

MINUTES SEASIDE CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 24, 2020 7:00 PM

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; Councilors Tita Montero, Steve Wright, Seth Morrisey, Dana Phillips, and Tom Horning.

Absent: Council President Randy Frank.

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; Kevin Cupples, Planning Director; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Tristyn McFadden, City Council Student Representative; and RJ Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

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

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

COMMENTS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mayor Barber stated we now have a report from our student representative Tristyn.

Tristyn McFadden, City Council Student Representative, stated as you can see on the slides, these are a students of the month for February. Actually tomorrow night, February 25th the boys have their playoff game versus Banks at Tillamook High School. That's exciting. And then there's a choir concert February 26th at 7:00 PM at SHS Cafeteria, and then there is senior preview day, February 27th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Clatsop Community College. It just gives seniors, an experience in like getting them around to college and getting a feel for it. And then another reminder, our blood drive is February 28th 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the wrestling room and the public can just now, because we were having some problems with emailing so they can come in and they can sign up when they get there. We'll have sign ups there. And then there's the varsity wrestling district tournament February 28th. And that also carries on to the 29th and that starts at 9:00 AM and it's basically the OSA League Tournament for all the teams in our league. And then it's at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. And then this is a new thing we added. We went out to the businesses to get discounts from our ASB cards, our ASB cards allow us to get into games for free. And we decided that we wanted to have more of an opportunity for students to use them with other things. We contacted some businesses and they actually ended up giving us some discounts, and we did it mostly for lunch. And that is actually it.

Mayor Barber stated Tristyn I want to ask you a question. What does one have to do to be named student of the month.

Ms. McFadden, stated one has to be responsible and respectful in class and, sometimes it's just like an act of kindness that you do at school. Like when I got selected for student of the month, it was actually in my PE Class kind of helped a student out and that's kind of how I got it.

Mayor Barber stated that's great to get that kind of recognition. Thank you very much.

Councilor Montero stated you know at the last meeting you told us all what's going on, and you told us about Seussical the Musical, and I went on Saturday night, it was closing night and I really think I got a better sense of things for closing night because of all of the, attributes and, thank you that everybody gave to everybody else. And for some seniors it was their last play and that kind of thing. They did a good job. Good job.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

Mayor Barber stated at this time I will open the floor for public comments for anyone who would like to speak to the, Council on any item, not on the agenda. Please identify yourself, your address, and limit your comments to four minutes. Please have a seat please. Thank you, John. You want that microphone pretty close to you.

John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Drive, Seaside, stated and now you can see I've just got back from Southern California there's some big changes happening in my life, but I wanted to come before you, and I wanted to just tell you that we're looking at throwing away \$30 million a year by not even paying any attention to this public utility district because the power announced a power raise today because they want us to finance them, building some renewable energy supplies in Wyoming. That's supposed to be their job. Put that to the side point thing, like unit pay for it. Anyway, it's all we throw \$10,000 a year into the CEDR thing, then they're going to help us with economic development. I've done all that work, feasibility studies done, petitions done, everything is done to be able to generate \$30,000. And instead of going, even Warren Buffet could come to the people of Clatsop County, that border on the Pacific Ocean. This is a done deal. There's no law that's required. All we need is 800 signatures. Now what we do have is we have, you know, we have this annual begging where we go over to the state and we've begged for things.

You know, we really don't have to do that. There's ways to actually do things that are positive here. All the work is done. All we need is 800 signatures. And, instead of throwing that \$10,000, on CEDR, which is true, we're just throwing it away, we can actually get something positive done. Now the, the County looked at this and you know, they went through a whole feasibility study and they thought it was a great idea. But of course they did nothing, which is typical the County Board of Commissioners. But anyway, there was really no surprises in here and sometime you really might want to take a briefing on this to find out what the real opportunities are because it sure beats throwing another tax on the visitors or throwing another tax on property owners here because this \$30 million we could build things with it. We could do a vertical, area where we could get people and save their lives, a few things like that and we could reduce the rates and a few other things like that. And it's all here. The legislation is here. We don't have to ask anybody to do anything. All we have to do is do it ourselves. I'll get out of your hair. This is a really, really good idea. And you know what, I didn't even propose it. Even you're County Commissioners told me. Thank you very much for your patience. Okay, happy to give the briefing to anybody here.

Mayor Barber asked is there anyone else that would like to address the Council on any item not on the agenda. I'll close that portion of our meeting.

CONFLICT Mayor Barber asked if any Councilor needed to declare a potential conflict of interest.

No one declared a conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Barber stated I will entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$1,048,773.32; and Approval of Minutes February 10, 2020.

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PRESENTATION AND UPDATE – SEASIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 10

Mayor Barber stated under reports and presentation. We have a presentation and update from the Seaside School District, Sheila is here, please come up. Thank you. Our superintendent of the Seaside school.

Sheila Roley, Seaside School District 10 Superintendent, stated I'm not accustomed to sitting down. It's nice to be here and thank you for having me. And, and your new layout is lovely, that's kind of fun. I'd like to just give you an update on our construction project and Jon's is the tech.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated we're experiencing some difficulties with this tonight, but we're getting there.

Ms. Roley stated well I can think about things to talk about while you're getting that set up. I do have a few pieces of just solid information on the slides and things to share with you. I can let you know all the projects have been exciting and challenging and, we could hardly wait for fall of 2020 to get here. I think I've gotten a few more gray hairs even though I didn't think that was possible. But overall we're really happy with the progress in the project and happy with the outcome. And, it is nice to have some things to show you. So just a brief look. This cover page, you can see that we're looking from a drone. Oh, thank you Seth, every month he gets us our drone fly over, and you can see that. We're up beyond the top of the hill, not too far probably from the water reservoir and the middle school, high school, building is right there at the top. And then about halfway down that road you see a big oval, which is our track. And then a big white, sort of looks like a pond there, which is a settling pond. And right now it looks quite a bit different because as things started to grow in. But let's go ahead and look at things in a little more detail. Our middle school/high school project, we are scheduled for an August 1st completion for the entire building, in fact they're thinking there's a possibility we'll actually be done the last week of July, which is a great timeline for us because of course there has to be cleaning and moving things in. And just the whole process of relocating. If you think about relocating your household or relocating a household versus relocating 1600 kids and 200 employees, it is a busy place up there, the last year or two you would have seen tons of outside vehicles and big dump trucks going. It was like ants on the hill. Now it's ants inside the buildings. So those 100 plus workers at the middle school/high school site are inside. And depending where you are in the building, in some places they're still working on the mechanical, plumbing more down in the high school. If you go to the middle school, they're sheet rocking and they're taping and they're painting. The gymnasiums have the hoops up, they have the scoreboards up, they have the curtains that come down, separate the floors, and so all that gym equipment is done.

The floors should arrive by, the end of this week and they need to let the board sit on all the gymnasium floors just bundled up to acclimate to our humidity and our temperature so they won't really warp after they go down. But they might give those two weeks and we will have those gymnasium floors down. Just kind of that looks like a real thing. And then all of the windows are pretty much in the upper site. We were so blessed with good weather last winter, which really helped us to get things buttoned up except the curtain wall, which I didn't use to know what that term meant along with a whole other vocabulary. And that was those very large sheets of glass because there are few select places where we did opt to maximize our beautiful sight and, to put up, some large pieces of glass by the main entrance and in the library and in the cafeteria. And it's been too stormy to put those in because they're big enough that they can't be exposed to any wind, but everything's closed up with, if we don't have glass, we have plywood, just to give you a sense of the layout. This is looking from the West and on the far left side, that's the middle school building. It's got three stories that, stack three different grade levels with classrooms or a grade level, in that location. And then behind that is the gymnasium, which is, a good sized gymnasium where you could play competitive high school ball in there, but you can also again drop the curtain and have two full sized courts, which is probably how it will be most of the time during the day for PE classes. The center section there is the shared space, that the one that kind of pokes out, at the top floor. It's the cafeteria, which is a six/twelve facility. Kids won't be in at the same time, but they'll be sharing the cafeteria. On the second floor is the library and that will be the one space that is open to all kids all day long. Other than that, high schoolers and middle schoolers are kind of on their own side. And then down at the bottom is, in that center part, our Culinary Arts Program conveniently located across the hall from the district office, and our, and our teacher there now is a professional teacher and we're kind of excited about that. And then the next section right there in the middle is a three story high school wing for high school classrooms. And then on the far side is the main gym, which is here on the West, which is a large gym with bleachers, which can be divided with curtains into three courts. And then the one behind is the auxiliary gym, pretty exciting. That parking lot up top is, where students and parents will park. And that on the East side is where actually the main entrance is on the second floor and that's the office suite for both the middle school and high school right in that central entry. And then, down below you can see where these trailers are. The buses and cars will be separated, which is a really great safety innovation for both our, secondary building and our elementary building. We've had those vehicles intermingled for a lot of years and, it's a much safer scenario to have them separated. And then below you can see is, additional parking primarily for staff. At the elementary, it's not obviously new construction, but in priority order, the first thing that was important for us to do was seismic upgrades and to expand the classroom space for 340 students because the underlying, , motivation for this project other than the fact that the buildings were very old is that we needed to have a place that was safe for our students and for our staff and also for our community to have a place of refuge if we, or when we have a seismic event. And this building is built two thirds of it, the upper building is, built to immediate occupancy. We just put it in a large generator, we will have access to water up there with the new water reservoir. It's pretty exciting that, that we're at that place. And the heights is in the process of, it's not going anywhere either. To make this project work and, to be the most efficient with our budget, we were going to build a separate building for our elementary classrooms, but we changed to a new plan a year or so ago to construct a new gymnasium. And then the new covered play area, because that part of the building is now in the process of being converted to classrooms. And it has the benefit of all kids being under the main roof of the building rather than two separate buildings for the elementary site. We're also upgrading electrical and plumbing and The Heights is getting a new roof, which is a big job and we are finding as you would with any remodels, it's supposed to be with construction, we are finding some surprises as you go through plumbing and electrical upgrades. It's kind of an adventure still every day. Here is a shot of the layout of The Heights as it is right now. You can see the existing parking lot as it has always been. But on the left side of that now is where our buses go in. We've already started that new bus pattern. You can see the circle painted on the parking lot in the back and so the buses come in there, drop off the kids by the building, make a loop out and then leave the parking lot. It has made the flow of traffic, incredibly smoother since we have done that, which we really needed to find a more efficient way to transport kids in and out of school as we changed the site from 450 kids to 800 kids. It's going to be it's going to be pretty busy. You can see the new gymnasium that's back there in the back corner. It should be open for kids to use after spring break. We're very close. The white tent was because while it was under construction, we did not have a gymnasium once we started the demolition of the inside of the building, which we did over winter break. And we brought in a large tent and this is a full size gym floor and kiddos are having PE in there. And Mr. Sigler, the PE teacher is the most flexible, adaptable individual I have ever known. And then you'll see on the far side that there are four modular buildings which, we needed to accommodate all the classroom space that we were growing. I had some reservations at first because I had this old mindset about affordable and how raggedy they are. These are beautiful modular buildings and the teachers rather than saying oh shoot I have to go in the modular were raising their hands and say pick me because of the nice natural life and really lovely buildings. And then we have received a grant just recently and we will be adding a fifth modular building to that space this summer. And in that modular building or for that classroom space, we will be adding for the first time, a preschool program for four year olds in our community. We'll be able to accommodate about 40 kids. We hope to serve about 10 of our early intervention students, which is the special Ed program where kids can become more integrated with typical peers at a very early age, which really leads to positive outcome for not just the kids with disabilities but for all the kids. So pretty exciting changes from the instructional side in our district as well. That's a whole other presentation on our instructional program revamp. Here's where we are.

New bus loop is complete. Eight new classrooms, complete and full of kids. New gym, complete by spring break. And we are doing internal remodel. You've been in the, in The Heights, there's pods of classrooms and the pod that's closest to the front door. All those kids were moved to the modular. We sealed that off and that whole pod is being remodeled while kids are in school. Also be nice to any teachers from The Heights that you see. They like chocolate, they're dealing with dust and noise and they have been incredible through the years. But that pod will be complete by spring break. Those of you who know, teachers know that they've been asking for some walls and doors on classrooms for the last 40 years. We're doing that. We also, at the beginning of every pod, we'll have a security door and if we ever needed a lock down that can be activated from the office area. We're painting and we're upgrading the internet infrastructure, which was pretty old. That it's commensurate with all the new classrooms. And it's amazing what some paint, could do. Will also replace the carpet but that won't be available until summer cause we have to do a bulk purchase of all the carpet for the whole project. We will move the pod two kids and teachers into pod one, over spring break and then we'll rip into pod two and that'll be done about May and then move pod three over. And before you know it we'll be done. I will say though, remodeling is way crazier than new construction. We're on completion for not too late August. It will be a scramble at the end of the year. We'll basically hammering the last nail and moving teachers in the next day. That'll be exciting. And in that site, we have 20 to 30 people that are in the building at all times working. They all have had background checks just like we do with our own employees because they don't have direct access to kids. But we would, we are diligent about our safety checks regarding our children. And then we have T. Bailey, which is the city's contractor up there right now working on the pump station. It's a lovely location. The last big thing is we have to move which is huge. And we're kind of, doing the reduce, reuse, recycle mantra of, you know, having good management of material resources. And we know that there'll be a lot of unneeded items that are perfectly good that don't fit into our building. And one example is, the office spaces have been really minimized to make room for classroom spaces. The office furniture that we have won't fit in the new offices. We have very sparse minimal furniture. Anything that is, has monetary value will be left in the buildings and then the school board will need to declare them all surplus and then we will, we have to dispose of them which doesn't mean they go to the dump. It means that we find someone to you know, kind of like an estate sale who will come in and give all a value for everything overall. And obviously they take part of that, you know, those proceeds. And we will read, reuse, reduce as much as we can and hope that things are reusable. We will not be buying all new furniture we've had, it's a very tight budget on this project and we have some new furniture, but, that'll be what we do over the next few years just through regular allocations from our general budget. And then there'll be things left over that really just don't have any value anymore. Hopefully we will be able to recycle almost everything and really minimize anything that actually just becomes, you know, non-recyclable waste. Moving in late summer and our current buildings are for sale. We have, pending offers, on three of our four, buildings right now and are in negotiations on that. And that's all I have. Then Jon did cue up the monthly video and some of you may watch these on a regular basis, but not everybody I'm sure see them. These come out the first of the month.

Councilor Morrisey stated end of the month.

Ms. Roley stated we get them at the first of the month. And it's kind of hard to tell, but you look where the logging was, you can see some hints of green because it was reforested almost immediately. And it's going to take a few years before it looks pretty again. But that growth is underway and we've also been hydro seeding to prevent erosion until we can really have all the ground work done. And then we'll go back and do some more plantings. Are there any questions that I can answer?

Councilor Montero stated I have one. Have you determined which of your gyms is going to be used for, theater arts and the musical performance?

Ms. Roley stated that's a great question. And I will say that the hardest part for me on this project was realizing we could not afford to buy the performing arts facility, which is not an expensive facility. And, I would hope down the road, we will find a way as a community to put that in. We will actually be using the cafeteria space rather than the gymnasiums because acoustically it will be a better space. But it is also not the Seaside High School Cafeteria that you get now. It's a lot larger. It's a much nicer facility, the band and the choir rooms adjoin that space. And, we're going to have to be creative for sure. And, you know, we feel really fortunate to have this project. It's hard not to feel a little bit, sad about that piece because.

Councilor Montero stated it's actually going to be an improvement.

Ms. Roley stated it will be a tremendous improvement. Is it what our kids should have ultimately, we should have an auditorium space. We have one of the top performing arts schools in our, in our size range in the state of Oregon. We have over thirty percent of our kids involved in the performing arts, either in band, choir, or theater. And I do recommend if you didn't see the play, the choir sings Wednesday night and the band next Wednesday night. They're pretty remarkable. Pretty exciting.

Mayor Barber stated thank you.

Ms. Roley stated and thanks again, we wouldn't be, we couldn't do this without our community and our great partnership with the city and how we've had to work together to the point where I know Mark's still excited when he sees me.

The Seaside School District Construction Project can be seen on their website at: www.seaside.k12.or.us/ click on the link to the Seaside Schools Construction Project.

**VACATION RENTAL
OWNERS REQUEST
REGARDING
RECONSIDERATION
ORDINANCE #2019-06**

Mayor Barber stated continuing on our reports and presentations we were approached several weeks ago by a representative of a group of vacation rental owners requesting a reconsideration of the ordinance 2019-06, the annual vacation rental license fee, and they are represented here by the attorney. But before we get to that, we're going to turn to our city manager to update us on kind of how we got to where we are.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated Mr. Mayor, I'm going to turn quickly, to the assistant city manager, Mr. Rahl. He put together a slide presentation that kind of takes you through what you've already done.

Mayor Barber stated I hope it works, Jon.

Mr. Rahl stated it's been an adventure today. I'm hoping that little error message stops popping up and we can get through this, but thank you to everyone for bearing with us here. Quickly, just wanted to kind of go through really what happened with this entire project. Ultimately the Planning Commission, really first started talking about, the topic of vacation rental dwellings and compliance concerns issues, as early as 2017. I mean they regularly come in front of the Planning Commission on some level, but, to the degree of compliance concerns, that started as early as 2017. And it's been basically an ongoing conversation with the Planning Commission since then. In May 2019, the Planning Commission basically made a formal recommendation where they wanted to meet with you all, the Mayor and City Councilors. And hopefully we will look at adding a new position that can handle the extensive workload that we've seen, with the vacation rental dwelling process. July of this past year, you all had your first joint work session, and then September we had a second joint work session. Between those two sessions we had approximately 25 to 30 citizens attend. In addition to VRDs, you might, you all remember but for the public benefit there was also a focus on housing issues and you reviewed, the housing report that was done in Clatsop County. In addition to VRDs, that was a hot topic as well. Discussed enforcement, monitoring, and inspections. And ultimately a need for the position with a focus on the big workload, the community development has experienced. And then the second joint work session, generated a recommendation to move forward, with the fee increase that would ultimately help fund a new position. And just a little bit of background on how we go about that process. All proposed ordinance changes are advertised in the local newspaper. We also post those on our websites. That's standard practice. You can see the example there, in the upper left hand side, and as news is posted, that always lives on that front page and then you can access the greater details by clicking through to that public hearing. The first public hearing was held on October 14th. We actually have the first and second reading of the proposed ordinance change. We have one citizen offer comments in favor and one opposed to the change. The second public hearing with, third and final reading took place on October 28th and again, just one citizen offered comments in opposition to the change. And then you can see the council roll call, five voting yes, Frank, Barber, Montero, Wright, and Morrissey. One motion from Councilor Horning and one was absent, Councilor Phillips. And then ultimately the ordinance, must wait 30 days following adoption to take effect. What that meant from there is that ultimately there was a rate increase renewal that went out. This represented the first increase since the initial adoption of the VRDs licensing, which, first happened in 1992. This first renewal notice went out on December 2nd after the ordinance had fully taken effect. It was sent to 426 active owners. Ultimately those are owners that we knew had licenses in 2019. Second notice was sent out in mid-January. And then our third and final notice was sent out, on February 14th. And this is where we look at, ultimately where we are in terms of current license status. Again, those 426 notices that went out, we've had 389 that have paid, 19 that have said they have chosen not to renew their license. And that leaves approximately 18 that we believe are outstanding. And at least in terms of what we, what we had in 2019. This original ordinance, again, that was adopted in 1992 generated just shy of \$40,000 in license revenue from vacation rentals in 2019. We anticipate with the increase that it will generate approximately \$205,000. That increased difference will be distributed to the community development department, to pay for the code compliance, official professional and contractual components. And then other expenditures ultimately associated with the management and oversight of, of the VDS. And, we anticipate at the next Council meeting that will feature an ordinance change that will ultimately change the distribution of how that license revenue is handled. And then finally, little bit about the code compliance position. Once we knew that this was an avenue we were going to be collecting revenue from we worked on drafting a job description in January. We researched positions across the state and the region for this and in early February 2020. Just earlier this month, this job description received approval from the Community Development Department, city manager, and the Seaside Employees Association. When we have a new position, we actually work with our collective bargaining agreement unions, to make sure that they're okay with these positions as well and where we place that in a financial standpoint. And then this job was posted this past Friday for internal employees. And again this is common practice for us as well. If we received a candidate we believe will be a good fit. They could be offered the position, but if it moves to external status, that'll likely happen next week, the first week of March. And we expect ultimately this job in the field in April or May. Annual cost for the employee will be approximately \$95,000. This includes salary, benefits, retirement, and employee taxes.

One additional, note, we did have some media outreach on this. They learned about this process. We actually responded to according to KOIN's request where we did an interview and that story was featured on January 16th and then this past Friday we had an inquiry from KGW. And we responded to that request by email and provided them a copy of the timeline that you all have in your packet this evening. That's pretty much from start to finish as far as we looked at, the entire thing. I would be happy to answer any questions? I know you'll be turning the time over to the group that's here as well.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Jon. Any questions for the Council to Jon?

Councilor Phillips stated no, I just appreciate you putting this timeline together. It was very informational.

Mayor Barber stated I'm going to ask Larry Cooley to come and identify himself. My understanding Larry, please come and have a seat.

Joe Foss, 4125 N. 37th Street, Tacoma, Washington, (VRD Owner 821 Beach Drive, Seaside), stated with your indulgence. A couple of changes that happened. Okay. Larry is not going to be speaking on our behalf. I am, and my name is Joe Foss and I'm a vacation rental owner here in Seaside and I have been part of a group that has pulled together the vacation rental owners that are here with us this evening that we, and we also met this afternoon.

Mayor Barber stated so you're not represented by an attorney.

Mr. Foss stated I'll cover that in my remarks.

Mayor Barber stated Mr Foss, my understanding with Mr. Cooley was he would do a presentation and then at least two members of your group would also have an opportunity to speak is that our understanding.

Mr. Foss stated that's what we'd like to do. I will be providing the opening remarks and then we have two other vacation rental owners that have also something further to add to these comments. And then there might be someone in the audience as well. I don't know. But those of us who met this afternoon, this is what we have kind of planned for you all this evening. Before we start, I'd like to ask all of the Vacation Rental owners that are in the room to please stand up. So you have a sense of how many of us are here and they're from Virginia, Phoenix, and Tacoma, Washington, all around the state of Oregon and in Washington. And besides this group that's here tonight, we also have email proxies from 38 additional property owners. All total, I would guesstimate with what we have here, we probably are representing our comments and so forth here tonight, somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 to 70 vacation rental owners here in Seaside. Now I need to say that is only after a two week concerted effort on our part to attempt to communicate with the vacation rental owners. Because as you may know, they're not necessarily a list somewhere you can go to and easily communicate via email or any other simple means to talk to them all. With the help of, several of the local vacation rental property managers, not all of them, but four of them that we asked, we asked all of them, but four of them specifically agreed to work with us and help us to get our word out about what we were wanting to bring in front of you. And they were graciously willing to send emails that we drafted, telling about our story and wanting to bring that to your attention. And, out of there and they represented a pretty sizable group. That's how we were able to do this. I'd like to, you know, provide these opening remarks and these are, remarks that I have put on paper. You all should have a copy of, I would like to read these so I don't lose anything and just come on spontaneously here, which I am capable of doing. But I really like to read these remarks, for everyone here to hear. Mayor Barber and Seaside City Council, good evening, my name is Joe Foss and my family has owned a Vacation Rental in Seaside for the past 23 years. We would like to begin tonight by acknowledging that you have no doubt all put forth your best efforts to make decisions for the City of Seaside and your fellow citizens here. As volunteer public servants it must be a challenging task in your dynamic resort economy to satisfy multiple stakeholders. We thank you for your past efforts on behalf of Seaside and for recognizing our group of Seaside Vacation Rental Owners this evening. We would like to recite a couple of sentences from a recent email that Mayor Barber sent to us on Feb. 5th regarding your new VRD license fee ordinance. I quote "The only way this decision will be changed, modified, or reversed is if it is brought before the council again for consideration. That is not currently being considered. You and your representative are welcome to come before the Council to make your objection or your request be made known." So, we are in front of you tonight for just that purpose. We think it is past time that the City Council hear directly from a unified group of Seaside Vacation Rental Owners in order to get another perspective on our participation in your tourist lodging based economy. Just in this past two week effort we have attracted 50 owners who agree with the objections we bring to you tonight. Besides approximately 20 VRD owners present here tonight we also have email proxies from another 30 owners supporting our speaking here on their behalf. Before we get to our objections to your recent actions, please allow us to add some important perspective on us vacation rental owners as a group that should matter in your community: 1) there currently is well over 400 licensed VRDs in Seaside. 2) As a rough estimate, your Seaside VRD owners collectively may easily own in excess of 200 million dollars' worth of property here, a sizable sum indeed and of course all of us pay local property taxes on the current valuations of our homes, just like all other homeowners in Seaside. 3) We VRD owners collectively represent approximately 20% of the lodging economy in Seaside estimated to be approximately \$1million of lodging tax to your City in 2020. 4) Us VRD owners as a group spend significant dollars in this community with local vendors, contractors, sub-contractors, house cleaners, plus much more.

Essentially, we are significant supporters of and participants in your vibrant local resort economy. 5) We think it is important for you to know and acknowledge that we VRD owners also care about Seaside as a community and what happens here, just like your citizens do. Ok, now let's get to what brought us here in the first place. Recently all of us VRD owners received a bill from Seaside for our 2020 VRD permit fees. For most of us that bill was our first notice that we owed Seaside \$400 more for our 2020 annual permit fee than previous years. In my case, my family has owned a VRD here for 23 years and the annual fee has been \$100 for as long as I can remember. How would you feel about being treated in this manner and simply expected to just shut up and pay the bill? To be clear, we are not opposed to a fee increase, but we strongly object to and disagree with your having raised it to such an unreasonable level in one fell swoop with no input from VRD owners and no notice other than receiving the billing. We also disagree with the premise of what you have done and the way you went about doing it. We have asked for, but not received, whatever data you may have regarding citizen complaints etc. that support such extreme measures as you have just adopted, all placed on the backs of VRD owners without their involvement or notification. To us this feels much like "taxation without representation", a process that is not how democratic government should operate. Here are three requests that we respectfully place before you now: 1) Rethink the hiring of a full-time Compliance Officer as there are likely more cost effective ways to solve whatever problems you are attempting to address with this extreme measure. 2) While us VRD owners are not opposed to your increasing the annual VRD license fee, we strongly object to your raising it \$400 at one time and would suggest your considering much less, possibly half of what you have decided. A quick survey of other Oregon coastal towns would indicate that your new VRD license fee is the highest annual fee by double the next closest annual fee that we found. 3) We VRD owners strongly object to being treated like second class citizens in this vibrant Seaside resort economy when we are actually significant participants in your economy. It would not take much effort to purposely communicate with all VRD owners. Since you know that most of your VRD owners are not Seaside residents you certainly must be aware that the required minimum of publishing notice in local papers simply does not get the job done. Of course this local publication of notice is important, but we believe you can and should do better in communicating with us. Firstly, you send utility bills to each of us regularly, how about simply stuffing your updates or notices into the same envelopes as your utility billing? Another possibility might be to require annual VRD license renewals to include an email address for each owner? Then maintain an electronic list you can easily send email notification to all of us with little to no cost or effort involved in doing so? We do recognize that most of us do not vote in your Seaside elections and it seems apparent that this fact may at least partially be why you have not felt responsible to really include us in your deliberations regarding our business in Seaside. We VRD owners are here to suggest something kind of rare in today's politics of division and entrenched stakeholders and that is collaborating with us to achieve the best solutions to your local challenges. We are willing and interested in being on the same Seaside Team as all of you. We originally had arranged for legal counsel to represent us at this City Council meeting. Upon further review, we felt this approach to getting your attention really conveyed the wrong message, one of animosity rather than collaboration. There is no more invested and concerned folks in your community than us 400 VRD owners. But in order for you to mobilize this currently dormant community resource, the City Council would need to change its mindset about us and who we really are. Thank you for hearing our objections and thoughts about your recent actions. We are hopeful in looking forward to being more engaged with you going forward. Thank you. Respectfully, Joe Foss, Darren Karr, Mike Meyer, and + 47 other fellow Seaside VRD owners. Those are the three names that are on this letter. I and Darren Carr who is sitting here with us and Mike Meyer was also in the back. And the three of us kind of collaborated. Needless to say, this happened fairly quickly and it wasn't a lot of time to get together. We met for the first time, face to face today. Many of us met each other for the first time over at Bagels by the Sea, at one o'clock this afternoon? And we spent a couple hours there talking about our thoughts and so forth. And we have two additional folks that I'd like to bring up, that have some additional comments to add to that. Mike and Lois, would you guys want to come up.

Mayor Barber stated here's somebody that was pretty familiar.

Lois Larson, 1920 Beach Drive, Seaside, stated I was asked to read this memo that I sent to these guys that are working very hard to get something done about vacation rental licensing. My husband and I have owned a big VRD at 1842 Beach Drive for 33 years and we're very active in all matters. Setting the rules and regulations from the very beginning. He eventually became the Mayor and always made strong statements considering our owner's rights. I wish he could be a part of this group now, but sadly he passed away three years ago. If he were still here, I believe the City Council would have handled the matter quite differently. I believe they would have wanted to know the facts showing why such a large increase was necessary. I believe he would have wanted to hear from vacation owners and what happened, schedule the public hearing. I believe he would have listened well and would have sought cooperation rather than the adversarial situation we have. I believe he would have tried to be fair to all the citizens. Can you think, like which I believed he would think, and act accordingly. I don't believe he would be against an increase, but just a very fair one.

Mayor Barber stated one of the best ladies of Seaside history right there, thank you.

Mike Meyer, 16590 Southwest Meyer Lane, Tigard, Oregon, stated I had a triple bypass about three months ago my first time out of Tigard. I'm really excited about this and I checked my fit bit right now 120 beats per minute, paramedics.

I own two VRD's, here in Seaside, one at 757 S. Prom and one directly across the street at 781 Beach Drive. Additionally, I have also a duplex, it's a full time rental at 761 Beach. And Joe Foss, spoke very eloquently, representative of citizen remarks, represented us very well. They collaborated with, that, over the last couple of weeks to kind of shape what we wanted to say here in the Council. And, you did a really good job on that. But what I'd like to do is focus on the issue of compliance, the need for a compliance officer and the money generated from the, increased business license fee and your presentation. It was very helpful to answer some of the questions that we had that, in terms of the revenue and whatnot, we were kind of curious about the meetings that you had in October, January, February. Okay. October, November, December, 2019, and the fact that only two people spoke, kind of speaks volumes in terms of the response, to the whole business license increase issue. I just don't think that, obviously the information was out there for us to respond, without, you know, notification, not getting the local newspaper. I had no idea until I opened up my business license renewal. And I guess there's different levels of surprise. Usually you're expecting \$150. If I was \$175, I'd say okay well it went up, but when spike 50 was like, this can't be right, I'm calling the city and tell them there's a typo or some other problem. And that's when I was informed that it was correct. I had a lengthy conversation with the Tito Montero a month or so ago, a very productive conversation. We spoke for probably an hour and a half on the phone and she had a lot of really good points. I thought, hopefully she learned something from me. And I thought that was really important to share the information to work together and collaborate. And I appreciated your time. Thank you. And I know that other VRD owners have spoken with other city staff and tried to review police logs to get a gauge on what the issues are in terms of compliance issues. And basically what we've come up with trying to quantify the problem is that there may be a few bad apples, maybe a dozen, two dozen bad apples out there in terms of vacation rentals that are causing the problem. And if that's the case, I say pull their permit, you have every right to do that. If there are issues out there that aren't being taken care of. We asked the city to provide more information so it can better understand what the problem is. I've been renting for 14 years. Just this last year in 2019, I had 565 people stay at the two homes and I've never had a complaint in 14 years. I know several other people that have vacation rental dwellings. They too had no complaints. So to me, this is kind of a surprise that there's a problem. And, your earlier presentation talked about a heavy workload for VRD compliance and I'm completely unaware that there is a VRD issue and as a VRD owner I would certainly be willing to lend whatever help I can in trying to curtail any problems or self-police if you will. The business license fees increased \$400 across the board. So \$75 fee became \$475, a \$100 became \$500 and \$150 payment came to \$550. If DMV did that, there would be an outcry from all citizens of Oregon to exponentially increase a fee. I've never had a fee increase exponentially like that. It was quite surprising. The motels in Seaside, their business license fee is \$10 per room, it would take 55 rooms at a motel to equal what I'm paying for my one home. It just seems outlandish that the VRD owners are bearing the brunt of this fee increase and all other businesses around Seaside are not. If you were to increase the business license fee for any of your other businesses throughout the city by that exponential amount, you'd have an outcry here and that would be from the citizens that live here, owner operated businesses, businesses here that live here. But it just seems like the VRD owners were an easy target because we don't live here, we don't have a vote, but we are heavily invested in your community, not only in terms of your investment in our property, but in terms of just, I feel like I'm a citizen here as well. I spent a lot of time here. I give to the volunteer fire department, 4th of July fireworks. I do the SOLVE cleanups. I feel like I'm part of this community and when I got this bill, I felt like what we do here isn't appreciated. And I'd be willing to bet that the motels generate pretty fair share of complaints when it comes to tourism in the city. And if you were to apply that same logic to hotels or bars or anything else that generates Police calls, then I would say that you need to do the same to those businesses to hire additional police officer to make sure that those businesses are compliant. It feels like a penalty. \$160,000 extra raised, in revenue as a result of this, it seems in excess. In conclusion, most VRD owners, we don't live here in Seaside, but we are heavily invested in your community. We all have a common interest to see it thrive and for it to be a safe and enjoyable place to live and visit. Contribute to your local economy. Many ways. In addition to the fees we pay, the property taxes and lodging taxes we pay \$28,000 from me last year. I'd asked him to please reconsider the penalty you've imposed on us. We want you to be your partner and this isn't the way to do it. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Let us think for a minute. Number one, I want to say really on behalf of the Council, I appreciate you coming in a civil manner and addressing this issue with us. Thank you for that. We've heard your concerns regarding the business licensing increase. Clearly you articulated very well and I would say just personally, you've raised some good issues that perhaps I had not thought about. I'll say that much. The law has been passed, the ordinance was adopted and now the Council, after hearing what you've raised, this evening, if the council, desires to reconsider this, then this will have to come up for the Council to bring it back onto the table. It'll go through the same process of hearings, consideration and adoption or changes if that were to happen. What I want to know at this point, this is what I was going to ask Mr. Cooley if he was here, if we were to want to get back to you, Mr. Foss, are you going to represent the group and be able to communicate with the group that you've assembled?

Mr. Foss stated I wasn't necessarily looking to put myself in that position, but I'm thinking that that because I'm the keeper of the list thus far. I do have, I mean as I said, we were really thankful that we had four of the vacation rental managers agree to work with us. They represent 250 vacation rental owners, the four that agreed to work with us. And out of that group, that's what we gleaned. Approximately 60 or so that are here tonight and we have proxies for, I have emails for all of those that responded back to me.

And needless to say, that property managers did not share and couldn't then weren't comfortable sharing their emails with or their email addresses of all these owners. We really don't have a good way of communicating with all the vacation rental owners and Seaside by your list that the city has which is an excel spreadsheet format. I believe I took it in to be printed today and the gal informed me that it was formatted so big that anyway, it doesn't look like it's really set up well. And, I did print it out, but, I'm willing to, kind of be the go between I guess and doing the best I can with that. I'm not, I'm not living here currently. We're residing actually in Phoenix because my wife and I went there, but our permanent home is in Tacoma. I flew in here. But, I'm willing to fill that role and my email address. If I get sent something by the city or whatever, I would be willing to see that that at least gets to all of those that have expressed an interest specifically to be a part of this for our group, I certainly can easily do that.

Mayor Barber stated that would enable us to do that. We've heard from this group of vacation rental owners, I know there are a number of other people in the audience that are not vacation rental owners or maybe you're involved in management. I'd like to hear from two people from the audience that would like to speak from that perspective. Some of you were here doing all the hearings and I'd like to give the opportunity for an alternate view to be express here to the Council. Is there anyone brave enough to come and speak?

Erin Barker, 800 N. Roosevelt, Seaside, stated she ran Beach House Vacation Rentals. I wasn't planning on speaking. I was more here for information, but I was at most of all of the Planning Commission meetings. One of the comments that I did want to say if I did opt to speak was in reading the minutes, there was some commentary that there weren't, that one of the joint work sessions that the managers that were there didn't say anything. I'm not sure that everyone's aware that in those work session meetings, although they are open to the public, there is no format for anyone in the audience to testify or give their input. During these initial work session committees with the Planning Commission and at least three of us had requested to be involved in the discussions. But what I've explained to several owners is that initially none of this applied to anyone with a current license. It started with, you know, from time to time the Planning Commission will adopt a single change on a particular property and then okay, we're going to, is it going to be for this one or is this going to be a policy carried forward? From time to time, over the years they get together and hashed out maybe some new global changes that would be applicable to anything new moving forward. And it was, it had been maybe since 2010 since that had happened. That's what we wanted to be involved in was that timeframe of what kinds of new policies and procedures are we going to hash out. And we had a lot of things to discuss. We asked to be a part of those discussions and they were kind enough to allow us input and you know, in the smaller meetings, and there were also people that are, I guess I wouldn't say anti vacation, but other people that weren't managers who maybe had a contrary position, they were given input to. I would say maybe some of the more vocal people, but we wanted to make sure that, we had a participatory part in that because we're the ones out there enforcing any policies and procedures that come up. And most of the policies and procedures that have been created regarding inspections or you know, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, I've been in agreement with all of them except for one. This is going to be my, probably the only opportunity, Kevin Cupples hears this at every opportunity I get. But the one Planning Commission meeting that I won't say publicly now that I absolutely agree, disagree with, and it was years ago, a Planning Commissioner Tracy Gardner had proposed that no parking may be allowed on the public street. Two commissioners right away, got their hackles up and said, we can't regulate that. That's the public right of way. And somehow that got through and the final, there wasn't a lot of discussion on it other than we'll have the public right-of-way. I can tell you that. I adamantly opposed that because it's not a natural feeling thing for people. If I go to your house and you and your families parked in the driveway, I'm probably going to park on the street right in front of your house and go there. I'm not going to be rude and parking spread to someone else's house. My objection was, and I said this at that meeting and I do remember it that long ago, anyone else can park on that street so long as they are legally parked, but the people residing in that room may not. And what are the commissioners going to pass this because if somebody wants to complain about something, we're going to give them something to complain about. What that was telling me then was we didn't really have any complaints. We have some people complaining. Okay, we're going to say you can't park in the street and this has sort of been the backfiring of that to add policy at that time.

Mayor Barber stated I wanted to clarify if I may, that there were opportunities for managers like yourself and other citizens to testify during the public hearings at two different City Council meetings.

Ms. Barker stated exactly. And I was specifically talking about the joint work session meetings, not the City Council. My focus is generally geared for the Planning Commission. I'm usually not at the City Council, but I was curious to see if they have valid points. I can tell you that through the months of going through these discussions, I looked at the map and thought its \$.73 cents a day. And if you're like a hundred days a year, will raise rates \$5 or \$10 a night. I didn't expect quite the reaction of that, I was done and it was on to other things. But obviously a lot of people, I know the city front desk, I took a lot of calls from people very upset and when you looked at it and when I heard, how would you feel if your license went up by that much? I would also feel.

Mayor Barber stated thank you very much.

Eric Dunham, 331 8th Avenue, Seaside, stated I just wanted to get a couple of things clarified with vacation rentals in general. The fact that if we have 370 or 426 or 595 or a 1,000 doesn't make any difference. Nobody's looking after them, nobody. Now you've said that there's four managers here and they handle 250 properties. Nobody's looking after them by and simple. It doesn't work that way. Who picks up the garbage in the winter? Who picks up the garbage cans that are in the street, blown down the road? Nobody. These people that own these homes are out of the city and out of the state and could care less because they're trusting their managers to take care of things. It doesn't happen. I've been here 28 years. It doesn't happen. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Eric. There was one more and then we're going to.

Cathy Ryan, 465 8th Avenue, Seaside, stated she was a vacation rental owner. Late last year I came and addressed all of you if you'll recall it. And I had a three tiered plan that would address, people who were not in compliance, and people who were very good with a management company to have their, properties looked after. I gave it to you all. You looked at it. I don't know if you recall or not, but there was quite some favorable reactions to it, but I was told that it was presented too late in the process. I would ask that in reconsidering this ordinance that you would re-look at the three tiered program that I laid out, that it addresses, a lesser increase for those of us that are with a management company. And, making sure that all of the, compliance rules are enforced. And it also addressed how to move people who are not in compliance into compliance. If you would please just take a moment to go back and look at that I think it would address and answer some questions.

Mayor Barber stated one more and that will be it.

Victoria Fuller, 361 Hilltop Drive, Seaside, stated I've owned a rental house in Seaside for 41 years and I am a resident, the meeting in October that I should have been to, I was 5,000 miles away, I couldn't make it. And I guess I just didn't notice that there were more meetings happening. Anyway, I wasn't here. I'm a little curious that this all got done with one representative from vacation rentals appearing at meetings when you had 450 owners. I'm surprised. You thought that this would just pass on through. I saw your timeframe. I couldn't tell who was talking, thank you for doing that, except I missed a few things about the, ordinance enforcement problem. So, the problem that's taking up all the time is enforcing ordinances, such as, does anybody know.

Mr. Winstanley stated noise, parking, garbage, you know, just about anything that somebody can.

Mayor Barber stated people renting facilities and then stuffing them with more people than are allowed.

Ms. Fuller stated that makes me mad. I don't have that big of a house. And these infractions are things that are not happening on such a scale with residences. These infractions are not happening at residences or motels. Yes they are but not to the same degree.

Mr. Winstanley stated they certainly are for residents. Motels are a little bit different in the way they operate.

Ms. Fuller stated all right. Does anyone at the city notify the homeowner that there's been an infraction?

Mayor Barber stated every vacation rental owner has a local representative who's responsible for that response?

Ms. Fuller stated that's me. I've never gotten any sort of notice. Does that mean I'm good? I'm clean.

Mayor Barber stated yes.

Ms. Fuller stated okay. I will say to the gentleman who is upset about, you know, garbage cans running down the street and stuff, whenever I have somebody check out of my house, I go over there even after the cleaning crews been there. And I'll spend two hours cleaning fingerprints, shoving the garbage cans around and doing things like that because I'm here and I care. I don't want my neighbors to deal with that, you know, sort of stuff. There are vacation rental dwell, whatever it's called, owners who do care and we are local. And I think that's all I had to say.

Mayor Barber stated I will close this at this time. I'll repeat what I've said. We've heard your concerns regarding the business license increase and if the Council desires to take further action, we will keep you informed, Mr. Foss. And in the meantime, thank you for sharing your concern for this evening.

Mr. Foss stated could I make a couple of last comments?

Mayor Barber stated yes.

Mr. Foss stated it's interesting to hear different thoughts. Of course. I'm not surprised at any of them. I'm sure you folks hear different things. And that's difficult to sort through at times. But I want to be really clear on a couple things.

One is there's two different, two clearly differentiated groups within this vacation rental cohort or 130 or whatever it is, those that are managed and those that are run independently by the owner. I was surprised when I went through your, the list that I got from the city. I didn't think that the independent side was as many as it was. I didn't know what it was, but I would have guessed just off hand, I thought, well, maybe 10% or something like that. Well, as a rough count, but looking through your spreadsheet listing, it looks like it's about 140 of the VRD licenses are independent. I like your consideration. I'm not asking for anything tonight, but I'd like for your consideration, any thoughts you give to this? Because in our group, in fact, the two gentlemen that, were signatures on the comments that we made tonight, those two gentlemen are both managing their own properties. No problem. But I wondered if you could consider the fact that the managed properties, maybe you think of somewhat differently. Not saying one is better than the other. One's good, one's bad or anything like that, but just think of them differently. I also wanted to make sure that we differentiate and understand that although some of your citizens may think that, I'm going to say incorrectly think that, well, the managers handle all of this. That's not true. I paid the utility bill for our vacation rental. I pay the garbage bill for our vacation rental. I arrange the landscaper, we use Roger's Landscaping. He's been doing our work for years.

Mayor Barber stated can you get to your final.

Mr. Foss stated all of us are paying for our own services. The property managers didn't pay this VRD license fee. The property managers don't pay these other things. We all did. And just keep in mind that, you know, we're each independently responsible for our own place. Just again, like citizens are here. I just wanted to be clear about that and we really appreciate the opportunity to be before you tonight and for you to have allowed us this opportunity. I hope that you've learned some things or are certainly open for questions ourselves if you have any. Thank you very much.

Mayor Barber stated thank you all for being here tonight on our agenda and we'll keep you posted

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VACANCY – TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMM.

Mayor Barber stated we have a vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Commission. We have here an applicant, and I will entertain a motion to appoint.

Councilor Wright moved to appoint Matthew Stolberg to the Transportation Advisory Commission to fill the vacancy with a term expiration of October 1, 2020 with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Wright/Phillips)

The term expiration for Matthew Stolberg is October 1, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING

This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding an Ordinance of the City of Seaside, Oregon, Amending the Zoning Ordinance Text in Code of Seaside Ordinance Chapter 158 Eliminating Parking for Certain Types of Residential above Commercial in C-2 & C-4 Zones and Reducing Parking for Smaller Apartments in all Zones

ORDINANCE #2020-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT IN CODE OF SEASIDE ORDINANCE CHAPTER 58 ELIMINATING PARKING FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL ABOVE COMMERCIAL IN C-2 & C-4 ZONES AND REDUCING PARKING FOR SMALLER APARTMENTS IN ALL ZONES

Mayor Barber stated now we have a public hearing regarding Ordinance 2020-03. Give us a little background on that.

Kevin Cupples, Planning Director, stated Mayor and City Council, you're all aware that you've been looking at, parking requirements for apartment uses and there's also been a push to look at creating opportunities to allow the second story of the downtown core areas to allow for residential uses and with some limitation as far as studio and one bedroom apartments, if those were to be put into, the upper floors of the downtown businesses. There was a push by the Planning Commission and I was considered by the City Council during work sessions of doing that without requiring off street parking. The idea being that if people are there in the downtown core area, then they may be working in businesses that are in the core area and there's really no net gain in parking and if in fact there is a net gain in parking and they're working outside of the core area, they're basically leaving the core area while they're going off to work and that's still leaving the parking open and available for the public to utilize during business hours. So, what the Planning Commission did is they reviewed a proposed ordinance amendment that's 19-070 code amendment to both allow for residential above commercial creating a new recognition of residential above commercial for studio and one bedroom apartments in the core areas, which are really the C-2 Zone and the C-4 Zone.

And then also looking at adjusting our required off-street parking for apartment uses that are based on rather than a one size fits all, a parking requirement of two parking spaces per dwelling unit. Looking at really bringing our parking requirements down similar to what those are in some of our surrounding communities. And then that would be one parking space for a studio apartment. For a one bedroom it would be 1.25 and for a two bedroom it would be 1.5. That's a pretty major change in what our current off street parking requirements are. And that is again, really looking at whether we're comparable to some of the other surrounding communities. Incidentally, that was one of the recommendations and I think its appendix C of the housing study. We were one of the jurisdictions that was actually targeted to say you should be looking at your, at your parking requirements as a potential way of encouraging additional parking or in increasing your housing availability by cutting back on some of the hurdles to providing housing. What you've got before you is really the recommendation from the Planning Commission in the changes to the ordinance. Dale McDowell was concerned saying well, if you start to have renters, occupying the downtown core area twenty-four, seven, and their cars are there when we're trying to clean the streets, is there a way to address that? The Planning Commission, created a provision in article six that would actually say if people are getting ready to put that in, it's still a conditionally permitted use. They would still go through a conditional use permit that would have, Planning Commission review, but they would need to be responding to how is it that you're going to ensure that your people aren't there when we're trying to maintain the streets by simply doing street sweeping. That was incorporated into the ordinance. And I appreciate the fact that, Dale testified in order to provide us with that, because that's not something, I don't clean the streets. That's something I would have just bypassed.

Mayor Barber stated well, this was also a response to the Council's goal to provide more workforce housing, particularly in the core area. And this is a step towards that as well. Okay, thank you. At this time, I'll open the floor to a public hearing. Anyone who would like to speak, regarding this, please come forward and give us your name and your address and then please keep your comments to within four minutes.

Mr. Dunham stated a question about the downtown core. Why can't people park in the designated parking at Wyndham? It's across the street. Keep them off the street, if you have an apartment. When people come back from work at five o'clock in the summer, it would be no place to park. I mean, you don't need to have parking on the street all the time.

Mayor Barber stated good question. Any other public comments?

Mr. Dunzer stated I'm a big supporter of this parking reduction and make it more reasonable. I really wanted to bring up one thing. A lot of those downtown buildings would be, to me, old masonry buildings, those things not seismically safe and I don't know what would go on, but I would certainly hate to see, putting more people living in a seismic un-safe area. As much as I would like to have people living there, I just don't know how it's controlled. And I look at those buildings and I say, I don't want any little kids running around up there that is seismically unsafe. I don't know how it's controlled. I wouldn't put my grandchildren up there and as much as I would like to have as a mix of uses, go along with it. It's a good plan. I don't, I don't know how safe those buildings are. I would also like to add one thing to this collection of VRD people that were here. If you know, I was the one that testified against the VRD's not because I think that they're particularly bad, but you know, I've been here fifteen or sixteen years now and we have a planning goal in this state talking about citizen participation. And I've lived a lot of places and I've just been as big pain in the ass in all. But you know, I've never really experienced, as much as I love some of the persons that are here, the resistance to citizen participation that goes on in this city. Now you can look at Gearhart and you can look at Cannon Beach. You can look at these things that, you know, they kind of screw it when they talk about it for 17 hours or whatever it is. I think that goes a little bit overboard, but there's a rush to judgment that goes on in this city. And, I would have loved to know whether those Planning Commission joint work sessions were happening. And I live here and you know I read all of this stuff because I'm bored to death and I would have been there, but I didn't even know about it. And then when I came up and tried to talk at the public hearing, it was all too late because then it already happened. And I got criticized for not being at the work sessions. Well, if you ever go to the work sessions, just like the young lady said here, you know, you can't talk at most of these work sessions, there's a conscious effort that goes on in this community to go go push push make up the decision and go and you know, with the citizens, please get out of the way. And you know, that's one of the reasons I hate it here so much. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated is there anyone else that would like to address the council?

Mark Tolan, 454 Fairway Court, Seaside, stated wanted to voice my support as an employer looking to provide workforce housing. This will make it easier for me to do my job to help provide that affordable housing. I'm curious a couple line items. I don't know if they were addressed, I'm just out of the loop. When I was in downtown Portland, we'd go into school, we had stickers and zones and it is all kinds of complicated. Does Chief Ham have any comments on any kind of additional tools that other larger cities use with parking issues for this type of situation where they're combining commercial and residential use? That we can implement in a cost effective way? Because I do think we have parking enforcement in the summertime at least on a routine basis. I'm wondering if that has been looked at. The other thing I was curious about is if we look at converting some of the dilapidated hotels that are not currently in the zone, will this also, help transition some of these already existing buildings into workforce housing?

I didn't know if anybody had a comment, who's already been doing research on this that might be of interest to the Council. And I'd be interested. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Mark. The public hearing is still open. Is there anyone who would like to speak, particularly addressing the parking ordinance before us? I will close the public hearing.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor you might want to recess this public hearing.

Mayor Barber stated yes, thank you because we will be bringing this back to the next agenda. I'm recessing the public hearing. I'll let the record show that. Thank you, Council comments.

Councilor Montero stated I have some questions and comments. As I read through here, and Kevin, there's some technical stuff that I don't understand. You're talking about residential over commercial and you specify the C-2 and the C-4 zones. What zone is downtown?

Mr. Cupples stated the C-2 zone is really the Broadway commercial core area on the West side of the Necanicum. The C-4 zone is the Broadway core area on the East side of the Necanicum. As you go out and walk Broadway everything on both sides of the street, is C-4. It's not a perfect block area, but it's close to that. It's the Broadway core area of the older buildings in town with the C-4 on the West side and then the C-2 for resort commercial on the on the West side.

Councilor Montero stated and the downtown core, if I remember correctly, is defined as being from Highway 101 to the beach, and from Avenue 'A' to First Avenue. Am I correct?

Mr. Cupples stated that's roughly it. There's some jogs in the, I believe part of the C-2 zone actually drops down to Avenue 'C' and in in some areas. But it's really, like I said, it's mainly in that core area. That's the same area that, right now the zoning ordinance recognizes all the commercial uses within that zone are exempt from any off street parking. You don't have to provide any because the parking lot was basically built to accommodate that.

Councilor Montero stated and the parking lot was paid for by the business owners back then. Okay, I drove through the downtown core area before I came to this meeting. And, there's always been a three hour parking limit on all the streets in the downtown core. And I checked for that, and I would say there's at least five places that I could park and I would not know there's a three hour time limit. You might want to double check that. But the question that comes out of that then is, if I'm living in a one bedroom or a studio above a business, the first thing we're all thinking about is where am I going to park when I have a car? And I think the first assumption people think of is, wherever is the closest, and that might be Broadway. Am I going to be exempt from the three hour limit that we place on everyone who parks on Broadway so that we can have the businesses, have people park nearby.

Mr. Cupples stated I think that was something that Mark was alluding to. Is there going to be some way, I mean we don't have it right now and that would be something that you, probably more the Planning Commission would want to consider when someone came in to actually do that type of development. How would that be addressed and does it need to be a signage change. Does there need to be certain stickers for people that are allowed to park overnight? I think that's something that would come out of that article six amendment. If someone got ready to propose it, they would be up for review and it may take some sign changes in order to do that or it may be addressed in another way. There are a couple of businesses that are actually in that core area and they actually have off street parking. The Gilbert block is one where they actually have some surface parking. And if they just said, well, you know, if you're going to stay here, you need to park on my parking lot, then that means they're not going to be on the street.

Councilor Montero stated I thought about that, the three hour limit and what you say is overnight parking, but we also have to remember that there are people who work at night and sleep during the day, there's going to be parking during the day on that. I have a lot of questions. I think the other thing to look at is, the businesses that do have their own parking, and are they going to end up with overflow parking from the people who live in the, one bedrooms and studio apartments. And, you know, I reflect back to when I owned a store in town and had my own parking lot. How will we prevent VRD creep if people renovate above some of the buildings and they decide that they're going to rent them as VRDs and it's a one bedroom and it's a, or it's a studio.

Mr. Cupples stated they wouldn't be allowed to under the current zoning ordinance. But in the, commercial zones right now, in both the C-2 and C-4 zones, vacation rental dwellings are a specific animal under the ordinance as far as definitions go. That can be in a single family dwelling, in a duplex and then a triplex. Apartment uses like that aren't in that zone. They're not allowed to have vacation rentals. You can build a motel in that zone. But that's a different use again and that different use requires you to provide for it. If you do a hotel in the C-2 and C-4 zone, that is one of the uses that you have to provide off street parking for it, which is why you can't just go in and convert a building into a hotel without having the required off street parking like they're doing at the City Center right now.

Councilor Montero stated all right. And then my last one is, I'm wondering if anyone has talked to any of the building owners in the downtown core who's buildings have a second floor and asked if they would, if they had this ability, are they looking to renovate their second floors.

Mr. Cupples stated I can tell you that I talked to one individual that's looking at purchasing property in the downtown core area and that is something that they're interested in, but they're not sure at this point what kind of costs are associated with that. And this is just one way that it might be, I guess achievable if in fact it's practical.

Councilor Montero stated I think I know of two places downtown that have apartments that actually have a specified parking with them. Those are my just my questions off the top.

Mayor Barber asked if there were any other questions.

Councilor Wright stated not necessarily a question, but I know this, came to the Planning Commission when both Tom and I were on it and it's been out there for quite a while and I think that bringing together the housing study saying, okay, this is an area you really have to work on, finally brought it up to the forefront that it got to our level and I'm for one glad to see it there. I don't know if it's the same person Kevin's talking about, but I know there's somebody that's very interested in one of the buildings and being able to do this. And this is certainly something that is a big issue. I've also talked to a couple of people that are younger, much younger and are single and asked them if they would like living, you know, above one of the businesses they work in and you know, whether the car would be a big deal or not. And they pretty much said, no, you know, if there was off street parking somewhere I could just park my car, you know, I wouldn't need it. I think that's a lot of this and this is the first step. Like Kevin said, we are working on something to get this in place. A lot of this still has both been conditioning, excuse me, afterwards and they can work out things about you know, parking tag or, or where to park and figure out, you know, how to make sure the streets are clear the streets reprove to go through. I think it's finally, you know, it's time to get this done moving forward

Mayor Barber asked for more comments.

Councilor Morrissey stated I just have a couple of comments. I agree with both Steve and Tita. This has been a long time coming. One of our goals and I want to thank the Planning Commission and the city staff. We're putting this together and moving forward. As far as the parking concern, I share the same concerns as Tita. I don't know how this can really be enforced. I know the original idea of putting these apartments up as these would be in the core area and would be for people that don't have cars. In a lot of cases it'd be people that want to live and work downtown. Definitely we still got to figure out how we're going to, you know, deal with the enforcement side of the parking. And that will come in a later date. But I'm all for this, I'm happy to see this move forward and just another step in us getting affordable housing, so I'm excited for it.

