

**CALL TO ORDER** The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Don Larson.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Don Johnson, Councilors Jay Barber, Tita Montero, Seth Morrissey, Dana Phillips and Randy Frank.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; Russ Vandenberg, Seaside Civic and Convention Center and Seaside Visitors Bureau General Manager; Jon Rahl, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Assistant Manager; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; and R.J. Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

**AGENDA** Mayor Larson stated there was a change to the City Council Agenda adding Item 5, Proclamation – Helen Gaston Day. Mayor Larson asked for a motion and a second for approval of the amended agenda.

Councilor Montero moved to change the agenda with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Montero/Frank)

**PROCLAMATION** Mayor Larson asked Steve Wright to read the Proclamation for Helen Gaston Day. Mayor Larson stated Steve Wright was the President of the Museum.

Steve Wright read the Proclamation for Helen Gaston Day.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** Taylor Barnes, Student Representative, stated he would give an update of what was going on at the Seaside High School. Sports: Baseball has entered the league play and was sitting in a record of 4-9 and Softball has not played a league game and was sitting in a record of 5-4. The track team won the Anna Marie Jones Invitational which was seven to eight different teams and both the boys and girls Seaside Teams won. Last week – The sophomores and juniors had the chance to take buses to the fair grounds in Astoria for a job fair and there were numerous students able to get jobs or put in applications for multiple jobs. The Choir will be going to State for the first time since Mr. Barnes could remember. The band would be performing on Wednesday at the league contest to determine if they go to State. The Spring Play the “Breakfast Club” based off the movie would be having performances in the coming weeks and that was a Senior Pacifica Project. A freshman student was actually able to pass legislation at the Oregon level making April 14, 2016, Art Celebration Day. On April 14, 2016, there would be many different artists at the school presenting their unique art. Students would have the opportunity to go to different classrooms and participate in that art. The Mr. SHS was the male beauty pageant the high school put on every year and would be taking place in two weeks at the high school cafetorium and was also a Pacifica Project. The Sadie Hawkins Dance was Saturday, April 16, 2016. The Seaside High School Student Council would be presenting the Tsunami Project to a high school in Pennsylvania by video Skype and they were very interested in hearing the presentation. .

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Sam Condron, 150 S. Wahanna, Seaside, stated recently there were a couple of new signs added to the highway on the intersection that would direct people to lodging and food. The signs were very badly placed and give very little notice. This just helps in increasing the traffic problems that Seaside was already starting to get. Traffic was backed up through Gearhart a couple of days ago and anything that can be done to stream line the way traffic flows in Seaside would be in our best interested.

Councilor Montero stated the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was responsible for the highway signs and she asked if the City had any input on the sign placement.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated ODOT controlled the signs but maybe they would move them if asked.

Mr. Condron asked what the City was doing to address the high levels of traffic going through town.

Mayor Larson stated the city had a plan in 2003 that was defeated by the people in Seaside and they did not want it and \$42,000,000.00 was turned back to the state. There is no transportation money now in the State of Oregon.

Mr. Condron stated and thirteen years later we are still doing nothing.

Mayor Larson stated the city was doing nothing.

Councilor Barber stated it was not really the cities issue but we can talk to ODOT and plead our case.

**CONFLICT**

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

No one declared a conflict of interest.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Larson asked for a motion and second to approve the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$621,571.48; and Approval of the Minutes – March 28, 2016.

Councilor Frank moved we pay those bills with a second from Councilor Montero; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)

**INTRODUCTION -  
LOWER COLUMBIA  
HISPANIC COUNCIL**

Councilor Montero introduced Jorge Gutierrez who was the Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council.

Jorge Gutierrez, Lower Columbia Hispanic Council Executive Director, stated the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council (LCHC) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization founded in 1998 to serve the growing Hispanic immigrant populations of Clatsop County, Oregon, and Pacific County, Washington. And now covers from Aberdeen, Washington to Newport, Oregon. The LCHC works with an immigrant population that is disconnected from the mainstream and broader community, and language, culture, lack of understanding are the primary barriers to integration. This Hispanic population has become an integral part of the local labor force, continues to grow, in large part staff low income/minimum skill occupations on fish processing lines, in the service and tourism industries and, increasingly, in the forestry sector. In addition to this settled population, during peak fish-processing seasons, many Hispanic migrant workers move into our area, this population is a first-generation immigrant population where the parents and older children are in large part Mexican-born and, in the majority, have a low education level. These newcomers bring English skills that are almost non-existent and in many cases, do not know how to navigate successfully the social service and health systems in the area. And with that growth will be building pressure on the region human services and other services (legal, social, etc.) to respond to the various needs. The work of the LCHC results in a pro-active approach to these issues, lessening the pressure on the community to be reactive to the growing needs of this population. The LCHC sees the need to help these families move ahead financially and educationally to prevent the entrenchment of an isolated population relegated to lower income jobs. As a group we feel that educating this community, not only academically, but also in the social and health areas, are essential to its successful integration into the larger community. Our goals include promoting the health, education and social and economic advancement of area Latinos. The Lower Columbia Hispanic Council has developed a handful of goals that they strive to meet every day. They have increased and broadened the community's cultural awareness of the local Hispanic community. They have also taught the surrounding areas to celebrate the cultural diversity this population brings. Along with celebration, this organization educates the community of the needs and services available of local Hispanics. Another important goal of the LCHC is to improve access to social services for the Hispanic community, while improving the cultural awareness of the services provided. A generous grant from the Pacific Power Foundation has been awarded to the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council to fund GED preparation classes in Spanish. Partnering with Clatsop Community College, the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council will provide an instructor and volunteers who will assist students seeking to earn a Spanish GED. Clatsop Community College will host the classes by providing space in its facilities in Astoria and Seaside. Students will have access to materials and technology through the college and learn how they can test at the college testing center. The Lower Columbia Hispanic Council also has developed collaborations and partnerships with other community organizations to identify and solve common issues. Last but not least, they provide communication and support to the people and organizations working with the Hispanic community of the Lower Columbia region.

**REQUEST –  
REAL PROPERTY  
LICENSE MARIANNE  
POOLE TRUST**

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated he had discussions with Jeremy Rust who was the attorney for the Poole Family Trust.

Jeremy Rust, Moberg & Rust, stated there was a letter submitted for a request for Real Property License on 21<sup>st</sup> Street from City of Seaside to the Marianne Poole Trust. The request was for a license for the Marianne Poole Trust, its successors, heirs and assigns to use the following described real property: Legal Description - A portion of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue created on the plat of Dee's Subdivision of Block 18, Clatsop Grove, recorded in Town Plat Book 0, Page 56, as a 20 foot wide street, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot 3, Block 18, Dee's Subdivision of Clatsop Grove, being a point of the South line of 21' Avenue and the Southwest corner of vacated 21' Avenue as described in that vacation ordinance recorded in Book 256, Page 461, Clatsop County Records;

Thence North 87°49'24" West along the South line of said 21s<sup>1</sup> Avenue, a distance of 43.32 feet to a point; Thence North 02°10'35" East, a distance of 15.00 feet to a point; Thence South 87°49'24" East, a distance of 43.32 feet to a point on the West line of vacated 21<sup>1</sup> Avenue as described in the vacation ordinance recorded in Book 256, Page 461, Clatsop County Records; Thence along the West line of said vacated 21s<sup>1</sup> Avenue, South 02°10'35" West, a distance of 15.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Situated in the Northwest quarter of Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 10 West, .W.M., City of Seaside, County of Clatsop, and State of Oregon. Summary of License Request: This license request follows the Request for Street Vacation dated June 12, 2015 and presented by OTAK Inc. on behalf of the Marianne Poole Trust. As the City knows, that request was denied. By way of information, Mr. Rust had discussed the matter with Mr. Van Thiel and was his understanding that there will be a recommendation to approve the license. There was a map for reference.

Mr. Van Thiel stated as Council recalls the initial request was to vacate a portion of the street. There was a portion of the swimming pool that was built on City property for the Poole Trust Property. There would be a licensing agreement wrote up for both parties the City of Seaside and Marianne Poole Trust. The license was revocable at the discretion of the City with a ninety day notice to move the pool.

Councilor Barber moved the approval of the license with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Barber/Frank)

**UPDATE –  
BOB CHISHOLM COMM.  
CENTER HALL REFRESH**

Darren Gooch, Bob Chisholm Community Center manager, introduced the Community and Senior Commission members who were attending the meeting. Mr. Gooch introduced Louis Neubecker who was a member of the Community Center and Senior Commission.

Louis Neubecker, Community and Senior Commission, stated several months ago the commission attended a City Council meeting to present the dream of the Bob Chisholm Community Center – Main Hall Refresh Project. The commission has been moving forward with the dream. The plan: Bob Chisholm Community Center – Main Hall Refresh Project, Phase 1 would update the lighting, flooring, wall coverings and window treatments. The renovation will highlight the center's beautiful beams and tongue and groove ceiling, while providing much needed improvements to the room's acoustics and energy efficiency. The commission had a fundraising goal of \$80,000.00, by June 30, 2016, which was the commission portion. The total cost for the Main Hall Refresh Project \$175,000.00. There was an article going out to the newspapers about the fundraising campaign and to kick off the pledge on Thursday, April 28, 2016, for a Taco Feed, 5:30 -7:30 pm, served by the commission members. There were pledge cards designed and those were distributed. There was a Face book page created and a Go Fund Me account created.

**REQUEST –  
WATER SERVICES  
OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS  
JUDY BARTONI**

Mr. Winstanley stated Ms. Bartoni has requested water service for 34420 Highway 26, South East of town, outside city limits. This is an undeveloped lot Ms. Bartoni is intending to build a single family residence home on as a primary residence for herself. Purpose for council participation and-approval: The property is outside current city limits. Each service authorized outside current city limits is individually authorized by city council required by ordinance "52.25 Service Outside City". Utility Availability: The city of Seaside maintains a potable, 4 inch water main line past this property and as of this request is routinely serving the area. A capacity analysis completed by TetraTech Engineering determines that the main line is adequate to serve this additional connection. Special Conditions: To connect to the water main a service line would have to cross under highway 101. This would require "boring" a conduit to house the new service water line. An existing service line serves the abutting property currently occupied by a Mr. Adam Rink. Ms. Bartoni has-an agreement to share the existing service line With Dr. Rink avoiding the need for an additional conduit is bored under the state highway for a new Service line. Ms. Bartoni could then "split" the existing service into two individual services on the side of the highway she proposes to build on. (see sketch). MS.-Bartoni accepts any and all maintenance responsibility for the service lines from where they are tapped to the main line. This responsibility includes the repair of any leaks- discovered within a 24 hour period- of time. Ms. Bartoni will also bare the cost of installing the new service plumbing, meter box and relocating Mt. Rinks meter. All work will be approved by the city engineer and inspected by the water foreman or his designee. Recommendation: Public Works has reviewed the proposed new service line and conditions and recommends that Ms. Bartoni proposed service be approved by council.

Councilor Barber moved the request be approved with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried unanimously. (Barber/Morrisey)

**SEASIDE EVENT –  
SAFETY FAIR AND DASH**

Jon Rahl, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Assistant Manager, stated hopefully everyone has heard about the upcoming Safety Fair and new event Seaside Dash for Safety and the Doggie Dash. The Dash to Safety was a 5K run/walk and the Doggie Dash was a 2K fun run/walk and both would take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at 9:30 am. One of the key things to be addressed tonight so Council was well aware was to go over the route.

The Seaside 5K will start at the Seaside Cove, travel up Ocean Vista, briefly be on Avenue 'U', move up the promenade to get to the turnaround, from there go from the turnaround all the way up to Wahanna and gradually make the way to Spruce Drive and then end at the Seaside Heights Elementary School. Because of the type of event there was a request to shut down Broadway from 9:30 am to 10:00 am and because of the time of day there should be very little impact. Both races will start simultaneously using the Tsunami Warning System to start the race and both races could be started at the same time. This was ultimately a preparedness event taking place on National Preparedness Day and the idea was to incorporate as many things that touched on being prepared and warning systems as much as possible.

Mr. Winstanley stated the warning system when the city uses it was the vocal part of the system and not a siren.

Mr. Rahl stated it would be a special recorded message for this particular event.

Esther Moberg, Library Director, stated the event had taken place every year at the Seaside Fire Hall. This was the annual safe kid's event and we had just taken it over this year and made it bigger and added the two races. The race would end at the Seaside Heights Elementary School and that was when the fair would start at 10:00 am. There would be over twenty-two vendors and there would be all kinds of emergency vehicles. There would be hotdogs, bouncy houses, and giving away bikes that had been donated. There would be many things going on at the event and many topics for safety like poison safety, water safety, bike safety, and many others.

**ANNUAL REPORT –  
SEASIDE CIVIC AND  
CONVENTION CENTER**

Russ Vandenberg, Seaside Civic and Convention Center and Seaside Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated he was presenting the Seaside Civic and Convention Center/Visitors Bureau 2015 Annual Report. Mr. Vandenberg introduced members that attended the meeting. In 2015 the Seaside Civic and Convention Center hosted 251 event days producing \$22.2M in total economic impact. This represents an average spending of \$60,821.92 per day to the economy. Convention Center Objectives - Our primary objective is to utilize the convention center to its maximum capacity and generate economic benefit to our community. A secondary objective is to provide services and facilities to respond to the needs of local and civic related events, thereby truly enhancing the quality of life for our community. Ongoing Facility Investment - Over the past year, we have installed new audio speakers in the first floor pre-function areas and second floor mezzanine level to improve sound quality and satisfy customer demand. The convention center purchased nine new stage risers while continuing to improve landscaping along the riverfront. We are also planning to replace two 15-ton HVAC rooftop units for improved heating and air-conditioning functions. 2015 Rating 95.80 - The Convention Center's customer service rating is the foundation on which our convention center operates. We have consistently maintained a customer service rating exceeding 95% since 2009. We are proud of this accomplishment and would like to acknowledge all of the Convention Center staff and members of Oregon Fine Foods, Inc for their professional and consistent service year after year. Technology Demand - Due to increased demand and changing times, we are in the process of installing fiber optics that will increase bandwidth capabilities from 100MB/s to 300MB/s, with the potential of increasing to 1GB/s as demand progresses. Maintaining customer expectations and demand will remain one of the biggest challenges facing the public assembly facility and hospitality industry. Mr. Vandenberg stated Jon Rahl would give the Visitors Bureau part of the annual report.

Mr. Rahl stated the mission of the Seaside Visitors Bureau is to improve the area economy by attracting and servicing visitors to Seaside and those traveling along the Pacific Northwest Coast. Seaside Visitors Bureau (SVB) - Economic Data: Visitor Spending & Bed Tax Prior to 2012-13, bed tax had never surpassed \$2.8M in a fiscal year. Through December 2015, Seaside has experienced 16 straight quarters of year over year growth. Where Are SVB Dollars Spent - the Visitors Bureau's 2015-16 advertising budget rose 7.9% over 2014-15. Our costs for Visitor Guide development was reduced greatly this year with a move to a new publisher. Our creative development costs went from 5% to 22% with the implementation of new brand materials. Seaside Visitor Guide - This year's guide (pictured) helped usher in a brand new look for Seaside. "It's Easy to Seaside" aims to show people how simple it is to do every-thing Seaside has to offer. In 2015, and what turned out to be our final year of the "green" look, 19% of guides were mailed to prospective visitors (down 29%), 23% were picked up at a state visitor center (up 15%), while 58% of our guides (up 12.8%) were acquired in a Seaside business (hotel, restaurant, retail or information center). Social Media Growth & Content - Our commitment to a strong Facebook presence continued in 2015. Likes grew by 20.6% (from 46K to 56K) while engagement rose 11.5% (from 3.89 to 4.34). Organic reach continues to dip for all agencies utilizing social spaces for marketing purposes. We'll be evaluating our presence closely in 2016. Social Media Growth & Content - Our commitment to a strong Facebook presence continued in 2015. Likes grew by 20.6% (from 46K to 56K) while engagement rose 11.5% (from 3.89 to 4.34). Organic reach continues to dip for all agencies utilizing social spaces for marketing purposes. We'll be evaluating our presence closely in 2016. Rebranding Seaside - When you know how to do something, it's second nature. But when you're new to a place or activity, it can be hard to know how to get started. Seaside has much to offer. Some of it is quite obvious as there's no real trick to eating saltwater taffy. But harvesting razor clams is another story. You need to know when, how and where to get what you need.

Given that a lot of what we want to promote in Seaside is a little harder to find or off the beaten path, a "how to" campaign is a really helpful way to introduce visitors to things they hadn't necessarily planned on doing. Along with oodles of new creative, the Visitors Bureau also unveiled a new website that makes learning how to visit even that much easier. Because in the end, "It's Easy to Seaside"!

**UPDATE – SEASIDE  
CIVIC AND CONVENTION  
CENTER RENOVATIONS**

Mr. Vandenberg stated he would present to Council the update for the 2016 Seaside Civic and Convention Center Renovation and Addition. Mr. Vandenberg further stated he would like to acknowledge the committee appointed by Council for the Convention Center that helped in the research, studies, reports, and planning: Roger Shultz, Tim Tolan, and Jeff Kilday.

Vandenberg further stated the report was provided to the Seaside Seaside Civic & Convention center in Seaside, Oregon by Steele Associates Architects in response to a request for architectural master planning services. The goal of this report is to revisit the 2012-2013 project goals, space program recommendations, and project plan created by EHS Architecture. Steele Associates Architects was directed to revise the master plan to significantly reduce the size and scope of the project with the understanding that any addition will be limited to the east toward the Necanicum River and to the west toward Edgewood Street as confined to the lot currently occupied by the Seaside Civic & Convention Center.

Scott Steele, Steele Associates Architects LLC., stated 2016 SCCC Renovation & Addition Plan Goals - 2015 SCCC Renovation & Addition Plan Objectives: Bump out the existing Necanicum Ballroom, column-free; Support larger, simultaneous, and more diverse events; Increase the size, quantity, and improve the quality of mid-sized meeting spaces; Confine renovation & addition to current property; Limit total project cost to 15 million dollars. This cost targeted study relies on limited additional, infrastructure engineering and scoping adjustments, new cost modeling, and Steele Associates Architects new strategy which confine the necessary addition to the property currently occupied by the existing facility. This study is prepared to assist the City of Seaside in visualizing a 15 million dollar renovation and addition, that implements goals conveyed by the Seaside Civic & Convention Center project team prior to authorizing further Schematic design engineering investigation, financial planning and project funding for project delivery. 2016 SCCC Renovation & Addition Plan Goals: Renovated Necanicum Ballroom - This plan adds on to the existing Necanicum Room by 40% while remaining column free and within the boundaries of the property currently occupied by the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Operable acoustic walls, scene controlled lighting, floor box and overhead distribution of show utilities, cellular telephone, WiFi internet, audio and video, with local room controls in combination with portable FF&E for seating staging provide the flexibility to support multiple convention and assembly uses within the renovated Necanicum Room. Mid-sized Meeting Rooms - The total mid-sized meeting room area is greatly enhanced and quality improved with reconstruction and reconfiguration of the existing administration area into three new meeting rooms, construction of a new 2140 SF meeting room on level 2, and addition and renovation of the existing Riverview Rooms. This added space supports established goals for additional and simultaneous events including the widest possible range of local and regional public assembly, conventions, trade shows, banquets, meetings, pageants, and fitness and cheerleading events, at Seaside Civic and Convention Center. (Aerial view and plans of the renovated Seaside Civic and Convention Center included in the presentation). 2016 SCCC Renovation and Addition Plan – Level 1- General Notes - Necanicum Ballroom grows by 1880 SF to 6560 SF, Combined area of Pacific & Necanicum Rooms totals 17060 SF, 3750 SF of new mid-sized meeting area added in three separate rooms, 2035 SF of new storage area added, Main lobby stair reconfigured to ease flow into the pre-function area, New egress doors, stairs, and ramp added on the west façade. Level 1— Structural Notes - Seismic isolation joints required between the existing structure and additions, Structural moment frame required at the new egress doors at the NW corner and at the SE corner at the renovated Necanicum Room, New columns, footings, and long span beam required to support the addition to the Necanicum Room, this allows the renovated ballroom to remain column free. 2016 SCCC Renovation and Addition Plan – Level 2 – General Notes - Riverview Rooms grow by 1560 SF to 3400 SF, New enlarged balcony and associated egress stair added to the east façade, New meeting room and pre-function space added to the northwest corner, New restroom added and existing restroom remodeled at the northwest corner, 1000 SF of new storage area added, New egress stair added to the Southwest corner. Level 2— Structural Notes - Seismic isolation joints required between the existing structure and additions Structural moment frame required at the new Meeting 4 pre-function space, New columns and long span beam required to support the growth of the Riverview Rooms, this allows the renovated Riverview Rooms to remain column free.

Mr. Vandenberg stated he asked Nate Burke to draw up a current and future room diagram. There were drawings presented for room size current and future – for square footage, dimensions, and various seating options.

Mr. Steele stated 2016 SCCC Renovations and Addition Plan Phasing: Project Phasing – the scope of the proposed renovation and addition project is divided into three phases. Phase 1 - Complete design work to establish the design of the entire renovation and addition project. Construction of the new ground floor administrative suite and the new level 2 meeting room above, as well as design work to establish the design of the entire renovation and addition project.

Construction as the additional storage, new ground floor egress doors, and additional egress stair on the west facade. Construction of the Necanicum Ballroom and Riverview Rooms additions and associated new balcony and egress stair on the east facade. This phase of work includes relocation of some on-site parking, utilities and street work to prepare the site and to assure a minimum of service interruptions during later phases of work. Phase 2 - Conversion of the existing administrative area into three new meeting rooms on the ground floor and reconfiguration of the main lobby stair and registration desk. Exterior improvements to provide performance upgrades, replace systems and assemblies that are at the end of their useful life, and to provide a unified exterior design expression. Phase 3 - Renovation of the existing storage area and access hall along the west end of the Pacific Room. Renovation of ancillary interior spaces and various interior improvements to provide a unified interior design expression. Provide new interior and exterior signage and wayfinding. Collaboration: Management of public parking and maintenance of building access and egress pathways will require continuous active planning and coordination with event bookings and construction operations during the expansion work to allow the existing building and its neighbors to continue to operate successfully during construction of the expansion project. The presentation also included the 2016 SCCC Program Area Summary, 2016 SCCC Project Cost, and designs of the 2016 SCCC Building Massing. There was information presented for Appendix A – Structural Engineering Report. Mr. Vandenberg asked if there were any questions.

Councilor Frank stated wasn't an additional elevator considered in number 2. There was always talk about having that area as a Tsunami Evacuation but in looking at the engineering report that may not happen.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that was correct because an existing facility was being used that was built in 1971 and you couldn't build on top because you would temporarily have to close down and the only way to do that was to raise the facility and to rebuild. At this stage the building would not be designed as an evacuation facility. Mr. Vandenberg further stated there would not be another elevator added to the building there were three elevators already.

Mayor Larson stated the best teams he had ever seen in a remodel and addition and every inch available was being used in this design. This was absolutely amazing.

Councilor Morrissey asked what the current capacity of the Pacific Room.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that depended on setup. If there was a theatre type setup it would be 900.

Councilor Morrissey stated the idea was that groups could be moved back and forth and they would be able to eat with the dining room already set up.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that was the goal was to increase the ballroom which would increase the ability to bring in larger groups and to potentially bring two groups in at the same time and split the building in half.

Councilor Montero stated would the kitchen area be expanded to be able to feed all those people.

Mr. Vandenberg stated there was studies done that determined 2000 square foot was adequate to feed approximately 1200 people. Properties of a ballroom were for meal functions and would be utilizing that more frequently.

Councilor Barber stated one of the controversies from the last plan was how the city would finance the project. When going out in the community that would be the number one question asked for the project. Councilor Barber further stated he assumed sales tax was off the table.

Mr. Vandenberg stated sales tax was not being considered at this time.

Council President Johnson asked what the time frame was to come back to Council.

Mr. Vandenberg stated the calendars currently go to 2020 and he needed to open the calendars to 2021-2015 and there was a limited time frame but don't want to give the building up with price. There was seven to eight months to decide before the calendars were opened. The goal is to go out in the community show the presentation and get the hotels involved with input, schedule a workshop with the City Council.

Councilor Montero stated another question you will hear from people would be the increase in the number of cars. The downtown merchants will be asking about the plan for accommodating the parking. This goes along with Edgewood with the bus parking because even the current parking the buses had trouble coming in and out.

Mr. Vandenberg stated those concerns had been addressed and although it's not confirmed there had been discussions of moving the bus parking over to Necanicum Drive. The additional demand on parking was studied and most people park at their hotels and walk to the convention center. Mr. Vandenberg further stated that was the standard for most cases.

There were concerns about the peak periods of tourism and the rest of the seven month it would be fine. Even with the additional space talked about it was only another 100 per average per group.

Councilor Phillips stated she wanted to commend Russ and his team and the plans are unbelievable and really excited about it.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Ms. Moberg invited all to a fundraiser at the convention center for a library outreach on Thursday, April 14, 2016. It was not just for our library but was a program outside the library and served all children in Clatsop County.

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, stated this week was recognition of telecommunications week and there were baskets and bags for them in recognition.

Mr. McDowell stated the North Holladay Project update this week was water tie ins and the new water meters would be in and next week the force main bypass so the force main switchover could be done. The curbs will be added.

Mr. Rahl stated the Visitors Bureau had been working with a moving production company that was getting set to film a moving in Seaside in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Winstanley stated very proud of the department heads and the work that was being done.

Mr. Van Thiel stated wonderful project it truly is amazing and that facility plans were stunning. Mr. Van Thiel stated the business community took on the largest business license fees years ago when the convention center was built.

**COMMENTS - COUNCIL**

Councilor Montero stated she attended Congresswoman Bonamici Town Hall meeting that she had in Astoria and it was very nice and she mentioned coming to Seaside for Tsunami Awareness presentation at the Seaside High School and for the young lady who was a freshman had put together the legislation for Art Day in Seaside.

Councilor Phillips stated this community never ceases to amaze me. I promise to the Community and Senior Commission that yes we will be discussing the budget.

Councilor Frank stated thanks to Helen Gaston and people like her. One of the great things about our community was the percentage of the population of volunteers.

Councilor Morrissey stated he liked the convention center expansion and think it was a good idea the city did not have to acquire property. The parking will be an issue especially with the downtown people and that should be looked at and addressed. Councilor Morrissey further stated he was a little late but wanted to commend Russ and the convention center staff on the amazing job they did with the Jason Goodding memorial and we really had a world class facility.

Councilor Barber stated Seaside would be a very different town if the convention center had not been built. This needed to be addressed and the ball was in our court.

Council President Johnson stated his dad was part of the secret eight that wanted to build a convention center and he was graduating from high school when it was being built. Our community is what it is today because of the convention center.

Councilor Montero stated Councilor Frank was talking about volunteers and he volunteered to the museum to provide the famed Norma's Clam Chowder.

Mayor Larson stated if someone on the Council would like to meet with Jeff Curtis for the Rose Festival Parade April 28, 2016. Mayor Larson thanked all Council for turning in their evaluations, thank you sincerely. Thank you all as volunteers for what you do for the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR