

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

**ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Council President Randy Frank; Councilors Tita Montero, Steve Wright, Seth Morrissey, Dana Phillips, and Tom Horning.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief; Mitch Brown, Seaside Police Communication Manager; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; and RJ Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

**MAYOR STATEMENT** **MEETING OPENING STATEMENT FOR MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING:**  
Mayor Barber stated as I open tonight’s council meeting, I want to publicly announce that this is a special electronic communication meeting in accordance with ORS 192.610 to 192.690. We are utilizing the Zoom Webinar software to bring our council and participating staff together tonight while also streaming this meeting on Facebook Live. In a moment we’ll begin the public comment period for tonight’s meeting and there is a way you can participate should you wish to make comment on any item not on our agenda this evening. Our website, cityofseaside.us has a direct link to view the meeting as an attendee, if you aren’t already doing so. When the time comes to hear from members of the public, there’s a feature in the attendee view (and via phone attendance) that allows you to raise your hand. Our moderator of the comments, assistant city manager Jon Rahl, will monitor this area and let us know should we have citizens wishing to make comment. For those simply wishing to watch and listen to the meeting, Facebook Live is your best option. We won’t be able to allow for public comment through that channel, but we will do our best to monitor any comments that are made, and additional members of our staff will attempt to pass that information along to us as needed. You can also submit comments for future meetings to our City Recorder, Kim Jordan, by emailing [kjordan@cityofseaside.us](mailto:kjordan@cityofseaside.us).

**AGENDA** Mayor Barber stated he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Montero so moved with a second from Councilor Horning; carried unanimously. (Montero/Horning)

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD STATEMENT**

Mayor Barber stated as I mentioned a few moments ago, we have a new format for our public comment period, and I am about to open this section of our meeting. If you are viewing the meeting directly through Zoom or you called into one of the participation numbers, we now ask you to “virtually raise your hand” if you would like to make comment.

If you are online, attending the meeting through the Zoom software, raise your hand by clicking on the control panel at the bottom of your screen. You will then be placed into a queue. When your time comes to speak, you will be unmuted and can address the council on matters NOT already on tonight’s agenda. If you have a comment related to an agenda item that has a public comment period, please wait for that item to address the council.

If you are attending the meeting by phone, and have dialed in, you will need to press \*9 to raise your hand. As with the online attendees, this will place you into a queue and you will be able to speak once called upon.

In both instances, public meeting law asks that you state your full name and your address for the public record as you would do if you attended the meeting in person. You will be limited to four minutes of total speaking time as is also standard protocol for our meetings.

Mayor Barber asked the moderator if there is anyone that wanted to speak.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, (Moderator) stated yes, we have a couple. First one is Kathy Kleczek with Northwest transportation. Kathy, you are on, you should be allowed to talk now. Let me unmute you. Go ahead and state your name and address now just for the record, and then just a reminder that you have four minutes to speak, but you can go ahead. Kathy, it appears that you are un-muted. You can go ahead and talk. Okay, alright, well, we’ll go to the next one, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated okay.

Moderator Rahl stated the next one is Alisa Burke. You’ve been permitted to talk. Go ahead and state your name, and address for the record and then just a reminder, you have four minutes.

Alisa Burke, 3018 Bayview Terrace, Seaside, stated I’m super happy we get the opportunity to talk to you guys. As many of you know in this group, I’ve been writing you since about March 4<sup>th</sup>, with a lot of just really practical concerns and questions about the city, pertaining to COVID 19. I’m just going to ask one question tonight, even though I’ve sent many on to you guys, I also just want to say, I don’t normally speak out or up with the city, this is the first time I’ve ever done this in my entire life.

And it just simply comes from the fact that I'm a longtime local Seaside High alum who cares dearly about this place. I just got to put that, I know there's a lot of, you probably frustrated with me because I've been writing to you a lot. I'm the one who started the petition. I've been outspoken on social media. But my question for you guys tonight, is there any plan to get some sort of community outreach going for things other than businesses? Things like updates from our police department, our fire department, our school district, our health care workers, and our hospital. I have yet to see any messaging coming from our city speaking to people other than businesses. And I know a lot of people want to hear updates so we can get involved as a community and help each other out. I have a business here that's been affected. But I care about all the things happening in Seaside. Our food bank, can somebody in the city start reaching out with outreach like we're seeing in other communities. You don't need to answer it tonight. You could email me back. I don't care how that answer comes to me or our community, but it's greatly needed and I would appreciate as a concerned citizen and business owner that it sometimes somehow gets addressed. So that's all I have to say.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Alisa. Very good question. And we will, that's a matter of record and I will get back to you.

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, the only other raised hand is the guests that we, tried to allow to talk previously. Kathy Kleczek. I'll give that another shot and see if that works.

Kathy Kleczek, 2080 Aldercrest, Seaside, stated all right, can everybody hear me? Perfect, it was my computer. I apologize. I work for Sunset Empire Transportation District and live in Seaside. I just wanted to thank the Council for moving these meetings to zoom and making an effort to increase your visibility to the public. And I will say that more information is better and the more updates we, as a community can get, the better it is for everybody. I attend a lot of these meetings in my capacity for Sunset Empire so that I can then help share the word out to different parts of our community. The more we can get word out from the officials, which is you, the better it is for those of us that work to help get the word out. My appreciation for moving the meetings to zoom and keep up the good work in this new situation that we're in.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Kathy. Mr Moderator, is there anyone else wanting to address the council?

Moderator Rahl stated there are no other hands raised, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated okay, we will close that portion of our meeting. Thank you Jon for moderating that.

**CONFLICT**

Mayor Barber stated now I'll ask the Council, does anyone need to declare a potential conflict of interest? No, I don't see any hands raised or otherwise. Let the record show no conflicts of interest

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion now for approval of the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$1,671,113.98; and Approval of Minutes March 23, 2020.

Councilor Morrisey so moved to approve the consent agenda with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Phillips)

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE #2020-04**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 110 REGARDING GENERAL BUSINESS LICENSING – DISTRIBUTION OF LICENSE FEE REVENUE (Third Reading)

Mayor Barber stated we will now move to unfinished business. We have, Ordinance 2020-04, coming up for the third and final. At this point I will open the floor to anyone who would like to speak regarding, Ordinance 2020-04, is anyone showing interest, Jon in wanting to speak at this point.

Moderator stated currently no hands raised. Mr. Mayor. Waiting just a second to make sure people are trying to get that working if necessary.

Mayor Barber stated hearing none. I will close the open public comments and ask the council if anyone on the council would like to make further comments regarding the distribution of the license fees. Hearing none. I'll entertain a motion for the third and final reading by title only.

Council President Frank moved to read Ordinance #2020-04 by title only with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated motion to adopt.

Council President Frank stated motion to adopt with a second from Councilor Wright; carried unanimously. (Frank/Wright)

Mayor Barber stated that'll be a roll call vote, Kim.

YEAS: HORNING, FRANK, BARBER, MONTERO, WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, MORRISEY  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**VACANCY –  
PARKS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Barber stated there was a vacancy on the Parks Advisory Committee. We have received any applications so be sure and get the word out about that. Tom has anybody talked to you about this. I know you are the liaison there.

Councilor Horning stated no not yet. I have talked to a few people but they seem to be a little shy about serving under the new viral conditions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #3955**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AMENDING RESOLUTION #3864, ADOPTING FEES FOR CITY SERVICES

Mayor Barber stated moving on then to new business. A Resolution #3955. Tita, you are a representative on the Library Board, do you have any comments about this.

Councilor Montero stated this is another way that the libraries are coming together to have all the libraries be the same. And basically, it's raising the fees for being, the late fee from 15 cents to 25 cents a day. And the cost of an outside of library card, so that if somebody is visiting from Portland say, and they want to check out books from the library, they're paying for the library card for a period of time. And those have not been, thank you for putting that up there, Jon. Those have not been raised in some time from what I know and it seems totally appropriate to me. I am totally in favor of this.

Mayor Barber stated is Esther in the meeting. Would you like to speak to it?

Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director, stated thank you Mayor and City Councilors. Yes, I am proposing a change, for our town only and that is a change from \$50 to \$70 for 12 months. That's not, residents within the city limits. That's only out of town cards. And then there's a half year card and a month by month card. I am like Tita mentioned also suggesting that we change our overdue fines. This is like she said in keeping with the other two libraries. We have been talking, and this is the agreement that we have come to, for the Warrenton Community Library, Seaside Public Library, and Astoria Public Library, in order for us to all come up to the same level of service. And so, there's no confusion, these are fines across the three libraries when we turn on, the library cards being used interchangeably in all three, libraries. If you go to the next slide, Jon, thank you. This kind of shows you a little bit of why, we're saying we would be okay with the kids cards not having a children's fine anymore. This is something, Astoria has had for a while. Again, to get to the same page, we looked at our kids' fines. We really don't have a huge revenue source from these. And just so we're clear that \$63,000 outstanding, we get about 18,000 a year total in fines. That's outstanding for years and most of that we will never see, but approximately 18,000 of that a year is what we do receive. But as you can see, kid's cards in comparing, are a very small amount. If you look at a third of that total price, I'm right there for the kid's cards and the adult cards, you know, we're talking about, \$3,000 annually for kids' cards, fines. Most of them are, keeping up. Again, Astoria does not do kids fines. We are okay with that. We've looked at this and just so you know, to most libraries across Oregon are going fine free. We are not at this point, but recognizing that is a trend that many libraries are doing. We're okay with doing this with the kid's materials. We would still be charging a lost item fee. That doesn't mean anybody can just walk out the door with our books and never give them back. if they do not return them, they would be charged for the entire cost of the book at a certain period of time. And I am asking that this start July 1st and as Tita had mentioned the last time these fees were changed was in 2012, so over eight years ago.

Mayor Barber stated it's time. Thank you, Esther. I'll open the floor now of any public comments. Jon, is there anyone standing by wanting to comment on this.

Moderator Rahl stated no, Mr. Mayor, no hands raised.

Mayor Barber stated okay, how about from the Council. We've heard from Tita. Thank you Tita for your comments. Anybody else like to comment? Okay, sounds good to me. Hearing none. I'll entertain a motion to read by title only.

Councilor Montero moved to read Resolution #3955 by title only with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Montero/Frank)

YEAS: HORNING, FRANK, BARBER, MONTERO, WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, MORRISEY  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**2020 SOUTH CLATSOP  
COUNTY SIMULCAST  
(REPEATER) PROJECT**

Mayor Barber stated now regarding the 2020 South Clatsop County Simulcast (Repeater) Project. I think we have Mitch Brown and Joey Daniels our chief, we're going to speak about that. Please inform us.

Mitch Brown, Seaside Communication Manager, stated I'm the communications manager at the seaside police department, but we dispatch for South County and we dispatch for all four South County police departments and then, five, sorry, three police departments and four or fire departments. We've been working on, upgrading our radio system, the past couple months. I have a PowerPoint that I wanted to show you guys. That is a little bit about, the simulcast project. And I'm going to take it over and talk a little bit about it, with you guys. There was a presentation presented to the Council for the project. Jon, can you show that.

Moderator Rahl stated with the chief having the same name there were two Mitch Brown's there. Let me try this one. Try that.

Mr. Brown stated nope, that did not work.

Moderator Rahl stated alright. Looks like you're good.

Mr. Brown stated show me the next page.

Moderator Rahl stated I can go ahead and take over and you just tell me to advance the slide if you like.

Mr. Brown stated okay, you can go ahead and switch to the next slide. Just a little, back story about our radio system. Right now we only have a single site, which is up on Tillamook Head. We would like to leave that site but add, two other sites, three other sites. We would like to move and add a site up at the new school by the water tower near the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). We're also going to add, we'd like to add on at Humbug, which is out off of Highway 26 which would, help Hamlet Radio Communications, Cannon Beach Radio Communications, Seaside Radio Communications and Gearhart Radio Communications for police and fire. Like I said, we're going to leave Tillamook Head up there as a backup. What we'd like to do is leave it as a backup so that in case any type of failure ever happened, we would still have radio communications with Cannon Beach. I have some coverage maps here for us. Currently what I have is a couple different maps that Day Wireless had put together that are estimates of what our radio capabilities currently are and what they could be if we implemented the new radio system. Mobile radios are what we currently have in the patrol cars and fire trucks. And you can see here, this is on the left the blue is mobile reception, which is us receiving. And then on the right you see the red. And in fact that's actually mobile transmission. This on the left is where we'd be able to hear people and the red is where they'd be able to hear us. Jon, can you go to the next slide. This is currently what our portable reception is. You can see that that means when the guys get out of their car, they're on portable radios which are attached to their hip. You can see how poor or what a small area the actual outdoor reception is. And the outdoor transmission are very small areas and don't cover, if you look at Cannon Beach and out at Highway 53 as a portable reception, is pretty poor. Or I can go to the next one drawn. Proposed, adding two extra sites which would be at the school and Humbug. You could see, on the left we have the proposed over here for mobiles. You can see how much, what a wider range of area it actually covers on the right for the mobile transmit. You can see here the exact same thing. Go ahead and go to the next one. This is our portable reception and portable transmit. You can see what a difference for portables it makes by going to the new, simulcasts, the radio system, on the reception and then also the transmission. And you can go to the next slide, Jon. Here's the comparison for portables. You can see how much of the estimated increase that we will have when we have portables. The top is what we currently have, and the bottom is the proposal and what we'd like to go to. Next slide. This is the mobile, these are the patrol cars and the fire trucks. Like I said, this is what we have and this is what we want to go to. We're going to have a double layer of coverage around a number of places that we don't currently get coverage that should greatly increase our reception and transmission. Go to the next slide, Jon. That's it. Okay. The plan right now or going forward that, that I would like to see, currently asking for \$135,000 to replace our radio system and, and upgrading it to the new system. The general timeline us would be equipment purchase and shipping is about two months. Complete install is going to take a month. FCC licensing will take one to two months for a total of three to four months, for everything. Currently the bid right now is about \$123,000. The reason I'm asking for \$135,000 is because we're going to be adding a new tower up by the water tower and it's actually like an electrical pole. We'll put that up and it'll be next to the EOC so we can have, a secure building to have all our radio equipment in while it's up there also. If anybody has any questions, I'm more than willing to take them.

Council President Frank stated well I've got a question, Mitch. This is not attached to the water tank. It's actually a tower near the water tank.

Mr. Brown stated it is going to be on city property. And essentially what we're going to do is take a, like an electrical pole, like one of the big wood ones. We're going to stick that in the ground next to the water tower, instead of attaching it physically to the water tower.

Council President Frank stated okay and then I see on here, there's a microwave link, for the tower at Tillamook Head. Is that something that does exist now?

Mr. Brown stated we do have that now. And it's a communication link between, the police department and the tower, I don't want to call it a DSL link because it's not DSL, but it's internet based.

Council President Frank stated okay.

Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief, stated Councilman Frank. I have been working on this project for a while. It's also linked between Tolovana and microwave link to Tillamook Head, which also goes back to dispatch. This is going to make, like a web if you want to think about it that way. It's a web instead of what we have currently is more of a line of sight.

Council President Frank stated okay, thanks.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mitch and Joey. One of the things you mentioned is the Humbug tower. Is that something that's part of this proposal and how does that work if it's not city property, how does that tie in to this?

Mr. Brown stated we'll have to pay a rental fee to the tower company, which is owned by ODOT and we'll have to coordinate with ODOT to get that put up there.

Chief Daniels stated Councilman Morrissey. We currently do that with Tillamook Head. We actually rent the repeater and the generator backup and Tillamook Head is actually a rental through ODOT. It's not an uncommon practice.

Councilor Morrissey stated I'm assuming you set up kind of a long-term lease or something like that.

Chief Daniels stated the County Sheriff's office and a few others are out there already. We'd just go on the same pole as they are, we just never have put one out there, and we have pretty weak to no reception, especially at milepost three all the way to the 53 Junction or farther.

Councilor Morrissey stated and this proposal we're voting on tonight includes the Humbug as well.

Mr. Brown stated it would be all three. Tolovana, Humbug, and at the water tower above the school.

Councilor Morrissey stated great, thank you.

Mayor Barber asked if there were any other questions from the Council.

Councilor Phillips stated I just have one. Budget wise, where is this money coming from?

Mayor Barber stated good question, Mark. You want to speak to that.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated I had a feeling you'd come around to me when we started talking money. We will be taking money from the police, fire, and possibly, the 911 system, that's still something that we're working on, exactly what the proportions would be. But those are basically the budgets that will handle this.

Mayor Barber stated any other comments?

Councilor Montero stated Mark, this is Tita. Is there any possibility that there would be outside money from, Cannon Beach or Hamlet or some of the other communities that are benefiting from this?

Mr. Winstanley stated yes, Councilor there are possibilities. We're ready to go on this project. That's why I have it broken the way I do. I know that we continue to have conversations with Cannon Beach Fire and, I'm certain that we were having conversations with some of the other agencies. In the future, yes, we may see that, those agencies financially help. But right now we're prepared to move forward with it, with the budgets that we have that we can get this done. This has been a problem for quite a while. Down in South County. Radio traffic in some of those locations is very spotty. And we do a lot of mutual aid down into those areas. From a safety standpoint, making this improvement is very important and we're ready to go. We'll continue to talk to those other agencies and see what kind of help we can get.

Mayor Barber stated that was my thought, Mark, that this was really a safety issue. We don't want our police, fire, and EMT out of radio contact in an urgent situation. This will help to improve that.

Mr. Winstanley stated yes Mayor, very much. And, you're correct, it is definitely a safety issue for those agencies when they happen to drop out of radio.

Mayor Barber stated I will entertain a motion.

Council President Frank moved to approve with a second from Councilor Morrissey; carried unanimously. (Frank/Morrissey)

Mayor Barber stated please do a roll call, Kim.

YEAS: HORNING, FRANK, BARBER, MONTERO, WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, MORRISEY  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**SEASIDE CIVIC AND  
CONVENTION CENTER  
EXPANSION/RENOVATION  
CHANGE ORDER**

Mayor Barber stated hey moving on to the next item. The Seaside Civic and Convention Center expansion/renovation, change order. Russ, you're here. I know we heard your dog earlier.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated, yes good afternoon Mayor and Councilors. I'm here this evening to ask the approval of a change order that, is a reflection of all the previous change orders. Through the process of closing down this project, we have asked O'Brien to, do a full audit of the accounting as we are doing the same. And one of the discoveries through that process was they are entitled to receive 1.2% of all the previous change orders in the form of securing a bond. And they ultimately failed to place that on the previous change orders. What I'm asking tonight is to, approve this particular change order in the amount of \$16,237.33 and, that will clear all the previous, change orders that we've approved throughout the project. And that sounds like maybe the last change order, is that a possibility? That is very much a possibility as we are nearing the end of this, this, this long project that we've been on and I clearly expect, barring any further surprises. Hopefully here at the second meeting of this month and final, this project.

Mayor Barber stated and that sounds like the last change order is that a possibility.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that is very much a possibility as we are nearing the end of this long project that we've been on and I clearly expect barring any further surprises. To hopefully be here at the second meeting in April to final that.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Great. I'll entertain a motion to approve that change order.

Councilor Phillips so moved with a second from Council President Frank; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Frank)

Mayor Barber stated motion carries or do we need a roll call?

YEAS: HORNING, FRANK, BARBER, MONTERO, WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, MORRISEY  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**SEASIDE CIVIC AND  
CONVENTION CENTER  
EXPANSION/RENOVATION  
PARTIAL RETAINAGE  
RELEASE**

Mayor Barber stated thank you very much. And continuing with Russ, a partial retainage release. Talk to us about that.

Mr. Vandenberg stated as I mentioned a few minutes ago, I haven't spoke to the Council in the last few meetings, but we've made some very good progress along the way of clearing up the final two remaining items. And those were the reasons we were holding back as much retainage as we were. But since the previous meeting that I've spoken to, we have now, reduced the amount of retainage that we need to hold on to as we have been successful in, clearing up a couple of items. I'm asking the council at this time to release all of the remaining retainage with the exception of \$20,000, and that would, cover all the, last item that we're dealing with. And that's an HVAC issue that it's more of a control balancing problem than it is a systems issue. And we feel very confident that this will be more than enough to cover that. I'm asking the Council to release \$155,000, out of the \$175,000 that we were previously holding and get that back into the hands of O'Brien as we've held that money now for about 18 months. Any comments or questions.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor it is important for us to, release retainage. I think one of the things that a lot of people don't realize is that when we hold retainage on a contractor, the contractor oftentimes is holding retainage on subcontractors, and a lot of those subcontractors are local contractors. Russ was very successful in this project, in having a lot of local contractors, work on this project. And so by releasing retainage we'll be able to get money back out into our own community, and help some of our local contractors who have been waiting for quite a while now to get that retainer.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that's exactly right. We've used approximately 70% of the project, has gone to our local contractors and Mark is exactly right. Some of that is being held back from as early as the demo. And some of the early concrete that we had poured at the beginning of the project. This will give the, the general contractor the ability to release the subs at this time. And as I had mentioned earlier, we, I don't see any reason why we shouldn't be able to final on this project at our next meeting.

Mayor Barber stated we'll celebrate. I think we should have some kind of a party or something when we get to that point.

Mr. Vandenberg stated I would like to, I may shoot fireworks from anywhere I'm reporting.

Mayor Barber stated any other comments from the Council.

Councilor Morrisey stated I would just say I'm ready to get this thing behind us and complete it.

Mayor Barber stated absolutely. I'll entertain a motion to approve the release of the retainage.

Councilor Morrisey so moved with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Phillips)

Mayor Barber asked for a roll call vote.

YEAS: HORNING, FRANK, BARBER, MONTERO, WRIGHT, PHILLIPS, MORRISEY  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

**COMMENTS –  
CITY STAFF  
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated very good. Well that brings us to the end of our business agenda. I'm not sure who all are online in terms of the city staff, but we want to hear from everyone. I know, our fire chief is here. You want to add anything more Joey.

Chief Daniels stated I'd just like to add further. You know that our Division Chief David Rankin did get awarded that Medal of Honor. We'll bring them to Council, since we usually have an Oregon Fire Chief Conference, we take them to in May, but that was canceled or postponed until the end of July. He may have it there, but we'll make sure to bring him to Council for the recognition. I think he deserves public recognition. And just remember that we did put a ban of all barrels and piles and we did that because, you know, people are staying indoors. We don't want to smoke them out, especially if some of the people can't go outside. Please respect that. Enjoy your campfire if you want to have Smore or something. But, thank you for all the help.

Councilor Morrisey stated Mr. Mayor, would you mind if I asked a quick question of Chief Daniels?

Mayor Barber stated sure, absolutely.

Councilor Morrisey stated is there any talk yet of when fire season was going to go into an effect.

Chief Daniels stated those conversations start happening about now, and that's an Oregon Department of Forestry deal. When they go in, we go in, because that covers our entire County. Usually it's the beginning of July, but if you guys have all seen, there's been some fires in Longview, Clackamas and Tualatin Valley recently. So I don't know the answer. I don't assume that we would go until at least June. That would be really early. Hopefully we can, lift some of this in May. But with us not able to get people outside, especially our care facilities, I think that we're doing more harm than anything else by allowing piles in the barrel burning.

Mayor Barber stated any other question for Joey. There were none. Chief Ham, I know you're here.

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, stated hey, thanks for having me everybody. I just wanted to kind of just let everybody know. So far, we're doing pretty well here. The police department, everybody's staying healthy. So far we're running at full staff with the exception of the couple that are loaned off to the fire department because they're new, and happy to have loaned them out where they're needed over there a little bit more than here right now. We can report, when I checked the logs today, didn't seem like we had a whole heck of a lot of case files taken as far as calls for service or anything. When I checked in over the weekend, it was seeming that the population was down as far as, you know, a bunch of people in town that might've been visitors or whatnot. The reports from my officers were that the beach has seemed to be pretty clear most of the time. There seemed to be a few stragglers here and there that either just are not paying too much attention to any of the, information out there that says the beach is closed. They're making contacts.

As far as I know so far we've written no citations for failure to comply with the executive order and the orders from the City Council for going down onto the beach or whatnot. One thing I wanted to kind of mention today, this week, posted on Facebook earlier today about telecommunicator week as is an annual recognition in regards to our nine one dispatchers and phone call takers and whatnot. And the 12th or the 18th is the National Telecommunicator Week. I put a little post out there thanking them for the hard work that they're doing and they've been staying pretty busy with the, phone calls that tend to be a lot about what's going on with restrictions, closures around not just City of Seaside, but Clatsop County and all over the place. And they're fielding a lot of extra calls, it seems like that or Coven 19 related. The last thing I was going to mention, if it's probably coming up, maybe from Russ, but there is going to be a pancake feed tomorrow at the convention center from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM for first responders and medical personnel throughout the County. I'll let Russ probably talk a little bit more on that. Sorry for taking your thunder if I did that. That's all I got. Thank you.

Councilor Wright stated a question for both chiefs, are you well supplied with, personal protective equipment?

Chief Ham stated go ahead Joey.

Chief Daniels stated we took an initiative at the beginning and I think we called every vendor that sells anything. Our battery vendor, I was even able to get some stuff. At this time the publics dropped some stuff off too. But, at this time we're well adequately prepared, but, for not knowing how long it will go and that this kind of, I don't know.

Chief Ham stated and I just pretty much mirror that for what we're needing as far as, you know, the gloves. We've got our, you know, reusable washable goggles and then 95 mask as well as some lesser mask and the cloth mask come in, the police departments in pretty good shape. Same thing. We did some, initial ordering of supplies when this thing ramped up the way that it did and depending on how long it's going to go, we'll see. But so far so good right now with that. The gowns are really, I think the only thing that we're lacking. But I'm not a hundred percent sure unless we really knew we were going into a situation where the fire department and medical personnel should be in there before us anyway, the gowns should probably be going over with them. But if somebody happens to have a gross of those laying around, the fire department would love to have some.

Mayor Barber stated and then Russ, tell us about the pancake breakfast real quick.

Mr. Vandenberg stated thanks Mayor. As Chief Ham indicated, we have teamed up with our food and beverage provider, Oregon Fine Foods, and we decided to show our appreciation by hosting this pancake feed. We're going to be serving pancakes and sausage first thing in the morning from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and it will be a drive through delivery. They'll come in through the Northeast entrance, around the flagpole and our staff will be outside, handy. The prepackaged breakfast to all of the first responders and healthcare workers within Clatsop County. We decided to include the entire County for all the work that they have done to serve our communities. And we're really looking forward to, seeing a big turnout tomorrow.

Mayor Barber stated great, thanks for doing that. Dale, are you here from Public Works.

Moderator Rahl stated Dale is not here Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated okay, help me who else is here.

Moderator Rahl stated Esther.

Mayor Barber stated Esther do you want to say anything more about the library?

Ms. Moberg stated sure, we are working very safely. We are not open to the public. But my staff are able to work in isolated spaces. And, we are also starting to put out some virtual story times on our Facebook page. We're doing those at least once a week for the preschool age. Who missed Miss Marion doing the story time, you'll see those every week now going forward.

Mayor Barber stated Jon Rahl do you want to make any comments? I know you've been busy.

Mr. Rahl stated sure, Mr. Mayor, I'm actually just want to show you, and the Council really quickly. Tomorrow morning, at 8:00 AM the application process for the Tourism Relief Program will go live for businesses, at seasideor.com. Josh has been working really hard on this project as well. There's a page right off the front page there, Tourism Relief Program, that will take, prospective businesses to a page that has all the information they can download a little PDF to read all the details. And then beginning tomorrow morning at 8:00 AM, the application, the link will go live. And that, applications will be accepted until Monday, April 20th at 5:00 PM. It is a very quick application process, but it's also recognizing the need of these businesses to get some, additional funds pretty quickly. The plan is to then use the week of April 20th, to determine, funding recipients and then bring basically the recommendation to Council on the evening of April 27th. Two weeks from now about where those funds would ultimately go. And then the goal would be to have the checks and a notification in hand by all businesses Friday, May 1st, as they look at, May bills they, potentially may have some additional funding there.



Mayor Barber stated Mark, what would you like to tell us tonight.

Mr. Winstanley stated yes thank you, Mr. Mayor. Well, first thing I want to do is echo, what the fire chief brought up. We're very proud of David Rankin, being the Oregon Medal of Honor winner is, fantastic. I personally can't wait for, there'll be a state ceremony, and recognizing him at a Council meeting. And, this is, not your everyday award. This is very, very special. I also want to make sure and thank, the people of Seaside. They've been very cooperative and I know that as Chief Ham brought up the fact that, I think their call load is down. And a lot of it has to do with at this point how people are cooperating and, doing the things that they need to do in what is a very difficult time. I don't know that any of us could ever have thought about having this kind of an event take place. I also want to make sure that the Council is well aware that the City of Seaside is working very closely with the Clatsop County Emergency Management System. The County has responsibility for all the areas in the County. And we're working with Clatsop Emergency Management and, closely with all the other cities, Cannon Beach Warrenton and Astoria as we work our way through this. And Gearhart, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to leave them out. And, also in case people don't realize, in city hall, I want to thank the staff at city hall. Our day begins every day at six o'clock in the morning, and doesn't end until five o'clock in the evening. People are working very long hours, to make sure that everything gets taken care of, and gets done. And I want to thank all the staff in city hall. Kim pops up here every once in a while. But she has done an outstanding job just as all the other people in this office have done. I want to thank them. The department heads have done a wonderful job. They're there whenever they're needed. And the staff in this city we've moved people around to make sure that everything's getting taken care of. There was a comment a little bit ago about, the, the number of staff that we've shipped over to the fire department, so that they have all the staff that they need. They're the people that are going out and running on the calls, and the emergency calls that need to be responded to. We've made sure that the fire department has plenty of staff in order to handle that. I guess kudos to everybody and that includes the Council. All of you have been available. You're all here tonight and we appreciate that very much. These are not the easiest of times. And doing meetings in this fashion, is not the ideal situation. I know for myself, I'd much rather have, the public, at the meeting where we can talk to them directly. But we're glad that people are able to do it this way, if nothing else. Thank you mayor.

Mayor Barber stated I want to underscore Mark, the staff in city hall our social distancing, correct.

Mr. Winstanley stated they are mayor. I'm not sure we're a pretty close staff. I'm not sure how much they like it.

Mayor Barber stated spread all throughout the building. I know I've been there. Good. Dan, would you like to speak to us this evening?

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated just good to see everybody. I appreciate the opportunity in Jon's effort to take me and give me a tutorial on how to work this program because I buy a lot of computers but I don't know how they work or anything like that, I certainly appreciate his efforts. One thing I was going to comment, it would be helpful to me is that when people call in and want to comment or whatever, could we have them spell their last name? I don't know. Maybe everybody knows everybody. It would help Kim. Maybe it would help me. I like to know whose talking.

Mayor Barber stated good suggestion, Dan. Thank you. We'll do that.

Mr. Van Thiel stated this has been a good meeting and it's certainly good to see all of you again.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. We do to, stay well.

#### COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Mayor Barber stated now let's hear from the council and I'm going to start with Tom.

Councilor Horning stated I just wanted to compliment everybody for doing good work under hard conditions. I'd also like to, comment that, children are taking a pretty big hit on this event, losing their intimate connections with their colleagues and friends. And if we keep this in context as we work our way through this, we might want to figure out something that, shows some sense of appreciation for what they've gone through. My experience, I kind of draw on is having been through the Cuban missile crisis and then the tsunami of 64, let alone the assassination of Kennedy all in this big pile. I remember the confusion that came from that and I remember that of my friends and classmates. I imagine there's stuff like that going on that's will start to rear its head as time passes and that as a community we should try to anticipate it and prepare for it.

Mayor Barber stated very good comment. Thank you Tom. Steve Wright.

Councilor Wright stated this was a, or still is I suppose, National Volunteer Month and we were going to have a nice celebration at some City Council meeting and obviously that won't happen. So here we go. I just want to tell all of you that perform some kind of volunteer service for the City of Seaside or, beyond our County that you are highly valued and appreciated and we'll, try to recognize that sometime in the future.

I'm sure it doesn't get said enough, but I want to thank everybody, especially during this time. I am and several local leaders today, same kind of thing, a zoom call with Congresswoman Bonamici and I kind of moved aside and showed her this, is what the beach looks like at noon yesterday, you know, a beautiful, a 60 degree weather and we're doing our part, but you know, we're going to have to figure out how to come out of this when it's safe to do so. And please, do everything you can from the federal level. Representative, Mitchell was also on there and I told her that same thing, you know, we need all the help from the state that we can get and have some kind of concerted effort to figure out how we're going to go forward. You know, however long it takes out, and they're starting to call this now physical distancing instead of social because we're supposed to be social people doing things like we're doing right here. For whatever reason they've decided to change that. There also a thing I've noticed is there's a lot of discussion, going on behind the scenes that a lot of people don't see and, they need to be aware that we're all certainly working on things individually. And as a Council, Mayor Barber, Mark and Jon from city hall, everybody is working on this and you just don't always get it out into the public. The word picture that I've heard over and over is that we're figuring out how to build a plane while we're flying it. I've heard that many times that describes us perfectly. You know, and none of us are airplane engineers. I live next door to one and he's told me about how complicated it is. But, you know, we're just, we're doing the best we can and, and we've still got a long ways to go. And I told her that, our business people are really scared and, almost to the point of being terrified to figure out what they're going to do. And, you know, our residents are doing a great job. you know, people have been, diagnosed with the case as far as I know, nobody's been hospitalized in Clatsop County yet, and it's not to say it won't happen, but we're doing a good job and I think we're a good example of the rest of the state.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Seth Morrissey. Councilor Morrissey.

Councilor Morrissey stated thank you Mayor. Over the weekend I did some unscientific polling of the local community and residents on my Facebook page with regard to beach closures and how and when we kind of transition to opening our public space back up. I was lucky somehow to receive more than 200 comments. I encourage the Councilors just go take a look at that and kind of see, I think it gives a good pulse on kind of where the community stands and lots of good ideas in there, how we kind of make this transition safely. You know, whether we open on the weekdays and closed on the weekends, just lots of great ideas. I would say, you know, the biggest takeaway I got from it all is that what people really want is just some certainty and it's important for us, I think to develop at least a clear cut plan of action and benchmarks and metrics for when we're going to open up public space to people. You know, what processes we're going to go through, you know, who we're looking at for guidance. And people, you know, have some hope and some clear direction on what the future holds. I'd encourage you all to go check that out. I think there's a lot of good info on there.

Mayor Barber stated okay, Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated I have gotten quite a few calls over the last couple of days, most concerning about the beach closure, but I'm so thankful to what our community has done so far by being, proactive and by closing the beach though it's hard and, but it's preventing the spread of this virus and it's very obvious compared to other communities in our state that are having more and more cases show up or in deaths. I'm very thankful that we took this action and I do agree with Seth and Tom and everybody that's been working on this behind the scenes that yes, we do need to get a plan of action of how we are eventually going to move back into when this is behind us. But there's too many unknowns at this point. We have baby steps ahead of us. It's just stay safe people.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Dana. Tita.

Councilor Montero stated I'm going to echo that about, people don't know what all is going on behind the scenes. And for instance with, Representative Bonamici today, she told us so many things about all the different things that are going on and the efforts that are being made. Two things that I do every week. One is the cooperators call that is run by Tiffany Brown from County Emergency Management. And they typically have, I don't know, maybe close to 50 people on that conference call. And everybody is reporting in, this is what we're doing, this is what we're doing. There's representation from the governor's office. You know, like I never thought about, well the governor's office there, they're working with the grocery store owners, the supply chain what is happening there. The other one that I highly recommend is the weekly League of Oregon Cities phone call, conference call. I don't get it on it, I listen to it afterwards and again, it is so full of so much information about all the different things going on. And this last one was especially good because they had, we had people from Washington DC, telling us what is happening there. So the more we can know about what's going on behind the scenes, maybe that's the confidence we need. Things are going to get better. I agree. We need to have a plan, but on the other hand, I don't want us to stick ourselves with a plan because we don't know, the future is even more changeable and unfortunately more uncertain than any of us know. I think what I would like to see more than anything is that there be some consistency across our County with towns and the County working together with, a lot of the different things. And again, volunteer month, we have so many volunteers and people are just, I salute them and hope we have a time we can, give them some, some, recognition.

Mayor Barber stated Council President Randy.

Council President Frank stated well, a lot of great things have been said. And, once again, hats off to Dave Rankin. I think, it's a great award. Another, fine reflection of our, departments and branding and the quality of our personnel across the board. It's also good to see, things happening around the city. It appears all departments, continue to, pursue their projects. You know, we're all anxious to see, the improvements downtown getting done. I know the technical aspects of city life have become really burdensome and, I'm real grateful for Jon, Esther, and the other people that are dealing with that for, all their time. They're putting in the effort to make this stuff work out. I would just echo, gratitude for volunteers. I know the food bank has extra needs right now, so remember that. And other than that, hopefully we get to move forward and I'm ready for this economy to restart.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Randy. In closing, I'd like to make a few comments. First of all, I think most of us heard on the news today that the governors of the three West Coast States, Washington, Oregon, and California are talking to each other about how we move forward together in unison in the three States, which I think is a wonderful sign and something that we've been saying to our governor that we need to do. And in light of that, the mirrors of the three, the four cities and Clatsop County have been meeting and talking. We were in a meeting, a telephonic meeting like this, last Thursday night for two and a half hours. And we were blessed to have Senator Betsy Johnson join us in that meeting to talk about how we as the cities and the County came together, the sheriff was on that meeting as well. How we can begin to work together so that we're all saying the same thing as we move forward in the same speed in the same way. We are talking about that and as that starts to develop, we will want the input from the Council regarding that, the decisions that will be made about how we move forward will be made by the Council, not by the individual Mayors for sure. I wanted you to be aware of that, there is planning going on about how we move out of the spirit of time and it can't happen too soon. I was thinking, in some quiet time, today about what's going around in my head and I've written a statement, I hope you'll indulge me. It's not long, but I want to share with you what has been going on in my head. I'm starting it by saying we are now in the fourth week of the governor's order to stay at home and stay safe. This has been an unprecedented experience for most of us, especially here on the North Coast. We've been blessed as we've already said this evening here in the County with only six reported cases of the virus and none of these has required hospitalization. If you think about that, that's really phenomenal compared to the hotspots that we hear about and that part of it is the blessing of living in a smaller community where we aren't right close to each other, riding the subways and doing that sort of thing. The reason we've escaped the ravages of the virus is that our citizens, by and large have observed social distancing and the other CDC directives for maintaining safety and health. We've also had to make some very difficult decisions about limiting the number of people coming into our community from outside of our area and from potential hotspots of the COVID19 virus. It's been tough to do that. We've all had to make significant sacrifices about how we live our daily lives. Some have been more impacted than others. I think of the scores of people in our community who are without jobs and without livelihoods. The business owners who are dealing with closures, the looming lease payments, the mortgage payments, the hotels, the vacation rentals, the RV parks who are closed, all having real questions about the future, will I survive the pandemic as a community leader, and I hope I can speak for all of you. I have along with my fellow leaders felt the heavy burden of making the difficult decisions to protect our community and our citizens. None of us signed on for this. Did you sign up for this? I didn't sign up for this, but here we are and I want to say that we've done the best we know how in the situation none of us were prepared to deal with. Finally, I'm learning more each day about leadership and when I go through a crisis, I always pray, Lord, don't let me miss the lessons that need to be learned in this crisis. And as you can imagine, I'm receiving emails and phone calls every day with lots of wonderful, strong advice about what should be done and what should not be done. The poll numbers are about 50/50 for instance. We spoke of this earlier, regarding the closure of the beach. I would say about 50% are saying keep it closed and about 50% are saying open it up, at least the local residents. This is just one example. What I've learned is that leadership is all about listening, hearing all of the diverse opinions, but ultimately as a leader, I'm called to apply all the wisdom and advice that I can find. Finally I have to make a decision that I believe is right and correct for the city knowing that in most cases when I make that decision, 50% will agree and 50% will disagree. That's the price of leadership. The citizens elected us to these voluntary positions and I want to underscore that these voluntary roles because they believe we would exercise our best judgment in difficult circumstances and then lead. That's what we are doing. That'd be we'll continue to do, on Sunday morning I watched the Sunday morning show on CBS and there was an interview with General Stanley McChrystal. Maybe some of you saw who the leader of 7,500 Special Forces in Afghanistan was. He said, this "People will forgive you for not being the leader you should be, but they won't forgive you for not being the leader you claim to be. Leaders have to stand up, listen carefully, consider, and then make the difficult decision based on your own moral and internal compass".

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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Kim Jordan, City Recorder

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JAY BARBER, MAYOR