USA Award for the Twelfth Year.

Mr. Vandenberg stated there was a meeting last month for the All American City application and the Committee has scheduled meetings with service organizations in Seaside to help identify some of the projects and get the organizations involved in the process.

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, stated for the first Spring Break weekend there were seventy-five service calls. Chief Gross further stated there were more families in Seaside enjoying the activities offered for Spring Break.

Mr. Winstanley stated a City Council/Planning Commission Workshop was scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2010, 6:30 pm, to discuss the Transportation System Plan (TSP) with the main focus being Wahanna Road. Mr. Winstanley further stated Saturday, April 3, 2010, 2:00 pm, there would be a dedication for the Seaside Community Gardens. Mr. Winstanley further stated Tuesday, April 13, 2010, was the Arbor Day Celebration at 3:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR