

- 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, Councilors Don Johnson, Jay Barber, Dana Phillips, Tim Tolan, and Tita Montero.
- Absent: Council President Stubby Lyons.
- Also Present: Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief and acting City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian; and Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal.
- AGENDA** Motion to approve the November 14, 2011 agenda; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Tolan)
- SWEARING IN SEASIDE POLICE OFFICER** Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, swore in Seaside Police Officer Brandon Petersen and congratulated him.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Angela Fairless, 846 10th Avenue, Seaside, stated she had planned on having suggestions on the Illegal Lodging Ordinance for the Council but did not have the time to get the information put together. Ms. Fairless asked if she made suggestions to the ordinance would Council consider the suggestions or would that just be a waste of time and she would again be sleeping outside at City Hall.
- Mayor Larson stated Ms. Fairless was welcome to bring information to the Council and Council would always consider anything that was brought to them.
- John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Dr., Seaside, stated he wanted to address two items and one was to commend Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief, who was on the front page of the Seaside Signal expressing an interest in consolidation. The Seaside Police Chief should also have an interest in consolidation. Mr. Dunzer further stated there was a jail bond coming down the road to have the jail redone which was an excellent idea but how would the new jail be paid for. There would be a lot of City's and people that were not going to be happy about having to pay for the new jail. Mr. Dunzer further stated when you become a second rate economic power then funding was lost, consolidation was needed, and things had to be changed. Mr. Dunzer further stated the second item he wanted to speak about was no items on the agenda for the last Council meeting. With all the problems in this country and Council had nothing to do. What kind of image was that and what message did that give the people. That was a lousy idea. Mr. Dunzer further stated an item that Council could have considered was the water that comes across the road on Highway 101. The flooding on Highway 101 was caused by a property owner that placed a berm along the stream such that the water would not flood into the property owner's pasture. All these people have been driving through the flooded water all these times and now there was \$500,000.00 needed to dig a hole in the dike so that people would not have to drive through the water. Why was there not something done about this issue.
- Mayor Larson stated the County would be moving dirt this spring.
- Mr. Dunzer asked why the issue was not being taken care of before spring.
- Mayor Larson stated there were many things that had to be done before dirt was moved.
- Mr. Dunzer stated it should be the property owner's responsibility to pay the \$500,000.00.
- Kindwyn Hoge, 360 Forest Ct., Seaside, stated she had spoken to Mayor Larson in late spring to early summer and also spoke to Neal Wallace. There were lights on Shore Terrace Blvd. between that area and Skyline Drive but right by Suzanne Elise there were no lights on the streets and she was very worried someone would get ran over and the sidewalk was in disrepair. The area was dark without any lights which could be dangerous in the evenings. Ms. Hoge asked Council to see about getting lights installed so it was not dark and dangerous in that area.
- Mayor Larson asked Chief Gross to pass the information on.
- Dale McDowell, 3760 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, stated he wanted to publically thank all the volunteers that helped out with the Broadway Park Field. The support was tremendous and the youths were excited to come and help.
- Mayor Larson thanked Mr. McDowell for the super job that was done.

Sharon Kempfar, PO Box 2115, Gearhart, stated she was attending the meeting in support of Angela Fairless. The Council should address the issue of homelessness in Seaside. Homelessness was not a crime and to learn there was an Illegal Lodging Ordinance in Seaside made her wonder where the people would rest or sleep. There should be a balance and Council needed to realize that modifications must be made. Ms. Kempfar further stated people should be treated with dignity and respect.

Mayor Larson stated at the Governors Office today they spoke about homelessness in Eastern Oregon and the problem was national.

Ms. Kempfar asked if Council would review the Illegal Lodging Ordinance.

Mayor Larson stated Council would discuss what could be done about homelessness but did not know when Council would review the Illegal Lodging Ordinance. Council was very concerned about homelessness also.

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 \$3,572,479.91; and October 10, 2011, minutes; carried unanimously. (Barber/Tolan)

RESOLUTION #3750

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, REGARDING THE CLATSOP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Mayor Larson asked for public comments.

Mr. Dunzer stated there was a person on his calendar provided by Providence Seaside Hospital for January, 2011. This person served on the Board of Directors of Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR). The CEDR organization was not organized to provide the businesses and potential businesses of the County with the maximum benefits. Before CEDR came along there was an Economic Development Council that was ran by volunteers but the \$200,000.00 that was suppose to support the operations of the Economic Development Group was denied by one of the supervisors to fund staff support for that agency. The volunteer organization at that time was disbanded by County Board of Supervisors. Part of the organization also dealt with the small business contribution that was made to Clatsop Community College to run the small business development center. There were many services provided at no cost to anyone. Mr. Dunzer further stated a couple of years ago a private organization which was CEDR was developed. When a private organization was hired with public funds to provide less support then what was received originally did not make any sense. Clatsop County people spent a million dollars a year in various economic development agencies. Mr. Dunzer further stated he could not get on the CEDR agenda because they did not care. If Council decided to put public money into the CEDR organization without providing some visibility and transparency so the people would know where the money was being spent and why all the other organizations were discarded. Mr. Dunzer further stated the County General Plan specifically stated how this should be done and this was inefficient to the business members of this community.

There were no more comments and Mayor Larson closed the public comments.

Kevin Leahy, CEDR, stated today there was a Regional Solutions Committee meeting. Governor Kitzhaber office formed the committee which was Clatsop County, Columbia County, and Tillamook County and Senator Betsy Johnson was the Chair Person of the committee. The committee basically had priorities that had been established over the last several months from the different County's and from the leaders of the different municipalities in the County's. From the list today there was recap of how the economy would be built and jobs created in the three Counties'. Mr. Leahy stated some of the issues discussed for Clatsop County were affordable housing, flood issue on Highway 101, Clatsop Plains water quality, and septic tank issues. The committee was creating great energy for all the communities to work together and move forward.

Mayor Larson read a list of those who served on the Regional Solutions Committee.

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments.

Councilor Johnson stated Council spent a great deal of time meeting about CEDR and there had been very strong questions asked with some very good answers. Councilor Johnson further stated he was comfortable with CEDR at this time.

Councilor Barber stated he had clearly stated his position already and nothing had changed.

Councilor Montero stated she was not completely convinced and the examples that were given tonight was a little disturbing because of the transparency. Ms. Montero was surprised this was the first that Council had heard of any kind of organizational regional solutions committee that came up with thirteen pages of items that had already been voted to move forward.

Mayor Larson stated the items had been sent in through the County's and two weeks ago the committee had been formed.

Councilor Montero stated she was curious as to what was on the list and what was voted to move forward. There was an affordable housing summit in Seaside approximately three to four years ago which was very well attended but ended up going no where. Ms. Montero asked if Astoria and Warrenton had voted to support CEDR.

Mr. Leahy stated he was presenting the information to Warrenton either the first or the second week in January to review the funding request and he did not think there would be any problem receiving support from both Cities'. Mr. Leahy further stated there would be a CEDR Board meeting next week and Council was invited to the meeting. The topic of discussion would be the funding.

Councilor Tolan stated Mr. Dunzer brought up a good point about using volunteers who had experience and could help with the consulting.

Mr. Leahy stated CEDR was very open to having volunteers work with the business clients.

Councilor Tolan asked if there was a way to find out who volunteered years ago and try to get there help with volunteering again.

Mr. Leahy stated if there was any history about the committee then he would be happy to get the names and research that information.

Councilor Phillips stated she had spent a lot of time and energy speaking with others about the CEDR Organization and received information during the Council work session. Councilor Phillips further stated she still had a lot of questions but felt it was important to give groups a chance. Next year when CEDR comes before Council there needed to be a detailed description of how CEDR had helped the City of Seaside because right at the moment she had not seen anything.

Mr. Leahy stated CEDR would commit to that.

Mayor Larson stated he had been involved in Clatsop County Economic Development and it had not been successful. Mayor Larson had received calls from people asking what Seaside had to offer and he did not know what the answers were. Mayor Larson stated he was for CEDR.

Motion to read Resolution #3750 by title only; carried unanimously. (Barber/Tolan)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3750; carried with Montero opposed. (Barber/Tolan)

**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 advertise the vacancy.

**VACANCY –
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the Budget Committee with one term expiration from Rebecca Buck who wished to be reappointed. Mayor Larson further stated there would also be a vacancy on the Budget Committee as Guy Williams had resigned. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to reappoint Rebecca Buck for the Budget Committee; carried unanimously. (Montero/Phillips)

Term Expiration for Rebecca Buck would be December 31, 2014.

**VACANCY –
CONVENTION CENTER
COMMISSION**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Convention Center Commission with one application received from Kelley Herr. Mayor Larson asked what Council wished to do.

Councilor Johnson stated this was an applicant that was a teacher at Lewis and Clark school and lived in Seaside. She was young and energetic and looking forward to getting involved in the community.

Council consensus to keep the vacancy open on the Convention Center Commission.

VACANCY –

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the Planning Commission with two term expirations from Ray Romine and Virginia Dideum who wished to be reappointed and were interviewed at the last City Council meeting. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to reappoint Ray Romine and Virginia Dideum for the Planning Commission; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Tolan)

Term Expiration for Ray Romine and Virginia Dideum would be November 1, 2015.

VACANCY –

TRANSPORTATION

ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mayor Larson stated there were seven vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Commission with six applications received from Dale McDowell, Bill Carpenter, Kathleen Teeple, Terry Hartill, and John Dunzer. Mayor Larson further stated Council would leave the vacancy open for more applications.

Councilor Montero stated the Transportation Advisory Commission would not just be about Highway 101 but was about all of the transportation.

Councilor Barber asked if there was anyway Council could appoint the six applicants for the Transportation Advisory Commission.

Councilor Phillips stated that had been discussed and Council would prefer to have enough applicants for the commission.

Mayor Larson stated there was a Council representative needed for the Community and Senior Commission.

**LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATION**

Council considered an application for a liquor license for the BJ's Pizza Palace and Sports Bar, 2490 Highway 101 North. The applicant was applying for a Full On-Premise Sales License, which would be for a change of ownership.

Motion to approve a Full On-Premise Sales License for BJ's Pizza Palace and Sports Bar, 2490 Highway 101 North; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Johnson)

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Mayor Larson asked Bill Carpenter to inform the public of the meeting he had attended.

Bill Carpenter, PO Box 797, Seaside, stated he attended the Northwest Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (NWACT) with Mayor Larson. This was a transportation commission with Clatsop County, Columbia County, Tillamook County, and Washington County. The commission prioritized how the State would spend their money. There was a discussion on the Highway 101 Flooding, and the City needed to prioritize projects like roads, pedestrians, bikes, and City Airport. There needed to be priorities so that Seaside could get in line to receive funds that could be available.

Councilor Tolan asked if there were priorities that were in the Transportation System Plan (TSP).

Mr. Carpenter stated there were projects listed in the TSP but the projects needed to be prioritized by what the City thought were the most important items that needed to be taken care of.

Mayor Larson stated there was some money available but there was a list of priorities needed to get them funded.

Councilor Phillips stated she was familiar with the area around Suzanne Elise and understood the public comment about there not being any lights in that location and that could be very dangerous. Councilor Phillips asked how Council would proceed to make sure something was done.

Mayor Larson stated the information would be given to Mark Winstanley, City Manager, and Mr. Wallace at the Public Works Department.

Councilor Phillips stated just for the record because she attended the Convention Center Commission meeting the other night there was a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Food and Beverage on Mr. Winstanley's desk. Councilor Phillips further stated she would really like Mr. Winstanley to approve the RFP so it could be sent out.

Councilor Montero stated she wanted to publically thank Mayor Larson for coming to Tongue Point and being the speaker for Veteran's Day. Mayor Larson did a very nice job and Councilor Montero had given him a promotion.

Mayor Larson stated the Tongue Point Job Corps had approximately five-hundred kids that were aged 16-24 and they were absolutely quiet and most of them took their hats off when they saw the flag. Mayor Larson was extremely impressed with those kids. There had been rough times for those kids and some of them didn't or couldn't finish high school.

Councilor Montero stated actually more than fifty percent of the kids have had high school.

Mayor Larson stated these young adults thanked me for speaking and seemed to really listen.

Councilor Montero stated there were several assemblies every month and several assemblies that Councilor Montero had been responsible for, and this really said something about the importance of Veteran's Day because every year at the Veteran's Day Assembly the kids were very quiet, very respectful, and there was no buzz in the crowd. This really says something about how youths honor Veteran's Day which was very important.

Chuck Minor, Seaside Chamber Ambassadors, stated he had recently been invited by Councilor Montero to Tongue Point and it was quite impressive and at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast there would be a small presentation.

Councilor Barber stated one thing to put on the Council to do list was that there was inactive representative attending the CEDR board meetings and maybe Council could find a local business person who would be willing to be a representative.

Councilor Montero stated since CEDR was using public funds then a Council member should be the representative on the board and certainly business people could attend the meetings also.

Mayor Larson stated he attended a meeting about Ocean Energy which the County was looking at. This would turn waves to energy and there was a lot of controversy over the issue. Mayor Larson further stated he was a speaker at the Drug Court which was set up by Judge Nelson. There were five graduates and two were from Seaside. There was a lot of money spent on rehabilitating the five graduates.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief, thanked Mayor Larson and Council for the Fire Chiefs and District Directors who were in town one week ago and Mayor Larson did some welcoming for the event.

Mr. Minor stated the Chamber Ambassadors were taking items that were received to the food bank. The Ambassadors donated money to the Wishing Tree Foundation and the Christmas Food Basket program this year.

Mayor Larson asked who was doing the Christmas Food Basket program.

Mr. Minor stated that was still being put together. Mr. Minor further stated the Chamber of Commerce would put the tree up on Monday and would have the lighting the day after Thanksgiving. Councilor Barber would be the emcee for the event.

Councilor Montero stated the Gift Fair would be starting.

Mr. Minor stated the Gift Fair was at the Convention Center, November 25-27, 2011

Chief Gross stated he enjoyed attending the Flag Raising Ceremony for Veteran's Day. The ceremony was a wonderful tribute to the Veteran's in Seaside.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

JudyAnn Dugan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR