

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

Council President Johnson asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mayor Don Larson.

ROLL CALL Present: Council President Don Johnson; Councilors Tita Montero, Dana Phillips, Jay Barber, Seth Morrisey, and Randy Frank.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; Bruce Holt, Seaside Police Lieutenant; Jon Rahl, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Assistant Manager; and RJ Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

**INTRODUCTION –
SWEARING IN PATROL
OFFICER**

Bruce Holt, Seaside Police Lieutenant, swore in new Patrol Officer, Matthew Brown who was congratulated and introduced to the City Council.

AGENDA

Council President Johnson asked for an approval of the agenda.

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

NOMINATION – MAYOR

Council President Johnson stated before he opened the nomination for Mayor he would like to read a statement. “After much contemplation and soul searching I have decided to remove myself from consideration for the Mayor’s position. He had dedicated many years to public service and was looking forward to enjoying some free time with my family, friends, and most of all with my wife, as well as getting some extra rounds of golf in later. There comes a time to step back and let others carry the torch as Mayor Larson and I have done for many years and I believe it was time for me to pass that torch.”

Council President Johnson nominated Jay Barber for the remaining two years of the Mayor’s term of office with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Frank)

Council President Johnson asked for a roll call vote:

PHILLIPS BARBER
JOHNSON BARBER
FRANK BARBER
BARBER BARBER
MONTERO BARBER
MORRISEY BARBER

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, swore in Jay Barber for Mayor of the City of Seaside.

Mayor Barber thanked everyone for coming tonight and stated he was humbled to sit in this chair. Mayor Don Larson served in this chair for fourteen years. He not only served in this chair but also served in the community in a way that no one else who has served as Mayor in Seaside has been able to do. Mayor Barber stated he was honored to be sitting in this chair and honored to have the opportunity to serve the community and to serve with this great Council.

**COMMENTS – STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

Lizzy Barnes, Seaside High School Student Representative, congratulated Mayor Barber. Ms. Barnes stated this week at Seaside High School was Winter Week which was prior to winter break to unite all the classes and have some fun times. There were different theme days for Winter Week, with the hallways decorated and the Christmas trees decorated. On Wednesday there was a swim meet and the Junior Varsity basketball game. The girls and boys compete in a tournament on Friday and Saturday. There was also a wrestling tournament on Saturday.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

None

CONFLICT

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

No one declared a conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Barber asked for a motion for the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$788,178.74; and Approval of Minutes November 14, 2016, and November 28, 2016.

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

**RECOGNITION –
DON JOHNSON, CITY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mayor Barber stated this was his opportunity to recognize Don Johnson. This was the last City Council meeting for Councilor Don Johnson having served in the City of Seaside in a wonderful way over the last sixteen years. Mayor Barber read a plaque in honor of Council President Johnson. “In appreciation of more than eighteen years of dedicated service to the City of Seaside as a member of the Planning Commission, Improvement Commission, City Council, and City Council President. Thank you for your exceptional knowledge and willingness to give so much time in making the City of Seaside a better place now and in the future, December 31, 2016”. Mayor Barber stated the Council truly does appreciate your service. Mayor Barber further stated Council would recess for pie and coffee.

The City Council meeting was recessed at 7:12 PM

The City Council meeting was reconvened at 7:26 PM

**VACANCY – SEASIDE
CIVIC AND CONVENTION
CENTER**

Mayor Barber stated there were two vacancies on the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission with three applications received from Sandra McDowall, Shaun Wagner, and Alan Evans. Mayor Barber stated Council had conducted interviews prior to the City Council meeting. Mayor Barber asked Council what they wished to do. .

Councilor Phillips appointed Shaun Wagner to the Seaside Convention Center Commission and leave the second vacancy open at this time with at second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Frank)

Mayor Barber stated Council would leave the second vacancy open until after the first of the year.

**VACANCY –
COMMUNITY CENTER
AND SENIOR COMM.**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Seaside Community Center and Senior Commission with no applications received.

**VACANCY –
PLANNING COMM.**

Mayor Barber stated there were two vacancies on the Seaside Planning Commission with one application received from David Posalski. Mayor Barber asked what Council wished to do.

Councilor Montero nominated David Posalski for the Seaside Planning Commission with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried unanimously. (Montero/Morrisey)

Mayor Barber stated the vacancy would be left open through the first of the year and Council could conduct interviews at that.

**VACANCY –
LIBRARY BOARD**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Seaside Library Board with no applications received.

**VACANCY –
TRANSPORATION
ADVISORY COMM.**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Commission with no applications received.

ORDINANCE 2016-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE SEASIDE CODE OF ORDINANCE REGARDING TRANSIENT ROOM TAX

Mayor Barber asked for public comments, and there were no public comments.

Mayor Barber asked for Council comments, and there were no Council comments.

Council President Johnson moved Council read Ordinance 2016-06 by title only with a second from Councilor Frank; carried with Morrisey opposed. (Johnson/Frank)

Council President Johnson moved to adopt with a second from Councilor Frank; carried with the following roll call vote: (Johnson/Frank)

Mayor Barber asked for a roll call vote:

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

LIQUOR LICENSE

Mayor Barber stated there was a liquor license application received from Yellow Cozy Thai Restaurant, 20 N. Holladay. Mayor Barber asked if the owner Lily Sahunalu was present and the owner was not present for Council questions.

Council President Johnson moved to accept the application for a liquor license with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)

LIQUOR LICENSE

Mayor Barber stated there was a liquor license application received from the Gray Whale BBQ & Grill, LLC, 280 S. Roosevelt Dr. Mayor Barber asked if the owner Patrick Seager was present and the owner was present for Council questions.

Patrick Seager, Gray Whale BBQ & Grill, stated he had been in business for four and a half years and decided to add beer and wine.

Mayor Barber asked for a motion.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE

Mayor Barber stated there was a liquor license application received from Tom's Fish and Chips, 1 N. Holladay. Mayor Barber asked if the owner was present and the owner Thomas Krueger was present for Council questions.

Tom Krueger, Tom's Fish and Chips owner, stated he was co-owner with Tom Drumheller. This was a great community and the restaurant would be a great offering for the families that come to visit. There were only twelve menu items and beer and wine would be offered.

Councilor Frank asked when the restaurant would be opening.

Mr. Krueger stated they were opening by March 1, 2017.

Councilor Frank moved to approve the liquor license with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried unanimously. (Frank/Morrisey)

**PRESENTATION –
2015 – 2016 CITY OF
SEASIDE AUDIT**

Rick Proulx, Kern and Thompson CPA, stated for the year ending June 30, 2015, there was an audit performed of the financial statements in compliance with the City. Mr. Proulx further stated the audit was performed in accordance with general accepted auditing standards and rendered an opinion. The opinion on the financial statements for the City of Seaside was that the financial statements were fairly stated and all true in respects. Mr. Proulx further stated the amounts and disclosures were proper and adequate and everything was recorded properly in the right year and the statements were suitable for the presentation and were available to the public.

Mayor Barber stated Council had a fiscally well run city and Council could tip their hat to the City Manager and his staff. There have been multiple years of no negative opinions in the city audit and Mr. Proulx had reported it was one of the best he was able to do.

Council President Johnson moved to accept the audit with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Frank)

**UPDATE –
SUNSET EMPIRE
TRANSPORATION
DISTRICT**

Jeff Hazen, Sunset Empire Transportation District Director, stated SETD just recently completed the long range Comprehensive Transportation Plan which was kind of like a city's TSP plan. There would be a twenty year review of public transit. Mr. Hazen presented Council with a Power Point presentation for SETD. Mr. Hazen stated SETD's Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan: Project Purpose – Purpose - Define strategic direction, Identify agency goals, Understand community transportation needs, Plan for 20-year timeline, Outcomes, Service design, Operating & capital costs, Transit-supportive land use. Key Findings: Trends Routes cover transit-dependent populations, Routes cover major employers – Wauna Mill has service – but very limited, Routes cover key destinations, Areas not served – Seaside west of Necanicum – Central Astoria, Markets – Low-income largest – Small non-English market, Mode share – 1% take transit. There were graphs of Ridership Trends and Peer Performance. Service is productive. System Usage. Community Input – Rider Survey – Primarily concerned with local service gaps – Shopper shuttles were given a higher priority Increased service in Seaside and Astoria are higher priorities, General Public Survey,

Primarily concerned with regional coverage and performance – Desire for improvements to frequency, time, span, and reliability Outreach – Non-riders interested in learning about the system in general – Highlighted need to make service consistent and easy to understand – Supportive of later evening service and well-time transfers. Goals and Objectives – Efficiency: Provide cost effective public transportation, Mobility: Serve a wide range of mobility needs within budget constraints, Accessibility: Ensure service accessibility, Reliability: Provide reliable transportation, Sustainability: Compete with SOV travel and reduce vehicle miles traveled per capita, Capacity: Ensure sufficient system capacity. There were objectives that went with each goal. Long Term System Vision maps were presented. Service Highlights: Weekend and Weekday service – same routes, Shorter, more direct routes, Simplifying route names, Extended service in Seaside – to Avenue U, Astoria service to Head Start, Two new routes – Business 101 – Seaside Circulator, More service to Svensen/Knappa, TCTD connection - Always in Cannon Beach, More robust Tillamook County connections (4 times per day), More robust service to Rainier (4 times per day). Travel Time Benefits were presented. Consistency Benefits were presented. Near Term Projects were presented. Short Term Projects (2-4 Year). Route 101 – Eliminate Ensign Lane deviation – Add weekend service – Extend to Avenue U in Seaside, Route 15 – Separate from Route 30 and split into 2 routes – Hourly weekday service – Weekend local service (8 am-6 pm). Short Term Projects (2-4 years) – Route 30 – Add 2 weekday short trips to MERTS, Svensen, Knappa – Consider shopper shuttle, Route 10E – More weekend service (8 am-6 pm), Route 101 Weekend – Add 2-4 Sat/Sun trips (6-8 total) serving Astoria-Cannon Beach. Mid-Term (5-10 year) projects - Route 101– 60 minute all-day service – Earlier weekend service – Better transfers with Route 20, Seaside Circulator – new route. Mid-Term (5-10 year) projects TCTD Connections – All operated by TCTD in Cannon Beach – 4 times per day, Route 10 – More weekend service – More weekday evening service, Route 15 – More weekend service – More weekday evening service, Route 20 – Extended weekend hours. There were breakdowns for the cost of operating the bus system and the Transit Supportive Policies were presented. Mr. Hazen answered questions from the Council.

**SEASIDE POLICE
DEPT. COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT**

Mr. Winstanley stated on June 30, 2016, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Seaside, Seaside Police Department, and the Seaside Police Association expired. After months of negotiations the City and the Police Department have finally agreed to a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The term of the current document will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. Mr. Winstanley stated the following changes were made to the contract: Compensation – Three (3%) Percent Cost of living for three years 2016, 2017, 2018. Working Shifts – Twelve (12) Hour Work Days – Approval of the Police Chief. Health and Welfare – Employees will continue with the high deductible plan with a health saving account. There were no Changes to the month premium for employees. Staff recommends Council approve the Seaside Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Council President Johnson moved to approve the contract presented with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)

**UPDATE -
NORTH HOLLADAY
DRIVE IMPROVE.
PROJECT**

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, congratulated Mayor Barber. Mr. McDowell stated there were just a couple of little things left on the punch list for the North Holladay Drive Project. There were no issues with the contractor just issues with the weather.

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Jon Rahl, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Assistant Manager, congratulated Mayor Barber. Mr. Rahl stated the Seaside Convention Center would host the Foster Children’s Christmas Party and later in the week the Providence Seaside Hospital Employee Party, and next week the Wishing Tree Project would be taking place. Mr. Rahl further stated the Visitors Bureau would be doing their final proof of the 2017 Visitors Guide and would have those in January.

Brian Owen, Seaside Chamber of Commerce Director, stated the Holiday Open House would be Thursday, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The Seaside Chamber of Commerce Directory was in the final stages of proofing and will be out by January 24, 2017.

Sarah Daley, Seaside Downtown Development Association Director, encouraged everyone to support local businesses and the local community. SDDA was sponsoring shop Seaside to shop at the stores downtown.

Mr. Winstanley stated it was exciting to have Mayor Barber as the new Mayor and certainly staff was very pleased, but he would be remised if he did not remember Mayor Larson at this point. Fourteen years was a long time as Mayor and he did a marvelous job and we were certainly honored to have him as Mayor for fourteen years and he cared so much about the City of Seaside. Mr. Winstanley further congratulated Council President Johnson for the remarkable career. Being an elected official as long as Council President Johnson has is certainly an honor and a privilege and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Mr. Winstanley further stated he wanted to remind Council there would not be a City Council meeting on December 26, 2016.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Morrisey stated our condolences are with Don Larson and his family, especially Lois. Congratulations to Mayor Barber. Don Johnson would be missed and Councilor Morrisey thanked Council President Johnson for mentoring him and for the great service to the City.

Councilor Frank stated the service for Mayor Larson was at the North Coast Family Fellowship Church on Friday, December 16, 2016, 11:30 AM. Councilor Frank would not be able to attend the service but sent his condolences to the family. Councilor Frank further stated good luck to the basketball teams for the Holiday Classic.

Councilor Phillips stated it has been a pleasure working with Don Johnson as a friend as well as a mentor to her. Congratulation to Mayor Barber and she looked forward to the next couple of years. Remembering Don Larson who was a wonderful man who gave so much to the community. There have been two really good people lost and that was Marilyn Halbrook and Don Larson and their memories will continue. Councilor Phillips wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Montero stated she would miss Council President Johnson and appreciated everything he has done. People do not realize how much time and energy is spent being on any one of the committees, commissions, and the City Council. Councilor Montero welcomed Mayor Barber and looked forward to working with him. Councilor Montero sent her condolences to Lois and to the Larson family. Councilor Montero further stated she would not be able to attend the service as she would be in San Diego at her mother's service.

Council President Johnson stated serving with Mayor Don Larson was probably the greatest privilege he has ever had. Mayor Larson was a great leader and member of the community and when he served on a commission or Council he accomplished countless projects. Council President Johnson further stated it is just an honor and privilege to see all the things that have been accomplished while serving for the City. Council President Johnson further stated its all about the hard work of the staff and the great people who live in the community.

Mayor Barber thanked Council President Johnson and stated it has been a pleasure to serve with you. Mayor Barber further stated he would greatly miss Don Larson who became a dear friend and someone he had the opportunity to pray with from time to time and really appreciated his integrity and commitment to the City. Mayor Barber further stated it was a great honor to serve as Mayor in any City but particularly in a city as well managed and run as this city. The key that makes a city run is volunteerism and he had never known a community like this where people step up. The Mayor and City Council are volunteers and no single one of us has more power than the other and we work as a body and when we make decisions we may not always agree but we support those decisions. Mayor Barber further stated Council would be conducting their goal setting in a couple of months down the road. Mayor Barber had six priorities: continue the legacy left by Mayor Larson, his legacy of civility, his love for our city and his openness to our citizens and was always willing to listen to everybody that came to the podium; support the police and fire which was a very important ingredient for the quality of life in our community. The police force is wonderful and so is the fire department; Tsunami Awareness concerns along with the Council and the next Urban Renewal projects will include funding to upgrade our bridges; committed to expanding the Urban Growth Boundary to facilitate our moving of the school district out of the inundation zone and that has to be done to facilitate that growth up out of this area for our school district and will open up buildable areas so we can began to address the issues of housing crisis; annexation of South Seaside is a very high priority and is possible for South end of the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

JudyAnn Dugan, Secretary

JAY BARBER, MAYOR