

**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; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Joshua Heineman, Seaside Visitors Bureau Tourism Director; and RJ Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

**MAYOR STATEMENT OPENING STATEMENT FOR MONDAY, APRIL 27, 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 should be 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).

**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.

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

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

**PROCLAMATION** Mayor Barber stated we have a Proclamation to read on Youth Week. Kim, did we select anyone to read that.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated Mayor, Councilor Morrissey said he would read.

Councilor Morrissey read the Proclamation for Youth Week – May 1-7, 2020.

Mayor Barber stated they do appreciate our youth in our community and thank you to the Elks for bringing this forward to us.

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC**

Mayor Barber stated so at this time we will open the floor to public comments on any item, not on the agenda. If you, are going to speak, remember to share your full name and spell your last name please and keep your comments to four minutes. Jon, do we see anybody?

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, (Moderator) stated we have several, Mr. Mayor. The first one on the list, is Nate Burke. I’m going to allow him to talk.

Nate stated are you able to hear me now?

Moderator Rahl stated you can go on.

Nate Burke, BURKE., 1111 Irvine Place, Seaside, stated hi everyone. Thanks for taking my comment. Hope everybody's doing good. I just had two quick comments. The first one, just pertaining to masks and face coverings, we've now learned, you know, that masks and face coverings, they significantly protect against spread, especially in enclosed areas. I know it's really uncomfortable. Not all people like to wear them. It's a new thing, but I was just curious if there's a current mandate asking all city staff, department heads and city leadership to wear masks indoors or at least possibly, wearing them when commingling with staff will endorse, if no such mandate exists, would you consider implementing or at least possibly setting an example as city leadership by, wearing them indoors with staff? My second comment, pertains to the recent task force on reopening that, held its first meeting last week. I imagine you'll address this tonight, but it would be great if we could get, the minutes posted for that meeting and possibly also the minutes for all future task force meetings. And finally, I imagine we'll probably address this tonight, but, I'm just curious if there's anyone from the medical or public health sector advising this task force. But that's it. Thanks for your time. Appreciate it.

Mayor Barber stated anyone else?

Moderator Rahl stated yes. One second. Next up will be Cathey Ryan. Cathey, you should be there.

Cathey stated can you hear me.

Moderator Rahl stated there you go. Go ahead.

Cathey Ryan, RYAN, stated my husband and I live at 465 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside. Thank you very much for this opportunity to share my thoughts on the current VRD issue. I have two areas that I would like to, mention. First I appreciate, the opportunity that you are taking to fill the compliance officer position. December 30<sup>th</sup>, we paid our increased license of \$500 to the City of Seaside, a \$400 increase. The city cited the increase fee was to fund the salary and the related, expenses of the new compliance officer's salary. Although I thought the increase to be excessive, I was happy to have the results be a compliance officer. It has been four months since paying our bill along with approximately 350 to 400 other VRD owners. My question is, has that compliance officer been hired? And if not, where are we? How many applicants have we had? How many interviews and how soon do you anticipate that officer being hired? If one of you could address that at the end of my four minutes, I would appreciate it. Second, thank you for being open to review the current license fee and considering a change in the way that we will move forward with this. Clearly, many of the VRD owners were unhappy and feel that the City of Seaside has not partnered with them, in the most positive way possible. With the fee increase in the last quarter of 2019 I came before the Council and presented a well thought out process for one, partnering with the VRD owners who currently work with a reputable management company such as the Vacasa. Number two, moving VRD owners that did not have a relationship with a management company to establish a relationship with the management company because we know that those people who work with a management company tend to be more compliant and have better VRD's. Number three, to move noncompliant VRD owners who do not follow guidelines, move to working with a management company or closing their VRD. I was told at the time of my presentation that I was too late and that the plan was read but not seriously considered. I requested my idea to be distributed to the Council once again. And Kim Jordan has as always been very, wonderful. I respectfully ask that the Council to seriously consider my idea not as the perfect solution, but as a viable idea that deserves serious attention. Having a tiered approach, two charges. I didn't take the time and effort put into designing this plan lightly and I respectfully request that the Council not take it lightly either. Thank you very much.

Mayor Barber stated Cathey if you are still on, that was circulated to us today. I want to show you that we have it and are reviewing it. Mark, would you just give us a brief, update on the search for the compliance officer please?

Mr. Winstanley stated well actually Mr. Mayor, I'm going to punt on this one and give it to Jon, because Jon is closer to this than I am.

Mayor Barber stated good, Jon.

Mr. Rahl stated yes, Mr. Mayor. We have received several applicants. They're in the final review stage and I believe we have a pool that has been dwindled down to, in terms of interviews and they're working on, again, as you might imagine with most things, we're conducting meetings and things in a different way. We're having to do interviews via Zoom or Skype or something like that, whatever we can kind of work out with the prospective clients. There's been a little bit of a delay to it because of everything that's gone on. As you might imagine, kind of change the workloads quite a bit. But, it is in process and I believe that we should have something finalized here in the next few weeks, if not sooner.

Ms. Ryan stated thank you very much for that update. I really do appreciate it and I look forward to hearing that officer has been hired.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Cathey. Next person.

Moderator Rahl stated next up is Robert Heiney, and I'm allowing Mr. Heiney to talk.

Robert stated okay. Do you hear me now?

Moderator Rahl stated yes, there you go.

Robert Heiney, that's HEINEY, my address in Seaside is one 122 11th Avenue. Although this is a VRD home, it's not where I live. I live in the city of Banks. I pay a management company per regulation, you know, 25% to 30% to handle. What I thought were all of the compliance issues of dealing with the city. And, over 20 years I've, never had a single issue with one exception of a hedge growing over a wall to the sidewalk, which, I cut down, but I've never had any, what I would call compliance issues to worry about. The city with the permit increase of almost 400% just seems patently unfair and aggressive. Not especially since I support the use of it for the compliance officer, our rental tax increase has gone up almost 50% from 8% to 12.8% just in the last few years. The city was there. Then the state piled on, and now the counties piled on. If you folks know what it is to operate a small business, you know, that paying management fees and then permit fees and then rental taxes, these all have to be covered. This isn't stuff we, you know, we make up, we pay property taxes, for items that we hardly ever get to use. We don't have kids in school. We don't use the library. We're not putting demand services on this city even though we pay these property taxes and we generally keep our houses as well or are better than, everyone because we have to because they, they get rented. We pay our water and sewer bill twelve months of the year, even though we only use water maybe a hundred nights a year, certainly less than a third of the year. We provide for roads and services. Again, even though we're only using those maybe a third or less of each year. I think you're going to understand why the group of us feel that the city has been a bit hostile towards us in a confusing way. We haven't really been brought into this discussion in a timely fashion. We haven't really been informed except after the fact of what's going on. Now I'm sure someone could say, if I had attended all the meetings all the time, I'd be up to date and I'd know everything. But you know, that's not realistic for an absentee owner who is just trying to run a small business. I don't understand why you need a compliance officer to watch over me when I already pay a management company and when there really haven't been any issues that I'm aware of that need to be addressed. I just hope you'll take these thoughts of mine along with all the other vacation rental owners and understanding that we would like you to, be a little more proactive and supportive of our small businesses in your city. Thank you very much.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Robert.

Moderator Rahl stated all right. Next up is Joe Foss. Mr Foss, you should be on mute and you can go ahead and begin talking.

Mr. Foss stated okay. Thank you. Can you hear me?

Moderator Rahl stated yes. Go ahead and introduce yourself and your name and address.

Joe Foss, FOSS, stated my address is 4125 North 37th street in Tacoma, Washington. And, you heard from me before so I, I hope you remember. I'm representing a group of vacation rental owners. Good evening to you Mayor and the Council. Appreciate this opportunity to speak. We fully understand and respect the serious nature of this unique pandemic time. We are all attempting to navigate. Making good decisions for your residents, I'm sure is a challenging undertaking and we fully understand your current primary focus on this pandemic. We had not planned to make any comments on vacation rental owner concerns at this time, until I talked with Mark Winstanley the other day and discovered that the hiring of a full time compliance officer is moving forward. Mark shared with me that you were down to three chosen applicants and hiring is still moving forward as planned and, that was just confirmed here a moment ago with the comments that Jon made. If business as usual is your plan, we VRD owners also need to have our voices heard once again. You know, we are calling our group the Seaside Vacation Rental Owners Association and we now officially represent well over 80 Seaside VRD owners. I really object to what you are doing. It seems to us that you, Mr. Mayor and the City Council are quite tone deaf and in continuing your hiring efforts for a compliance officer. You have made no effort whatsoever to communicate with us since our February 24th presentation to you. In addition, our VRD business has been completely shut down in April and it looks like May as well. Which we would like your confirmation of and aren't sure of. I called the city office today but didn't get a really definitive answer on that. You apparently are proceeding with hiring this full time compliance officer when you currently aren't, are unsure when you will even open Seaside's economy including lodging. We've come up with two very specific request we'd like to put forward tonight for your consideration and we aren't going away. We're growing. While we represent 20% of the 400 vacation rental owners, that number will get larger. The two specific requests that we make of you this evening are, number one, completely freeze your current compliance officer hiring efforts until your Seaside economy is fully operational again and subject to inclusion of VRD owner input into the new decision. And number two, for you to agree to reduce the annual VRD license fee to \$250 for 2020 and 2021 no refunds would be needed as we would be willing to have the city keep the funds we have all paid, providing you credit us as paid in full for 2021 as well. Thank you for your allowing, our comments this evening and, you may have other VRD owners that will want to speak up tonight. And we wish you well through the tough decisions you are currently making. We know this is a tough time for everyone so thank you for your time.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Mr. Foss. Anyone else, Jon.

Moderator Rahl stated sorry, I was on mute. Next up is Kathy Kleczek and she has been permitted to talk and should be unmute. Go ahead and state your name and address for the record please.

Kathy Kleczek, KLECZEK, stated and I am speaking on behalf of Sunset Empire Transportation District and Northwest Transportation options. And I just want to thank you for holding these meetings on zoom and keeping everybody posted as to what's going on and allowing the public to be involved. I just want to say that I'm looking forward to working with the city on the safe routes to school program grants that are just opening up and would also like to know if any of your committee meetings will also be held on zoom or are those just going to be indefinitely postponed, which would seem like a really, increasing hurdle to starting things back up again. That's all. Thank you so much,

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated Kathy, what's your address please?

Ms. Kleczek stated 39 North Holladay, Seaside.  
39 North holiday.

Mayor Barber stated Kathy. Just to respond at this point, our committees and commissions are not meeting, if this continues on, we may need to reassess that but at this point they are not. Thank you for your comments.

Councilor Montero stated Mayor, but our Budget Committee is going to be meeting.

Mayor Barber stated that's right, yes. We're required by law. Thank you for that clarification. I'm having a terrible problem here. The sun glare is wiping me out. I'm holding my agenda up to try to stay in the meeting so my arm gets tired on me. I have to do something else. Go ahead Jon.

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, I still have a few hands here. The next one up is all its identifying is Jeff T. I'm going to allow this individual to talk. Jeff T. you've been unmuted. Please go ahead and state your full name for the record and address.

Jeff Ter Har, sorry, Ter Har Clothing, 27 Broadway. My residence is 89254 Ocean Drive, Warrenton. Just thank you for giving the opportunity to speak today and well, hopefully all of you are healthy and well. I just kind of wanted to speak briefly about as we move forward here in the coming weeks, month, whatever, to open up Seaside possibly or open up the state. I just wanted to speak a little about where each people come from as far as, so when you're, getting ready to decide things for people that you kind or understand what everybody's going through. And I know a lot of you do and I understand that a lot of you've been in business. I understand that, but I just wanted to make it clear that you know, there a lot of people are staying home, working from home and they're still getting paychecks and they're able to pay their bills and that type of thing. And that's great. And then there's people at home with unemployment, they're getting a little extended benefits, which is great and they're getting some money to pay their bills, that type of thing. And then we hear there's all these loans available for all the small businesses. Well, I just want to make sure you understand that small business like myself, we've gone 35 days now with zero income, zero deposits into my bank account and we're not getting paid. We're sitting at home hoping something's going to happen. Yes, there are loans out there, there are things to help us, but the majority of them are loans. And you have to understand that once we reopened, we have to make the money to pay our regular costs as we're open. But we also are going to have to make some more money to go back and pay those loans back from when we took those loans to do stuff. Now just so you understand that because it's a little bit different, it's not like we're getting free money now. I, applaud the City Council for your efforts to help small business with the loans that are the grants that you're providing. And I'm praying every day that hopefully I will be one of the lucky chosen ones that will get a little bit of that which would really help. I appreciate that and I want to thank you all for that, but at the same time, all the federal stuff, the majority of it is loans and there are some stipulations where some of them may not be paid back. But the majority of it is stuff that's paid back. I just want you to understand as you look at the small businesses, it's really important to understand that we are sitting here at zero and this has been really, really tough on a lot of us. The sooner we could try to find a way to safely open it would be really good. I just wanted to briefly talk about, essential and what is essential business. This really frustrates me as owning a clothing store because as many of you venture out to try to get your essential things, you need to live at home. You're going to possibly Fred Meyer, Rite aid, Walmart, wherever it is that you're going. And I ask you when you walk in there to look at those shopping carts and how unfair it is to me because they're able to buy clothing and shoes or whatever it may be, not essential things that they need to get through the next week. And so we as a small business, people are at a very disadvantage right now at not being open. I look through those stores and I see people walking around. I go, how's that different than my store right now? I would open and probably require mask. Like somebody said earlier. You know, but I just feel like we've been singled out as not being able to open because I don't sell food or anything. I do have mask coming soon, next week, hopefully I'll have mask. Maybe that's something that I could sell, but I just want you to understand where the business people are today and that they aren't really getting bailed out or anything like that because those loans have to be paid back and we have to make the money to do that. We're not quite at the same place as a lot of other people are. And you know, when you look around at the central businesses, your hardware stores, your pot shops, paraphernalia, I'm not sure if getting a bong is, essential. But, anyway, there are lots of things there. But I just wanted to let you know where the small business people are coming from. As you look forward to try and to help us get open, I just want to show how important it is that we need to get some income. It's going to be a long winter. And a lot of us, Seaside is as some of you know, that I can see that have been in business here.

You understand that our season is so short and our merchandise, we have to buy our merchandise now in the last few months to have it through August. We have to have it there and we can't just go get it at any time where a restaurant's a little bit different. I applaud the restaurants that are staying open to help people, get food but they're not making any money. They're there.

Mayor Barber stated Jeff, I'm sorry your time has passed.

Mr. Ter Har stated I'm sorry, thank you for what you're doing and just think about us. Thank you very much.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. And believe you, we are praying and thinking about this as a very real issue for our whole community. Thank you.

Moderator Rahl stated all right Mr. Mayor. The next individual's name is Marie, did not provide a last name. Marie, you have been permitted to talk and on unmute, please state your full name for the record as well as your address.

Marie Moore stated our address is 1655 North Franklin Street in Seaside. I guess I first wanted to touch base on, the VRD issue I have. Along with Joe, I joined a group of owners and I want to say that I really love Seaside and it was our plan to retire here. And we have a lot of investment in the community. I also am with Mary Kay and one of my recruits lives in the city and also owns a business in the city. My parents live in Gearhart and we also own another rental in Warrenton. And so we are pretty entrenched and we care very much about what happens to the city. We manage our property ourselves. And I wasn't planning on getting on, but when I heard one of the commenters talk about how rentals should be managed by management companies, I wanted to kind of make, my voice known in that nothing could be further from the truth. From my point of view. I'm here all the time and I really invest myself as, Kevin can attest to. We have completely remodeled our rental down to the hinges. And what it looked like was a frat murder house when we first bought it. We last year got comment from our neighbor whose wife has had a stroke and she's bound to the house. My main concern is having a VRD there was them and whether they would be happy. And when I asked Mr. Thompson how things were going, he said that and I wanted to hit the floor, but he actually said that, we brought life to the community and that our renters have been a delight that we brought in families where he had a neighbor before that was a problem. And, it was you know, awfully baron at times in the winter. And so that was, you know, really delightful to us. We're doing an incredible job managing our property, but what we want from the City of Seaside is a voice. Why come to us after we got our permit, 2018 come to us and ask us how you guys are doing? Come and ask us what could be done. The PR item, not against a compliance officer, and I'll actually tell you, I can give you a list of reasons why it's probably needed, but what is this person going to do? Do you even know if the things that you have on your agenda that they could do, we're going to be able to comply with, I mean, how are they going to enforce it? Who are they going to be? I've been looking for this job, this job posting because when I spoke to Kevin about it, he actually said that he thought we would make fantastic candidates. I've not seen that posting. I've not seen anyone hired, I've not seen their job duties. I've not been asked my input and I'm tired of being looked in this community as I'm the problem. When I'm paying for a good portion of the services and bettering the community, I don't want to be looked a.

Mayor Barber stated you have 30 seconds.

Ms. Moore stated I'm urging this committee to get VRD owners involved and to give us a voice and stop punishing us and start rewarding us. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you.

Moderator Rahl stated all right. It looks like we have one more, Mr. Mayor. Okay. I will comment. Just since there, was a question as to that job not being posted? Or at least it seemed that was the question. It was posted, all our jobs, any jobs that we have available through the City of Seaside are posted through the City of Seaside website with a link to a site that we use called applicant pool. And that job was posted for approximately three weeks. The final.

Mayor Barber stated if Maria would like to get a copy of that, could she contact you?

Moderator Rahl stated yes, most definitely. It looks like Steve Dillard is the, final one with his hand raised.

Mayor Barber stated and we are going to have to put a limit on the number. That's all we'll take for tonight. If other citizens have comments, please email those to, [kjordan@cityofseaside.us](mailto:kjordan@cityofseaside.us).

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Dillard, you've been un-muted. If you'd like to go ahead and speak.

Steve Dillard, DILLARD, stated I live at 241 Avenue 'U', stated I had not planned on speaking tonight but a lot of VRD owners are speaking. I thought I would comment. We have owned three of the VRD's here in Seaside on Columbia Street, for quite a while. And I was confused when I heard, about this tax increase after the fact.

I was, I've been here a long time, didn't know about the, new compliance officer and I'm well aware that the city has an order in place because when we created our VRD Condo into it, the City Planning Commission shut us down and put our application on hold for fourteen months while they wrote a new law for the city on how a condominium owners that have a condo are required to have a local management company. We have a motel next door for the specific purpose of handling any issues, not just key drop and cleaning, but they wanted somebody to talk to. If there were any issues, there was a local person to handle it. You haven't established city policy that again, it was written and finalized in 2009. We've been with that. There's going to be a compliance officer since we're already handling all that. The only thing I think I'm terrified to have a compliance officer come around because we're already managing the, so all they're going to do are handling any issues. We worked very hard to have no issues with the local, with our neighbors, all the residents here in town. And we take, we, ride hard on our guests that come in and, make sure that they're good neighbors with our, established residents that are here all year. Since there's an established city ordinance in place, why don't you just do that and use the market to handle all this and then you can do any compliance issues. You could put it as a part time on another city, a position for anything that isn't managing. You could handle single family, a VRD contract with an established, hotel or management company in town to take care of any issues. Anyway, I don't think that compliance position is as needed since you have an established ordinance in place. Second thing since I'm speaking anyway. Mayor Barber, you commented, I've written this for the last meeting. That you talked to half the people and they said, oh they liked the lock down. The people don't like the lock down and it hit me. I wonder, I'm fascinated to know the correlation about how many those 50% that are in favor of the lockdown, the emergency order on the city, had paychecks three months ago. There are a lot of retired folks in this town. It's a great place to retire to. And to be honest, there's some folks on food stamps too. If you did not already have a job and we shut down the city with this emergency order, this is a great deal for folks that are already here and get the whole town to ourselves and we can walk on the Prom. And there's not all those tourists around, but I'm thinking the 50% that told you that they wanted the place open. And I'm thinking that's the 50% that are trying to support their families. And they would love it if you would say there. Anyway, that's another issue. But that correlation hit my mind. Thank you for letting me talk and thanks for your work.

Mayor Barber stated okay, thank you, Steve. And that ends our public comment phase. Again, if something comes to mind during the meeting and you want to communicate that to the Council, email that to, [kjordan@cityofseaside.us](mailto:kjordan@cityofseaside.us)

**CONFLICT** Mayor Barber stated does any Councilor need to declare a potential conflict. Hearing none. I hear your heads shaking.

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

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$791,875.21; and Approval of Minutes April 13, 2020.

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

### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**UPDATE – COVID-19** Mayor Barber stated the item number nine, actually isn't a, a report or a presentation but we just nestled it there. An opportunity for the Council, among themselves with any input from city staff to talk about the Corona Virus Pandemic and its impacts on the City of Seaside and kind of what we see going forward. I know that there's a, as Mr. Dillard just mentioned, there are people who desperately need to see the city reopen. I'd just like to go around the circle and hear from every Councilor about what you're feeling and, where you see us going. You do know that I appointed a, reopening task force that the first meeting was largely made up of business people from the community. The next meeting, which is, later this week, next week, has added some just general citizens, not business people to give their input as well. I'd like to just hear from everyone, have a good discussion and we'll try to do that in the next half hour. So that we have a pretty good airing of this and kind of talk about where we see our city going as we move forward. Who would like to kick it off?

Councilor Horning stated I will. Mr. Mayor. I think that we should have, that committee include somebody from the medical field just to make sure that we are covering our bases with our factual information, since this is a pretty fluid discussion and, I think we should bear in mind that the state has put together a pretty advanced program already to address a lot of these questions about when to reopen and they've established they are establishing criteria for what basis to use for why they're opening. And I just wanted to make sure that we don't jump out ahead of that process and accidentally them to the punch and perhaps make a decision that isn't compatible with information that the rest of the medical community has. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated good suggestion, Tom. Thank you.

Councilor Wright stated I can, Tom suggestion was number one on my list. Then on some of the phone calls with the League of Oregon Cities with the governor, with the, the weekly call that they have. And, you know, you can get the full PowerPoint presentation of what the governor, has put out.

And it's, mostly based on what the federal government put up with some very specific things to Oregon. And they're going to take the federal things under advisement, but we're going to do what's good for Oregon. And then within that we're going to do what's good for each, a different section of Oregon. And, basically the thing that I'm looking at, you know, we need to get open as soon as it's safe to get open. There are some very specific things in the governor's, plan about health officials and signing off the hospitals. The County health official, have to say it's okay. And, I think, I've, said this probably too many times that we need to have a united front with Clatsop County, that's the County and all five mayors, of the five cities. We have to be together. And then we have to make sure that we have vetted that with the governor. We don't end up like the mayor of Oregon City. Did they get a very nasty letter from the attorney general saying what you're doing? Although from what I understand, he really wasn't doing anything like that. And we should definitely include the state parks. The beach seems to be the big thing. You know, it' still, looks like this picture behind me, looks like there's nobody out there. It's taking time from our police department to have to go down there and drive down and, you know, once an hour or so. And, if there was, you know, if we're going to do something safely, then we should think about doing it, but we can't just do it in a vacuum on our own. Like I said, we have to be with everybody else. I heard today that Washington has opened their rec areas on May 5th, also saw some, pictures of Newport Beach, California, and, they opened it up and everybody came. There's no distancing whatsoever. They're thinking of having to do something else there. I don't know what the people of, you know, Willamette Valley will do, but, we need to keep moving along and figuring out what's best for us and then work that in conjunction with everybody else also in our areas. So we have a united front.

Mayor Barber stated good comments.

Council President Frank stated hi. Can you hear me now?

Mayor Barber stated yes.

Council President Frank stated well you know, looking at this from the business standpoint, of course, there's a lot of people impacted and at some point we need to start taking steps perhaps or baby steps. But, personally I would love to see the beach open. I've mentioned this to all of you. So this is not a surprise. I agree that, perhaps, the timing is, important. But, personally I feel, like May 4th would be a good date. I don't want to just say we, it should be open that day, but I'm, sort of putting out my personal opinion that we start with, small steps, perhaps the, hotels soon after would be able to open on a limited basis with, a percentage of their rooms being open, people distancing and therefore then other businesses, restaurants would be able to, more restaurants would be able to do take-out food. And, what I am seeing in the County is that we have very few cases for one of the few counties that has two hospitals and, at some point whatever we can control, I feel like, for all of our service industry and business owners it's time to start moving forward with that.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Ready?

Councilor Montero stated well, I'll say a few words. Just like everybody else, I would like to see us open as soon as possible for the businesses for, getting back to some sort of normality. But I'm agreeing with everything I've heard in terms of, the baby steps, consistency within our County. If we open the beaches and nobody else has anything open, we can rely on there being a day luge to our city. Even if we don't have any hotel rooms open, we will still have the day trippers if we open the beach, but the stores like Ter Hars aren't open. What are people going to do and what are the non-essential businesses going to do too, right? I think there's no fair or right answer to any of this. One of the things that I heard, and I don't know if it's true, is that, the Southern Oregon Coastal cities, we're going to be opening next week. And if that in fact is true, I think it would be, it might be a good idea to watch and see what happens there with the parks opening in Washington next week. And you notice they didn't say the beaches, they said the parks, they didn't say clamming. They did say boating and fishing. But, I think that also helps us see what happens. And given that they're Clatsop County to do that. What happens in the Long Beach Peninsula and how does that maybe take some pressure off of plants of County? I think that most people don't realize how many people are talking about this working on this, trying to figure out what's the right way to go. Besides the governor's calls that we participate on with, League of Oregon Cities. The County once a week does the County Cooperators call that has everybody from the public health department and the public health official to every single one of the emergency departments to the police departments, the fire departments, all the cities. Again, exchange of information and trying to gauge how to move together in a coordinated fashion. I'm not saying that coordinated means lock step. Coordinated means, high communication and maybe one takes a baby step before the next one, but you have a plan in mind and, everybody knows what that plan is and you have the ability to ratchet back that plan or turn off the next step. If you have a blowup.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mr Mayor, I'd like to call on Dana.

Mayor Barber stated you're nominated Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated I know, but I couldn't tell if I was on and it keeps saying I'm muted. I agree with everything everybody's said, but my problem where I'm from is you all know where you have. I have a husband that's waiting for open heart surgery as well as on dialysis and we are in constant communication with his three separate specialists, and until they say it's safe, I don't agree with just opening things. The hospital and the emergency care, they know what, we need to be watching for.

And Tita, the whole thing is, that you can't take back, if you have one person or you have a hundred people coming into this community and all of a sudden, they're infecting people. We're going to be in the same boat that we've prevented because of our social distancing, taking such proactive attitude towards this whole pandemic. I really am baby steps and the Mayor, thank you so much for putting that, whole taskforce together and I look forward to seeing what you come up with from that task force as well as what the governor's instructing. That's my opinion at this point.

Councilor Morrisey stated alright. You ready for me Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Barber stated I'm ready.

Councilor Morrisey stated alright. I wanted to thank you too for putting together the reopened Seaside Taskforce. I think that, you know, thank everyone who's participated thus far. I feel like it's been productive and I feel like it's absolutely critical that as soon as we can possibly open up our city, we should do it for our local economy because we're just not going to make it through another winter if we don't get open at some time soon. With regard to the coordinating with the County as far as opening, I do have my skepticism. If you look at, you know, the City of Cannon Beach, the way they've done this entire crisis, I don't think there's any sense of urgency to open there. If you look at Warrenton, they're fully operational, nearly fully operational with all their big box stores so, I don't think there's really a sense of urgency there. I think we're in a unique position where we need to really make decisions for the best interests of Seaside and its residents and not wait for the message to come down from the County level. Because I don't know when that will even come. I wanted to briefly talk about the beach closures and the waterways and the trails and, would it be an appropriate time, Mr. Mayor to make a motion on that?

Mayor Barber stated sure.

Councilor Morrisey stated okay. I'd like to make a motion, to add an agenda item to our May 11th City Council meeting. And I'm going to read that motion now.

Councilor Morrisey moved that we add as an official agenda item to our May 11th, Seaside City Council meeting and discussion and vote on the reopening of City of Seaside beaches, trails and waterways with a second from Council President Frank; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Frank)

Mayor Barber stated they've been seconded. Any further discussion? The motion is to put an agenda item on the, May 11th, agenda. It will give ample opportunity for you to debate and discuss that at that time and, and there will be an opportunity for a vote. Whether you need to discuss it at this point or do you want to ask Seth for any clarification on his, motion? That would be helpful.

Councilor Horning stated I have a question. Would it be possible to phrase that in such a way that it's clear that the public would have some input opportunities during our discussion or will this be entirely isolated to the City Council?

Councilor Morrisey stated Mr. Mayor isn't that standard for all, agenda items that they would have a chance for public comment.

Mayor Barber stated and we'll certainly make, ample opportunity for that as well.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr Mayor, you might want to also invite the public to, provide written comment, before that May 11th meeting. They could do that by email or they could do that, by sending us written, testimony, but that would give you an opportunity to collect quite a bit of information prior to that meeting.

Mayor Barber stated great idea. Let's get the word out. I don't know whether, our Seaside Signal editors on the line, but hopefully, he'll give that invitation to our citizens and we'll post that on the website and get the word out that we do want to hear from citizens.

Councilor Wright stated so your motion did not specify a date of opening, correct? You just said we would vote on opening.

Councilor Morrisey stated I would like to vote on either opening that day or set a date during that discussion that we would open.

Councilor Wright stated okay, I'm fine with that.

Councilor Montero stated I am too. I'll call for the question.

Mayor Barber stated okay, question is being called for, are we ready to vote? Typically you vote on the question, but I think we're ready. Those in favor of the motion to place this issue on the agenda for our next Council meeting, signify. Let's do a roll call on this, if you would please Kim. Did I catch Kim off guard?

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated no, just took a minute to get back on here. Thank you.

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

Ms. Jordan stated okay yes all the way through, thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Good. This is the way we do business. Excellent. We'll put it on the agenda. Have a good discussion and make a decision one way or the other.

Councilor Morrisey stated thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Seth.

Councilor Montero stated so may I ask a question?

Mayor Barber stated sure.

Councilor Montero stated will there be another, reopening Task Force meeting before that next City Council meeting?

Mayor Barber stated yes, I believe I don't have it in front of me. I think its May 6th.

Ms. Jordan stated that is correct, Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated and we have added some community members and I will also work to get someone from a Seaside hospital to represent us as well. There general manager if at all possible.

Councilor Montero stated can I, I just want to make a point on that. What I heard was a medical person, which automatically made me think, not of a medical administrator, but of someone who's got the medical background. And I first thought of the County Health Department because, none of us have any health authority. Even in our city. It's all at the County level. Maybe the County medical director or Mike McNickle who's in charge of the health department.

Mayor Barber stated we'll reach out. I think that's a great idea. I'll reach out to Mike and see if he or a representative can be there for that meeting. It's so easy to log on. It's all virtual. None of us are going anywhere. Making a note here of that. Any other comments or questions? Thank you all. Good discussion.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **VACANCY – PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Barber stated we'll move on in our agenda then. Under unfinished business, we do not have, a nominee for the Parks Advisory Committee that I know of. Hearing none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **PUBLIC HEARING**

This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seaside, Oregon, Pursuant to ORS 223.112-223.132, Setting a Public Hearing, Extending the Term of the Assessment District for Economic Improvement, Known as the "Downtown Maintenance District"; Repealing Ordinance No. 2019-01, and all Ordinances in Conflict.

##### **ORDINANCE #2020-05**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, PURSUANT TO ORS 223.112-223.132, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT, KNOWN AS THE "DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT"; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01, AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

Mayor Barber stated under new business, we have a Public Hearing Ordinance 2020-05. Mark, you want to give us just a little background on this?

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr Mayor, I think a lot of people have heard me make this statement at this time of year, but this is kind of an annual event for the Downtown Maintenance District. Every year we go through a process of recertifying the Downtown Maintenance District and setting the assessment, for the properties that are in the Downtown Maintenance District. I know I've talked to the Budget Committee and the Council, a couple of times now in the last couple of years about the Downtown Maintenance District. I have a budget already prepared for this year, and in budget, we allow for paying for two contractors, a contractor that does the sweeping and a contractor who takes care of all the gardens in the downtown area. Each year, we're required to go back and set an assessment, and for a number of years we were able to hold that assessment, at the same level. But over the last, three or four years, the amount of money that we have available in the Downtown Maintenance District has been declining, and as evidence of that, and you'll see that when you go before the Budget Committee, and, 2017, 2018, we had about \$41,000 in beginning fund balance.

And 2018, 2019, it was reduced to \$32,000. This current year, the beginning balance ended up or started out at \$27,989 or right around \$28,000, and we are estimating that the beginning fund balance next year will be at \$23,000. We're seeing this gradual decline in the amount of money that's available, to the Downtown Maintenance District. That's why we have suggested to you that would be a 5% increase in the assessment. We know this is a tough time, but, we have a responsibility to make sure that we can continue to maintain the services that this district, brings. And that is the sweeping contract and the care of the downtown gardens. Even with that increase, we're estimating we'll begin the year at \$23,000. We still are estimating, we'll end the year at \$19,000, even with the 5% increase. It will slow it down a little bit but it isn't solving all the issues and, anyway, that's why we have advise that there be a 5% increase, and but it is up to the Council to go ahead and make the decisions.

Mayor Barber stated okay, at this time I will open the floor to a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2020-05. Jon, do we have anyone wishing to speak to this issue?

Moderator Rahl stated no, we do not Mr. Mayor. Give it a second if you want. Just a little reminder on, how to raise hand there. If you are listening by phone.

Mr. Winstanley stated, Mr Mayor, I will point out while you're waiting to see if somebody would like to testify. There are, people who have made written comment, and we've included those in your packet. Well as an email was sent to you, by the, Elks. I believe that you guys also got that information. And, you've heard from the Elks in previous years, and they are asking for some dispensation because of their charitable donations to the city. Unfortunately at this point the Elks have a large piece of, or actually two pieces of property in the district. And, they pay a fairly substantial amount, about two and a half percent of the overall, assessment in the district.

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, we do have a comment, on this. It's Mr. Terry Bichsel, and I'll go ahead and allow him to talk. Okay. Terry, go ahead and unmute yourself, you can go ahead and speak.

Mr. Bichsel stated great, thanks. Can you hear me okay? Well first, I'd like to thank the Council on the behalf of the hotel community for the action you took a couple of weeks ago in waving the lodging taxes for the first quarter. That was an incredible gesture on your part, recognizing the difficult time that we're having. I just want to personally and professionally thank each of you for doing that.

Mayor Barber stated Terry, can I interrupt you and just have you state your name, spell your last name and your address.

Mr. Bichsel stated I'm sorry. Terry Bichsel BICHSEL, address is 4580 Fairway Drive, Gearhart. Okay, thanks Mayor. But again, thank you very much for that. On the topic relating to the downtown maintenance, I would never try to tell the city how to manage its business affairs and we have some very capable people with Mark and Jon and others in these times. I would just ask before you lobbyists, a 5% increase, which is just a terrible time to do this with respect to the business community, I would ask that you go back to those contractors and see if you can renegotiate the deal. We have not had a lot of visitors in town the last five weeks. This may go on for a while depending on the Council and the state's decision as well as the County. I would just ask you to reconsider that and go back to those contractors and see if you can just cut a better deal. That's what all of us are doing in the business world right now. Thank you very much.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Derek. Anyone else? Jon?

Moderator Rahl stated it looks like, Jeff, Tar Har, would like to speak again. Okay, go ahead Jeff.

Mr. Ter Har stated I will be brief. Always been a large supporter of the maintenance districts and I think it's one of the biggest assets we have for our downtown and the way it looks and for our visitors. But I have to set aside and agree with Terry at this point with everything going on, every one of us in our business is finding ways to cut down and not go without for a year. And I'm not saying we go without, but I think we should, try and figure out a way to not have an increase this year because these people are going to have to pay these taxes, you know, come November and now it's going to be a really tough time when all this sinks in for all of us. Thank you. And again, I, don't want to talk against the maintenance district because it's one of the Seaside's biggest assets, but in this time we need to consider that. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Jeff.

Moderator Rahl stated seeing no more hands, Mr. Mayor

Mayor Barber stated at this time I will close the public hearing and turn to Council comments.

Councilor Montero stated I would like to comment. I think that Jeff made a very astute observation that, this, tax is, is tacked onto the property tax. It's something that the businesses would not see until November, but that is a time when hopefully they will be just pulling out of some really, difficult times. And, while 5% doesn't sound like a lot of money, it is going to be important to those businessmen. And, I have had the same thoughts that I heard and that is, if we could somehow go back to these. Let me go back, the reason this is going up is that the cost of the services we're purchasing, they're going up and that's in the contract.

I think that we should go back to those contractors and ask them to forego some or all of this year's increase we can look at right now. They're not having that work right now, but they're going to be having that work during the coming year. But. That's, it's a bit of a contribution, if you will. Not even withstanding that being possible. I don't exactly know how much that increase amounts to in dollars, but I would, I'm fine with the city not putting the 5% increase in this for this year.

Mayor Barber stated other comments?

Councilor Morrissey stated yes, Mr Mayor. I just like to echo Tita's statements. You know, I don't envy Mark in the upcoming budget challenges he's going to have, but I just don't think it's the right time to be putting in a tax increase. And so I just can't support it at this time.

Mayor Barber stated other comments?

Councilor Wright stated basically agreed to the. I don't know we already passed the increase, right Mark for, one of the vendors.

Mr. Winstanley stated you have contractual agreements with two vendors. We, as to flexibility, we have not had conversations with those vendors,

Councilor Wright stated but that's what I would say too is, you know, if it, the only way we can get through this and still have a positive fund balance is to reduce some of the work so that they won't charge as much then maybe that's what we need to do. I wouldn't necessarily, charge less. I would keep it at the same. If we can make some savings, then we should get that.

Mayor Barber stated okay. Other comments? I'm sorry, Steve, where you finished?

Councilor Wright stated yes.

Councilor Horning stated well, you can probably tell from my office that messiness is a part of my lifestyle. Is it possible to reduce the number of times the street sweepers go through the district cleaning up? Especially given that there aren't going to be very many people, at least in the near term.

Mayor Barber stated my understanding is that is a hand sweeper that goes to the downtown, not the motorized sweeper.

Councilor Montero stated I would think that maybe there's the possibility of, rather than us telling the contractors do less of this, do less of this, do less of this saying instead to the contractors, we need to not go, we need to keep the lid on the increase or however we want to say it and come back to us with how that can work for you. How would that change your work? What would you do less of? Give us a proposal so that, that they have, they participate in that discussion too.

Mayor Barber stated I'd like to make a comment. I agree that it's a very bad time for a tax increase, but I think the Council is getting rather into the weeds on this issue. And I think we make the decision whether or not we want to increase the tax or not. And if we decide not then it becomes the city manager's job to figure out how to make that work. And we've given him some great ideas on how to go forward with that. If that's the attitude of the Council, that needs to be the decision and that would give direction to the city manager on how to work through that. Mark, you have any comment on that.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor you're absolutely correct. We certainly can come back and, take a look at what we can do. You know, I mean the answer might be that, you have even less money by the time we're all done. I mean, that's, I mean you can basically at this point just put it off another year, which, is not out of the question. But we will look at whatever options that we can. And I know the Council is in a very tough situation in this case, we just simply wanted to give you something that tried to hold the line. As I pointed out when I went through the numbers, it's not getting better. We're just trying to hold it from getting too bad. But, if the Council says no, this isn't the right time, then, that's what we work with and we'll figure out what we're going to do to go forward.

Councilor Wright stated okay so it goes back Mark and redo the whole ordinance now, or can we just simply specify that you do at the same rates as the previous year?

Mr. Winstanley stated I think Councilor that you can just simply specify to us that you don't want to see an increase in the fees and that you want the fees to stay the same. Mr. Van Thiel I'm, kind of outside my territory.

Councilor Wright stated he's still muted.

Councilor Montero stated you know, it would seem to me that the, the action is a lack of action. We just don't move that we, have to extend.

Mr. Winstanley stated the ordinance that we prepared for you, says that there is a 5% increase. I think that if you, whoever makes a motion to, read the ordinance, would make a motion with it, amending this ordinance, to remove the 5% increase, and, then move forward.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mr Mayor, would you mind if I made that motion?

Mayor Barber stated oh, please do.

Moderator Rahl stated if you want to hear from Mr. Van Thiel because he is now on.

Mayor Barber stated I think Dan, can we.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated Mark.

Mr. Winstanley stated yes sir.

Mr. Van Thiel stated we could go ahead and we could read the ordinance tonight and just delete any reference to the 5% increase and then it could come back. I could read it for first and second times by title only tonight and then it could come back before the Council at the May 11th meeting.

Mr. Winstanley stated I think that'd be fine, Dan. It's really just section three of the ordinance that states how much we are going to assess annually and how much it is per front foot. And we just simply will come back and amend those numbers so that they are the same as they were last year.

Councilor Morrissey moved that we read ordinance 2020-05 by title only with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Morrissey/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion for reading by title only, second reading.

Councilor Montero moved that we read ordinance 2020-05 for the second reading by title only with a second from Councilor Morrissey; carried unanimously. (Montero/Morrissey).

Mayor Barber stated okay, thank you Dan. This will be on the agenda for our May 11th meetings for third and final reading.

Councilor Montero stated and when we see it at the May 11th meeting, it will not have any of the 5% increases.

Mr. Winstanley stated what we will do Councilor is we will strike, the, language that currently is in there and show the corrected language for the ordinance.

Mayor Barber stated that comes in our packets.

#### **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – LEO'S CORNER, 21 N. COLUMBIA.

Mayor Barber stated moving on then we have a report, the 2020 Tourism Relief Program.

Councilor Phillips stated Mayor there is a liquor license.

Mayor Barber stated oh I'm sorry. I missed that one, at the bottom. We do have a liquor license application from Leo's corner, 21 North Columbia. Mark, or Jon, do we have any information from the police department?

Mr. Winstanley stated yes, Mr Mayor. The police have reviewed the liquor license application, and they have provided in your packet, any information that, you might need. I don't believe that they have found any real issues.

Councilor Montero stated do we have anybody from Leo's Corner at the meeting tonight?

Mayor Barber stated Jon, do you see anybody standing by?

Moderator Rahl stated I do not. Oftentimes, Mr Mayor, there are people that can call in and all I can see is a phone number. So they would need to, if, the individual is, present, if they put a star nine on their phone that they like to speak. That's unfortunately, this side of the technology is that often times they, oh, here we do, we do have a raised hand, I'm going to allow the ending phone number is 1709, sir or ma'am, go ahead and you can go ahead and speak.

Shontae Brown, BROWN, stated I live at 1041 2nd Avenue and I'm one of the applicants on the liquor license for Leo's Corner.

Mayor Barber stated any of the Council members like to ask a question?

Councilor Montero stated I'd like to understand further what kind of store this is going to be.

Ms. Brown stated yes, it is a small convenience/deli. We're going to have, you know, just your basic, sodas, apple juices, things like that. And then we will also have, sandwiches, fruit bowls, bagel, and salads and will be all to go.

Mayor Barber stated did you say all to go?

Ms. Brown stated yes.

Councilor Montero stated and then that would include the beer and wine.

Ms. Brown stated yes.

Mayor Barber stated other questions? I know it may not pertain to the liquor license, but I sure congratulate the, enhancement of that building on Colombia, what a great improvement that is to the core area downtown. If your lease and rental moving in, triggered that congratulations, it's wonderful. It's good to see.

Ms. Brown stated we're really happy that he decided to do that right when we started renting from him.

Mayor Barber stated that's good. I'll entertain a motion to either approve or disprove the liquor license.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the liquor license for Leo's Corner with a second from Councilor Wright; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Wright)

**REPORT –  
2020 TOURISM RELIEF  
PROGRAM FOR NON-  
LODGING PARTNERS**

Mayor Barber stated next page. A report from Josh Heineman regarding the Tourism Relief Program. Josh.

Joshua Heineman stated thank you. Mr Mayor, can you hear me?

Mayor Barber stated yes.

Jon, you're going to share a screen.

Moderator Rahl stated you bet. One second. All right, it should be up.

Mr. Heineman stated okay a PowerPoint Presentation. We are in the, last steps here of the emergency grant process as detailed in the 2020 Tourism Relief and Business Relief program. Our proposal was approved by Council on April 6th. April 8th Jon and I had structured a program, designed an online application, put up some landing pages, put out some press releases. It was quite an accelerated timeline. Here on the left you can see the landing page for the relief program. It was hosted on seasideor.com. You know, lots of information here, but I want to point out that application process itself, we really tried not to be a burden for people who were already in a tough spot. And the application itself is really a two-step process. We had one step where they needed to download a document that, gave them an opportunity to prepare the things that they need to prepare. It also gave them some tools to look up information that they might need, such as how to calculate your FTE, how to find out your Seaside Business License, things like that. And then gather all your, answers together in one spot. Because when you get to step two it's actually fill out our application because of the necessarily extent accelerated timeline here. We didn't really have time to do a, grant management software or anything like that. We used Google forms for this and they weren't able to save their work and return to it later, which is why we had that prep step. Next slide please. Really our, first potential challenge here with a situation like this is just making sure that we're reaching enough people and that we're reaching the right amount of people. And, that's especially true given that we're not able to do SDDA and our regular Chamber meetings. There isn't really time for this message to percolate under the end of the community. We really had to rely on our, on being very clear on our press releases and relying on our press, and our contacts. I'm pleased to report that, this story was picked up by OPB. It was a top story on the Seaside Signal and in fact, multiple stories in the Seaside Signal. Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association included it in there, Coded Relief Resources page, KMUN Coast Community Radio did a whole piece on the, actually the entire comprehensive 2020 program including, lodging relief, including the water, relief credit. And even, Senator Betsy Johnson put it up on her Facebook page, which to me was indicative that we were reaching some of the right people. I also participated in a webinar with a SBDC during the week that this application was open. Next slide please. Here on the right you can see what our, form looked like. It was a seven part, application. It wasn't too burdensome and gave people the opportunity to really communicate what the impact those restrictions have had on them. Give them a chance to kind of detail how they fit into the Seaside Community, and have participated in the past. And also, and you know, make a detailed plan of what their, how this funding might impact their business in the long term. Our granted window applications opened at 8:00 AM on April 14th and the first hour we had 15 applications in the first day. We had, by the end of the first day, we had 90 applications, which just really, this speaks to the, I think, rightness of this program and the appropriateness of it and the need that's out there in our community. About a week later, at deadline, we had 142 applications total. The, bulk of applications came in the first few days. I take that, satisfies me that we reached enough of the right people that have really slowed down, by the end. One of our primary challenges, I think we addressed it fairly well. In total, those 142 applications amounted to \$523,295 in, funding requested. And of course we had a \$250,000 grant funding pot here. Next slide, please go back one more. And right off the bat before we convened our review committee. We took out, just like take a look at it, just the basic qualifications here.

We had to pull two out right away because they are ineligible and, were addressed in the, TLT Tax Relief and weren't eligible for this program. There were five further applicants who didn't meet a basic criteria, business license criteria, things like that. And we ended up with 135 eligible applications, which amounted to still over \$500,000 requested funding. Next slide, please. We were super, super fortunate to have a review committee that was comprised of staff and board members of the Clatsop Economic Development Resources and the clouds of community college small business development center. Their expertise on this matter and their professionalism and really just them volunteering their time to us was, indispensable. I want to thank Mary McCarthy; Mary MacArthur, Executive Director of Columbia Pacific Economic Development District; Lisa Dunlap, Regional Business manager at Pacific Power; Steven Sinkler, Wine Shack and Puffin Wines owner; Kevin Leahy, Executive Director of CEDR and SBC; and Jessica Newhall, who's the lead business advisor and runs a small business, which is a small business program manager at SBDC. Jon and I also participate in these discussions, really to make sure the city's, intent was represented and just to facilitate, the tools that they use to really evaluate these, grants. Next slide please. The committee first met via video conferencing to discuss the process on Friday, April 17 (while applications were still being accepted) and again on Tuesday, April 21 after deadline to review the scoring process and formulate a plan for finalization. Committee members conducted independent reviews of all applications between April 21 and Friday, April 24, when a two-hour video conferencing meeting was held to review the aggregate scores and reconcile funding. The final determination was unanimous among the committee. The grant applications were scored independently by each reviewer on the following criteria: To Receive 4 Points (full funding up to \$4,000): Eligible applicant. Complete application. Demonstrated need and plan for funds which strengthens business mid- to long-term. Community involvement. Thoughtful and considered answers. To Receive 3 Points (50% of funding requested): Eligible applicant. Complete application. Satisfactory explanation of need and plan for funds in the short term. To Receive 2 Points (25% of funding requested): Eligible applicant. Complete application. Unsatisfactory explanation of need and plan for funds. To Receive 1 Point (no funding): Ineligible applicants, incomplete applications, or applicants with multiple submissions if committee feels further funds unwarranted. Scores from each of the five reviewers was then aggregated to produce a top-down ranking of all grant requests, including average scores and funding suggestions. The committee reviewed these cumulative rankings together by video conference and made final adjustments after considered, holistic discussions. In total, this transparent and equitable process allocated approximately \$247,000 of the \$250,000 available for this grant. Finally, with support from the City, the review committee requested the remaining funds be used to award an additional \$500 to six businesses affected over the winter by construction and infrastructure updates requiring street closures on Holladay Drive. None of these distributions resulted in total awards exceeding the individual grant maximum. With these additions, the full \$250,000 has been allocated. Next slide, please. And here's just a bigger kind of breakdown of the hospitality core and what these mean. , retail comprise three 38%. That's stores, galleries, Bosch shops, antiques, music, flowers, candy shops that here, food services, 35% restaurants, catering, grocery, ice cream, coffee bars and pubs. And then health, personal care and wellness is 16%. And that's your hairstylists, massage, yoga, tattoo, private lessons, private lessons, really being outdoor recreation, private lessons. And then, but the whole program, actually was quite diverse. I mean we covered house cleaning, auto repair, printing, transportation services, electrical work, recreation rentals, media and pet services. I see in that outline a reflection of some of the comments the Council made at the last meeting. I'm pretty proud of, the program that, the committee ended up on. Last slide please. And then, at this point I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank our committee and once again, thank the city and the Council for, in trusting us with this process. And I asked that you move forward and distribute the funds.

Mayor Barber stated great job, Josh. Pretty amazing process in a very compressed period of time. Thank you so much. And thanks to your committee for serving so adequately as well. Any other comments anyone would like to make?

Councilor Wright stated I think that was, like you said, a blue ribbon committee. Those were all highly respected people. I've met a few of them, and work with them on a couple of things. The other good part is that none of us had any say in this. I think we can trust them to decide unanimous and, we can trust their business judgment to put that money where it will really help.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr Mayor. I know that, we obviously our process as a government has to be, very transparent. And we will, we just haven't had time. You can see how compressed this process has been because we know how important it is to get this money out to these businesses. But we also know that it's very important to you and to the public, to know who got money and how much they got. We will make sure and get a list out to the council and we will make it available to anyone who wants to see it, who got money and, how much and, we'll have that available, as quickly as we possibly can. I would assume we probably can do that within the next day or so.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Great. Well, thank you again, Josh and your committee and, Jon, I know you had your oar in the water there as well, thank you so much. We'll move on then.

Councilor Wright stated don't they want an official, approval of this.

Mr. Winstanley stated well we would appreciate it Councilor, if the Council could approve the distribution.

Councilor Wright moved to approve the distribution of this \$250,000 per the committee recommendation with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously.  
(Wright/Phillips)

**FINAL AND RELEASE  
OF RETAINAGE –  
SEASIDE CIVIC AND  
CONVENTION CENTER**

**EXPANSION/RENOVATION** Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Thank you so much. Final release and retainage to O'Brien and Company. I think, Russ, you have something to tell us.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; stated good evening Mayor and City Councilors. I couldn't be more excited to be here this evening to complete a journey that started just, about two years ago. My only regret is not having the opportunity to be in front of you in person to give this project all the credit it deserves. I have put together a series of photos showing the progress that we, had taken during different stages of the project. I like to show that to you right now. Jon's going to just flip through some of these photos and you might recognize some of them as we go along here with, with the groundbreaking. You know, this project, it took a team, not one person was able to, be responsible for the success of this project. And we started with our project managers and we hired an organization that was founded by Jeff Caldwell who is a Seaside High School graduate. And he assigned David Dwyer as our Senior Construction Manager who was with us from the beginning all the way through the end. And you're going to hear from David, it's just a little bit later in this presentation. After we hired, the Klosh Group, they assisted us in, interviewing an architectural firm. And the firm we selected was out of Portland and it was called HOLST, and they assigned Mark Schmidt as the lead architect on the project and they consulted with the company out of St. Louis called Convergence. And, one of their, members was David Grinnell who specializes in convention center renovations and HOLST didn't have a lot of experience in that area, which is the reason why they brought in a secondary partner who was on the project and helped us through the, initial design phase. And then we went looking for a contractor and we found a very good one right here in our own backyard. And that's O'Brien and Company. And, they brought together a great team of, managers and, consultants and superintendents that was on the job from day one all the way through. Of course we'd be remiss not to talk about our own home team. And that is our three member subcommittee that, you as a Council and the Mayor assigned in the beginning, at least I would say three years ago when this project really started taking some steam and we had Tim Tolan and Roger Schultz and Jeff Kilday that was meeting on a weekly basis and was part of every decision that was made along the way. Can't say enough about those guys. And then I got to recognize the all-star team and that's my own staff. And when you have over 400 days of construction and about 300 of those days was, clients in our building. It took a strong team to be able to be flexible, to be able to, change, adapt to changes and deal with all the issues related to a construction project of this magnitude. And I can't say enough about these guys. They're in the trenches, they were with me the whole way and they just did amazing work for us. Very proud of them. And another number that I'm very proud of is since we announced this project, we secured 21 brand new events that have never been to Seaside. There was a list of the 21. Now we meet the qualifications to host 40% of all the business that is within a 300 mile range. Very important part of it. And with that, I would like to ask our project manager, David Dwyer, just to say a few words on his participation.

David Dwyer, Senior Construction Manager, thank you Russ. Appreciate it. Looks like I'm off mute so I can, looks like you guys can hear me. Okay. Good evening Mr Mayor, Councilors, and city staff and thank you for your time this evening. I'm sure you're all pretty tired of for being on this, meeting here for the last couple hours, but at least you're home and safe and healthy it looks like. Thank you also for trusting the Klosh group to be your owner's representative and your project manager for such a large and important project for the City of Seaside. You know, appreciate Russ, your kind words and what you said there and we, do trust that we served you well and, the community well and did right by everybody. That's part of this team. As Russ said, this was a very successful project with a great team of professionals. I'm sure of you could have added another dozen slides with all the subcontractors and suppliers and then are sub tier subcontractors, manufacturers in the local area. Lots of people came to bear on this project to make it a success. There's many, many people who probably deserve credit and that credit would roll for a while. So hats off to many people out there that participated in this, in this job. I just want to mention, I'll be brief. I just want to mention four things to me that made this job very successful. One of the biggest parts of the success of this job was the budget early on. The team's collaboration helped save quite a bit of money upfront starting this project out financially healthy. Then as we progressed through the job, as you saw some of the stats that Russ showed, the money we save, we allowed us to add program back into the job. The things that weren't really included at the onset, like the Pacific room upgrades that we did, some of the other East lobby upgrades that weren't accounted for. We had the opportunity to, advance that program even further and then add some much needed mechanical system upgrades and some audio visual enhancements, all of which were a return on that investment because of the improved experience for the convention center clients. As the restaurant, I don't think he put the number there, but the rest we added probably over \$600,000 in upgrades and enhancements. Not originally planned, but definitely needed and kept. And we kept the project on budget still. And like Russ you said secondly, 70% of those dollars went back into the community, which is a huge win and I can't express how amazing that at an economy that we had back then when we purchased this project, to get 70% of the dollars to go back. That was a really an amazing effort by the O'Brien group to go bid that out and secure local people to do the work.

Thirdly, the project was completed while the convention center was still operating. That's amazing. That takes an amazing amount of collaboration, communication and close coordination. And I know it's not easy for resident staff because there were some issues. Of course there's always things that caused grief, but at the end of the day to pull it off took a lot of patients, a lot of, stamina from Russ staff and Russ himself plus its clients. So anyway, and it definitely showed the strength of that project team. And you know, lastly too, I'll say that we, even though we had some, a few issues in the last few months that, like any job, any project I've ever been in, there's always these last little things to get resolved. But it's not how or not what it is, it's how you grow through it, how you go through those issues. And I'll tell you that, O'Brien led the contractors really, stood proudly behind their work and own their work, own the issues, took care of things and really kind of defined the team of a group of people who are committed. It's going to do the right thing and we'll stand behind the work. And you know, at the end of the day building is amazing. People are proud of it because he is going to be proud of her a long time and it was really a pleasure to be part of it. And you know, at this point since you're, since the goal here is to release retention, I'll echo what Russ said, that this building is complete. It's ready to release retention for O'Brien and the subcontractor. Thanks again for your time. Stay healthy and stay safe.

Mayor Barber stated thank you David.

Mr. Vandenberg stated thank you David. I just have a couple more closing remarks. I mean, as you can tell by the photos, this 50 year old facility has been transformed into a multiuse, beautiful modern and well-designed convention center that will continue to serve this community for many years to come. I would now like to ask that you give this project your final blessing and release all remaining retainage to O'Brien construction in the amount of \$20,000.

Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain that motion.

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

Mayor Barber stated I want to add, one thing that wasn't mentioned, toward the success of this project and that is our executive director Russ. It couldn't have been done without, your good work Russ and your leadership of your staff and the way you work with David and the O'Brien Company. Everybody congratulations for a job well done.

Mr. Vandenberg stated thank you Mayor. I appreciate that.

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING – MAY 25, 2020  
MEMORIAL WEEKEND**

Mayor Barber stated I think that takes us to the last item we have a decision to make regarding the City Council meeting on Memorial Day. And I'm assuming the feedback that I've gotten that we don't think that it's appropriate. I mean on Memorial Day and I'll entertain a motion to, not meet on Memorial Day or however you want to word that.

Councilor Phillips move that we do not meet on Memorial Day with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Morrisey)

Councilor Montero stated I just want to say one thing and that is, I don't want anybody to interpret this as us not paying attention to our duties. I'm sure that should something come up. We will, pull together an emergency meeting if we need to, whatever. But I think it's out of respect for that day.

Mayor Barber stated absolutely. Now there's always events on through the day and into the evening and we want to be available to attend those and to observe our own remembrances. So thank you. And we certainly will do that Tita.

**COMMENTS –  
CITY STAFF  
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated now moving to, comments from the city staff. I can't see who all is here. Jon, can you give me a little tip on who's there?  
Moderator Rahl stated Dale is here. I can unmute him.

Mayor Barber stated let's start with Dale.

Moderator Rahl stated Dale, are you there? Maybe the test. I also have Esther.

Mayor Barber stated okay. Go with Esther.

Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director, stated hi, City Council and Mayor. Just a little bit. The library, we are of course still closed to the public and we have been offering a very limited service, mailing out books to the public at this time.

Mayor Barber stated good. Glad you're still operating even though not open. That's good. Did we find Dale?

Moderator Rahl stated not sure, but I do have the fire chief. Let me pop in here. Go ahead, chief.

Chief Daniels stated Mr. Mayor and Council, I just want to let you know of a quick press release we had today. We had to put a burn restriction in effect as of April 10th. So we didn't smoke everybody out and especially our care facilities had to remain in doors and we'll have to for some time. We came up with a plan to use a dump bed trailer that public works put together. We actually have the truck that we'll have here on Tuesday and Thursday in our East parking lot and the fire department parking lot from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, until we get out of this burn ban so people can take their yard debris, no commercial use but residential yard debris only, and they can bring it here, dump it in the bin and we'll, haul it off to the Water Treatment Plant to burn later.

Mayor Barber stated good. Wonderful.

Moderator Rahl stated we also have Brian Owen from the chamber.

Mayor Barber stated I wanted to leave him to last, but make sure we covered all of the staff.

Moderator Rahl stated okay, I think unless Dale, his microphone's working. Dale, I don't think that one's working, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated hey Brian. I know you got some things to share with us.

Moderator Rahl stated one second.

Mr. Vandenberg stated can I add something?

Moderator Rahl stated Russ, go ahead.

Mr. Vandenberg stated Mayor and Councilors. I failed to mention one person who was with us during the project and honestly, he was very instrumental in all of the work that we did. And, the, consulting that we, pulled from him and that's Mr. Dale McDowell from public works. He was here with us, on days that I'm sure he had other things to do and busier, projects to work on. And he, came here and met with us on any occasion that I requested as well as some of his staff, Tony Biamont. Again, he was very important. He actually discovered a few things that were important in the, in the steps that were taken. And I just want to say thanks to Dale and his crew for all the work that they provided for me and the, rest of the team here. Thank you very much, Dale.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Okay, Brian.

Brian Owen, Seaside Chamber of Commerce CEO, stated can you hear me?

Mayor Barber stated yes.

Mr. Owen stated great. Hey, thank you for saving the best for the last. I appreciate it. Absolutely. Even though I'm not a city employee. I, appreciate you, every single, City Council giving me the opportunity to speak. Mr. Mayor and Councilors, I just appreciate that, you're open and you're willing. Hey, got a couple of things I want to talk about today. First off, the Seaside Chamber of Commerce is co-hosting on May 1st at 10:00 AM the first coastal corral. And what this is, this is a partnership of chambers from Brookings all the way up here to the North Coast. We've got Florence, we've got Brookings, of course we've got Newport, Astoria, Seaside Chamber, but this is actually going to be a zoom meeting, an open discussion with US Senators, Jeff Merkley, Ron Wyden, State Senator that Betsy Johnson and State Republic David Gomberg. This is really going to give everybody the opportunity to hear directly from our leadership at the federal level, the state level. You will be getting a press release on this tomorrow. I just got that, finally got everybody put together in the last hour here. I'm pretty excited about, this. Also I do want to kind of put in a couple of words towards reopening, getting this economic engine running in Seaside is really crucial. We needed it from, for everybody from our hospital to our local small shops to our visitors. Seaside is, a huge draw for people, but it's also a, really a, poster child of Oregon. People love it here. I'm working with two separate groups of course, with, the mayor's group, but then, a secondary group of business owners. And then I'm also working with the North Coast Regional Economic team from the governor's office. With all of this information, I know we can do it. I know we can do it safely. I know our businesses are ready to put in the extra effort and to be honest about being safe. As we move forward, let's do it together. Let's do it cautiously. Let's get it done. And with that, I am here to, officially cancel the July 4th Independence Day Fireworks show. In working with all these organizations and all of all of these businesses has come. It's become very clear that for our local current economic climate to the safety of our community as well as the unknown framework of when we're going to relax some of the large scale gatherings, the fireworks show just doesn't work for 2020. And that really saddens my heart because it's one of my favorite events of, of the year. Not only is it our independence day, but it really is a community day. It's, it's a day that we get to see all of our family and friends. We get to highlight the Seaside Community, from morning until night. With that, I've been working on, of course with the city a lot and I appreciate Jon and Mark's and all of the Councilors input. And then also, all of the business community that I've been working with, input also. So sorry to say, but thank you for giving me the opportunity tonight to, discuss this.

Mayor Barber stated well, thank you Brian. I know that for the chamber it was a very difficult decision, but kind of in the context of our discussion about the improvement district the merchants are asked to thunder a good bit of the cost of that fireworks show.

And this is certainly not a good time to be asking the merchants and the businesses to dig down. And there's few pennies left to, to fund this. It's a good decision. It's also a good decision for the health and welfare of the community. My understanding is that the Vancouver, Washington fireworks have cancelled and if we're the only one going, in the region, we could have 75,000 people on the beach, which would not be in the good interest of local residents. It's a good decision, a difficult one. But, thank you for letting us know. I don't think there's any action that the City Council needs to take is there Mark.

Mr. Winstanley stated no, I don't know.

Mr. Owen stated you know, the city has been very gracious over, the years. And, through our tourism, grants, we actually fund about, probably about 30% of the cost of this show through the city neck making mechanism there. The rest of that is donations by businesses and every single year businesses show up and, they're, worried about their employees. And, that's the number one thing that I'm hearing is, the health of their employees. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated good, thank you. Jon, you want to add any comments?

Mr. Rahl stated nothing to add tonight, Mr Mayor? Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated okay, Mark comments.

Mr. Winstanley stated thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have a whole list. Since Jon didn't want to talk, I certainly would like to. That'd be great. Mr. Mayor and Council, the first thing I'd like to do is, so you know how very proud we are of all of the city staff. This event has been very, difficult for everybody. I know in some cases, people have been, forced to shelter in their homes. I know that's very difficult. For city staff, that's not been the case. A lot of people have been working, different schedules. We've asked them to change their schedules. We've asked people to change their duties in some cases. We have public works, people that are also volunteer firemen, that because the fire department, has to do a lot of different tasks during this event they've been, we've moved public works people over to work on a fulltime basis at the fire department, and we very much appreciate that, which means that in public works they've had to, pick up the slack because some of the people have been shifted over to fire. And, and I know you heard that. The library does remain closed. The convention center is not in a position to be able to handle a conventions, but that doesn't mean that people aren't working, and getting a number of tasks done. I know in particular, in the library, Esther's got people working on some tasks that, probably are not their favorites, but, are very important things that have to get taken care of, in the library. And we're still accomplishing some wonderful things, in the convention center and in the library. And we look forward to when it is that the public can get back into using those facilities, in the future. I also want to make sure that the Council understands that it was just a couple of weeks ago, that we had a special meeting and the council approved, the three different things that we wanted to push forward as far as economic development is concerned. And in just a couple of weeks, Josh and Jon were able to pull together this program, to award funds to, the 130 plus businesses, in our community. That was remarkable, that they could put that program together to get it all figured out. And to get to the point of being able to award those funds. We also have accomplished the thing, the other two items that you wanted us to accomplish and that is to notify, the hotels, the motels and the vacation rental dwellings that they would not be required to, pay their room tax. That they just simply needed to file their forms. And, to the credit of some, of those, businesses, they had already filed their room tax and we've already returned the room taxes that they had filed. We are very proud that we were able to get that done, and get those things taken care of. And it's also important for Councilors, if you haven't noticed on your water bill, we were able to credit all of the water customers \$50 on their water bill and get that done, which wasn't an easy accomplishment since we, when Council made that decision, we were already right on top of the water billing cycle. But we got that taken care of. And we got that money out to a number of people. I can't tell you the number of customers, which tells you, what good customers we have, who have called us and told us there's something wrong with their water bill, because they got the \$50 credit and they wanted to know whether they needed to pay, what was missing. And, we told them no, the Council wanted to try to help them during this period. And a number of people have expressed, how great, how grateful they were that the Council chose to go ahead and do that. And besides the work that Josh, and Jon got done, I want to take this opportunity, to compliment Russ Vandenberg. We've given him a bad time throughout this process, and none of it was his responsibility. He just became the bearer of bad news as he came back before the Council a few times, and asked for extensions of time. To his credit, he could have walked away from this and said, you know what, I just want it to end. We're not going to worry about whether, it's exactly right, but he did not do that, he came back before you knowing that you wanted to have the very best product you could have. And, I want to thank Russ right now, for doing that. He is very dedicated to the convention center into this town. And I very much appreciate the work that he has done. Also want to take the moment to, thank police and fire. Both of them are working long hours, difficult hours, and, you know, oftentimes we are thanking the fire department because they're in the rescue business and the saving people's business. They get pats on the back a lot. But I also want to take this moment to thank the police department. They continue to do all the same work that they always do. And in addition to that, they also have the task of driving up and down the beach and telling people the beach is closed. And we need to have you, leave the beach. They're not always met with people that are thanking them at that point. And, they continue to do that work and we appreciate them very much. They are doing what is necessary at this time and what is necessary is not always met with people thanking them.

And I want to take this opportunity to thank the police department and the hard work that they do, because it isn't always easy work and, they've been doing a great job. I know because I've received calls from people that have said, you know, I don't agree with you and I think you shouldn't be closing the beach. But having said that, I got to talk to a very nice officer who, even though I wasn't very happy, was very polite, very courteous, and just said, no, you have to leave the beach. And he said, because they were so nice, I left. And, we appreciate that from our department. And I also want to take this opportunity to thank, Jon and Kim, because, in a very short period of time, they got you to do this, and that's have a meeting without having to come to city hall, and be able to engage the public, to engage all of you, and to be able to do this work and not have it stop. And, that's not easy to do. This is, there's a lot of things that go on behind the scenes that are difficult things. I know for one thing, we've had a heck of a time trying to get Councilor Frank up, his picture up for these meetings, but we finally, we've got that happening. And it's to the credit of Jon and Kim that they've been able to get this work done. And I want to make sure that their thanked for all of this. Mr. Mayor, I think, your staff has done a marvelous job and, I know that they're going to continue to do that. And, I very much appreciate the hard work that they have gone through.

Mayor Barber stated well said. Mark, thank you so much. I don't want to skip Dan Van Thiel if he has any comments. Dan, are you still online?

Mr. Van Thiel stated I'm still here, Mayor. Thank you very much. Wonderful city to represent and it's good to see you all on my little iPad tonight. If I can make a point if I can, that Mark made earlier on in the meeting and that is because we can anticipate there's going to be a great deal of interest in the agenda item dealing with the, parks and the beach and so forth at the May 11th meeting. I don't know whether we can allow up to a certain number of people that call in and limit that number or in the alternative, do we cut it off at a certain point and then, and then encourage or invite comments. Otherwise, we're going to be on this phone forever. I could anticipate because I have been on the phone with the number of citizens over just these issues. And I know a lot of people will want to talk.

Mayor Barber stated we'll let us know. I'm assuming that we might just have a period of time that we allow public comment, a liberal period of time, like a half an hour, and then, after that people would need to send their emails to the city clerk, does that seem appropriate?

Mr. Van Thiel stated that would be appropriate. One comment that can be made, but it would be, it would be easier to do it if we were all gathered together and that is just remind everybody that might be hanging on here. If you have similar comments to make that have been made already. Merely introduce yourself, tell us who you are or whatever it is. Give us your name and tell us you agree. Otherwise you're, going to get a lot of alarm wounded speeches, Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated that's great advice. We'll figure out how to introduce the public comment period. And actually it won't be public comment. It'll be a part of the agenda. That will help us to control it a bit as well.

Mr. Van Thiel stated I appreciate also telling people to spell their names. I don't hear as well, and it helps me to know whose talking. I would ask Kim if she would send me as soon as she puts together the minutes of this meeting to email them to me so I could kind of compare them with the notes that I've been taking.

Mayor Barber stated perfect. Wonderful. That'll be available.

Mr. Van Thiel stated alright. Thank you very much. Be safe.

Mayor Barber stated I know we're all tired, but I still want to hear from each one of you. Any final comments that you have?

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, real quick. Russ had a quick announcement that he forgot. Mark mentioned the first responders and Russ wanted to talk about a little bit about an event that's been going on. Just take just a moment.

Mr. Vandenberg stated thank you, Mayor. Well, the last couple of weeks we've teamed up with Oregon Fine Foods and we've hosted a free pancake and sausage breakfast. We did it originally for the first responders and healthcare workers and that was very successful. We decided to extend that and last week we opened it up for first responders and anyone that felt an economic hardship and based on the success of that, we decided to do a final feed that'll take place tomorrow from 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM and we're going to open this up to anyone in Clatsop County that wants to come over and take just a little bit of a break from all the stress that they've incurred. Come on down while supplies last. We're going to serve as a takeout only and we're going to serve from the East entrance near the flagpole. Thank you very much, Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Great. See you at 6:30 or so.

#### COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Mayor Barber stated Tom, why don't you start our comments?

Councilor Horning stated oh, in the interest of brevity, it's been good working today with the City Council and it's been great hearing the accomplishments of the staff. Have a good health and good luck and, good fortunate possible.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Thank you. Councilor Steve.

Councilor Wright stated I'm hoping that we can figure out some safe, smaller way to celebrate the 4th of July. You know, maybe it's, something at Broadway Park and we keep all separated. I don't know. But we should still try to celebrate somehow that weekend. Dale didn't get the mention but I just want to say the city is looking great even though there's nobody here. Look at it. Holladay looks terrific, the new boat docks look great, although there's nothing there and we even have two new gazebos, we don't have to worry about two of them falling down on people. There's still two more to do and hopefully we can find a little bit of budget money to do that. Thank you to, Jon and Joshua for facilitating this thing to move the money so quickly, unlike the, state and the feds, you know, we got money and you know, basically by the next few days we'll have all that money out into the hands of the people that need it. I'm, working with a small group that wants to facilitate a little more than emergency spending, that the, governor's emergency board, decided it's going to go to small businesses and, it's possible that Seaside can have a part in that too. There might be a little more money that we can spend. Mark don't worry about it. I won't spend money. Extra money. Only money from the state.

Mayor Barber stated Seth, comments.

Councilor Morrissey stated first, just a point of clarification in my motion. I did not mention parks. I said the beaches, trails and waterways. And I noticed that Dan van Thiel said parks, but I would of course be open to discussing that as well. That's up to you and Council President Frank, whether you guys want to put that on the agenda. Also just hats off to city staff for Russ getting to the finish line of the convention center. Jon and Joshua and Mark on the economic stimulus. And finally real quickly, for a long time, I know Tita and other Councilors have been wanting a way to send messages to visitors as they enter our community. I've been working on these signs right here. I hope you guys can see them, but I would like to encourage the city to purchase two of these, led signs where we can put messages, you know, 4th of July, Hood to Coast, you know, in the current situation climate that we're in where we can let visitors know key times, key messages at key times. You know, when we need to get a message across. And, I think it's something that the city should look at purchasing.

Mayor Barber stated Dana.

Councilor Phillips I just want to say ditto what everybody said and Russ, long time coming, but way to go very, proud of what everything and everybody that worked on it and the convention center is absolutely incredible. I want to thank those people that called in asked us questions. We are listening, we are trying, and we just want everybody to be safe. Thank you for taking time and calling in. And we as a Council and they are listening to what you're saying to us.

Mayor Barber stated Tita.

Councilor Montero stated congratulations again to Russ and even though you're taking the jokes about not finishing on time, which isn't your fault, you can always take pride in finishing under budget, which is to your credit. And that's the, more important thing as far as I'm concerned. Yes, of course I loved hearing what Seth had to say about signs on the road. I think that was a suggestion of mine back at 4th of July. I think it would be a, very good investment for us to own our own signs so that we don't have to worry about what ODOT wants to say and we can manage our message. Just at the times and the places where we want, this is something that's actually being talked about also. I'm on the work group for the North Coast Tourism Management Network, and what, our point was for all this time was how do we get locals to understand how important tourism is? Well, now we flip that coin and now we're talking about, how do we get the tourist to know who are coming back to behave in a way that is safe, that is good for everybody because at this point our locals are seeing what it's like not to have the tourism. And one of the things we talked about was having those signs and you'll hear some more information coming out from that group. It's an advisory group, that kind of thing. I think it was a brave decision and I fully endorse it to not have the fireworks on the 4th of July. I think we just, there's, too much going on and too much opportunity for things to go wrong for that. You know, hats off to the chamber for taking that on. And then finally with our meeting of the 12th of May, I would encourage as many people as possible to send us email. Don't think that you're just going to get on to the comment area. You can say a lot more to us in email. Then you can in four minutes to talk. I really want to encourage that. I, guess what I would look forward to is a day luge of email with everybody having their say.

Mayor Barber stated that meeting by the way, is on the 11th. Monday the 11th.

Councilor Montero stated which the meeting for the, taskforce.

Mayor Barber stated no, for the Council meeting.

Councilor Montero stated I said the 12th, didn't I? The 11th. I'm sorry.

Mayor Barber stated all right. Thank you, Tita. Council President Randy.

Council President Frank stated well, that's a long night, but, a lot of great things were accomplished. And, once again, it shows what a great group of, people and citizens, we have with this all happening. Even as mentioned, the projects downtown and, and construction that is continued on. And my hats off to, everybody involved, Dale, is everywhere all the time for us. Getting a pat on the back well deserved. A lot of us have time that we put in here, we're really glad to see that happen and, hats off to everybody. But I'd like to just, what, Tita said in that, I would encourage people to write in, email and give us your thoughts and do it now. Do it ahead of time. You don't have to wait for the day of the meeting, but it's really important for us. We all see those. We appreciate when people do respond. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Randy. Well, I'll bring the meeting to a close. You know, like all of you, I get lots of, riveting phone calls and email messages and, I, tried to read them all. I don't respond to them all. I don't, I just don't have that much time. But tonight I was eating my dinner and Jan took a call on her cell phone and she came in and said, I think if you'd like to take this call, and this was a call from a local resident who didn't have my number but had Jan's and said, I just want to thank you for the \$50 discount on my water bill. I never thought such a thing was possible. And just to express appreciation to the city leadership, and to the Council for a meaningful gesture that really did come at the right time for that person. So good to hear, those kinds of calls as well. I didn't really write a quote for our adjournment tonight other than to say this, we will get through this together. Right. With that we're adjourned. And I thank you, Jon, for guiding us through.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

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Kim Jordan, City Recorder

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JAY BARBER, MAYOR