Mayor Barber stated I personally, I've talked to some of the business owners in that core area who have the capacity for apartments above their buildings. And when I mentioned it to them, they've said we'd never considered it as a possibility because of the permitting issues. But we'd have to look at the financial feasibility of whether or not we could make those apartments reactivate. But they were apartments for years, way, back, and they could be reactivated. I think I agree this is a step toward making that an option at least. I think the other questions raised having to do with seismic issues and that's a whole different issue that would have to come to the Planning Commission down the road. Kevin, whether putting apartments have some impact on that.

Mr. Cupples stated I believe that that would all be, that would all fall on shoulders of Mr. Mitchell, in the building department as far as what is required if anything.

Mayor Barber asked for any further comments.

Councilor Montero stated I do have a comment. I'm sorry. I think, you know, I'm for anything that we can do to get workforce housing that makes sense for as many people as possible. I'm concerned, and this is good, this is a good first step, but I'm not sure it has enough in it for me. I am concerned with changing an ordinance and saying no parking rules for people who live in one bedroom and studios downtown without saying what we're changing to, based off any limit. But then you don't say what the alternative is, and I'm uncomfortable not knowing what that is. Not knowing what the expectation is of those people who will be living in those units.

Mr. Cupples stated I think the commission and I'm just going to summarize, I think what the thoughts were. The Planning Commission, rather than creating a one size fits all solution in saying this is a conditionally permitted use, we have to review it and the owners of those buildings that are looking at doing it and need to address that question and answer rather than saying this is a one size fits all solution rather than the Planning Commission being the one who is going to tell you, this is exactly how it's going to be done. I think they wanted to give building owners an opportunity to come up with those solutions and bring it before them at the time they're getting ready for a proposal, I think it was done. It's pretty much done on purpose.

Councilor Montero stated the concern that brings for me is building owner A has a parking lot, if we say everybody's going to go to the parking lot. Building owner B says, I'll issue stickers to my people. Building owners C says, well I'll do it this way and then what we have is something that nobody who lives here understands what the rules really are. I don't know about leaving it up to the building owners.

Mayor Barber stated I think we have a lot more work to do initially to determine how this is going to be regulated. This is a first step. Let's complete the steps.

Councilor Wright stated I would also say that you can't put everything into an ordinance to address every situation. VRD's are a good example. We have certain things in ordinance, but we have a lot of policies. How many are there now Kevin, 20.

Mr. Cupples stated I've got at least 20 there.

Councilor Wright stated, 20 policies and they keep changing. We just added some this past few months. Those policies control the actual VRD. The backbone is the individual policies to follow up and take care of the issue. Again, I think that this is the right step.

Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to read by title only.

Councilor Morrissey move that we read ordinance 2020-03 by title only with a second from Councilor Wright; carried with Montero opposed. (Morrissey/Wright)

Mayor Barber stated we're just doing one reading tonight, right? This will come up on our agenda, next meeting. Thank you. Good discussion.

**LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATION**

Mayor Barber stated we're going to have a liquor license application from the Yellow Curry Cozy Thai Restaurant, is the owner here.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated she is not here unless she sent a representative.

Mayor Barber stated this restaurant has a liquor license currently. I think this moves to a full service license. My understanding is the cost of the liquor license fees are going up and I think we're going to hear from more people to get ahead of that. They did a thorough investigation. There were no concerns. I will entertain a motion to approve the liquor license.

Councilor Morrissey stated it looks like Detective Knight sent a report and it came out all clear so I move we approve the liquor license application for Yellow Curry Cozy Thai with a second from Councilor Montero; carried unanimously. (Morrissey/Montero)

**SEASIDE CIVIC AND
CONVENTION CENTER
EXPANSION/RENOVATION
ZERO SUM CHANGE
ORDER - EXTENDING
CURRENT CONTRACT**

Mayor Barber stated Seaside Civic and Convention Center extending current contract.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated I'm here this evening to ask for yet another extension or contract with O'Brien and Company for the purposes of finalizing the expansion renovation project. The reason for this extension is to make sure that our HVAC systems are operating according to design. What we're finding, and it was discovered during one of our largest events, the special districts conference in Oregon that brought us 600 attendees. It maximized every single square foot of our building and it put a lot of pressure, a lot of demand. And that's not easy to replicate in a normal environment. What it did was it put a real test on our system and it failed. It's an air flow issue. It's a balancing issue. It's a calibration issue. There's old and there's new. As Dr. Sheila Roley mentioned earlier this evening, it's a lot more difficult to renovate than it is to build new. And we're certainly discovering that through our events. I don't like it when we fail. It's our job to provide a comfortable environment as well as a safe and clean facility. And to be frank, we did not meet the comfortable, status of what the facility should act. Is it a design issue? Is it an architectural, or is it a mechanical engineering issue? Those are the things that we're trying to determine this evening. I'm just saying this afternoon we had a, group call with every contractor that's been involved in the HVAC installation, Diamond Heating, Glumac, the architect, the facility project manager. And some of the steps that we're taking is we're going to rebalance the airflow. We're not so convinced that we need to start over. We think it can be balanced, regulated, and calibrated. And tomorrow or Wednesday we plan to run, another test on the airflow of every single supply duct in the building. And then Thursday, all the groups are going to be out in the building and they're going to start making some adjustments. And we're going to try two different variations of airflow coming into the new part of the building versus the old. One of the issues we're facing on the mezzanine is the, it's a very hot environment up on the second floor. And you feel, one of the reasons for that is we took the air that used to come from the floor and the main lobby and we redirected it to come down from the ceiling. Well, there's a mezzanine that just sucks every hot, you know, air that comes down is just pushing it right into that mezzanine area. And we think there's an opportunity to increase the air flow before it has a chance to be moving into the mezzanine. We feel it can come down a little bit faster and before it comes back up again. And those are some of the issues where we're trying to resolve as well as perhaps relocating some of their controls. I need O'Brien to stay on top of this. I need them involved. They were there every step of the way during construction. They know the building better than anyone else from a behind the scenes you know, behind the, the ceiling tiles. Is it their issue? I'm not convinced it's their problem, but I need them there to be the lead, between all the other parties to be at the table too, to have that discussion and to hold them accountable basically.

My request for this extension is to give me a little more time to resolve these issues. I feel confident that we will get to a favorable resolution when this project is done. It's too important to, try and push it. It's a very important issue that we need to resolve. I need a little more time.

Mayor Barber stated how much time.

Mr. Vandenberg stated I'm asking until the end of March 31st.

Councilor Montero stated is that enough.

Mr. Vandenberg stated if it's not enough time, I will be back again asking for another extension. I don't know if it's enough time, but I feel that with the phone call we have this afternoon and the fact that everybody's going to be there next Thursday, to try and figure this thing out, I have to be optimistic. I have to think that there's a pathway to completion. I really don't want to extend it beyond you know, we have a large schedule of activities, that really starts to wrap up at the end of April all the way through the end of October and I need to get this resolved as quickly as possible.

Mayor Barber stated okay, thank you Russ. My guess is that O'Brien wants to see it finished as well. I'll entertain a motion for that extension.

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

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated this was a little longer meeting then our typical schedule. I'd like to spend some time hearing from the city staff. Kevin since you've got the mic anything you want to add.

Mr. Cupples stated I'll let the Mayor and Council know that the Planning Commission at their last meeting discussed alternatives to times for their meetings and they would like to start meeting at six o'clock. I'm trying to decide is there anything that compels them to meet at seven rather than six they'd like to start meeting at six o'clock and if there's no major objections to that, I plan on starting to hold Planning Commission meetings at six o'clock starting in April and then we'll, that'll just be our regular meeting time. I know when the Council meets with the Planning Commission during work sessions, usually we're having those before seven o'clock and this is just really saying that's a good time and it'll just get them done a little earlier and they'd be getting out an hour earlier.

Mayor Barber stated I support that. My only concern is that those kinds of meetings should be after work hours and that's typically for most people, six o'clock would qualify for that. For most people, unless you're working in the tourism industry. Chief Ham.

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, stated hi, thanks for having me. I only wanted to kind of comment on the fire and all public safety, but primarily for the fire department the other night. I'd talk with Joey after they were kind of winding down today and they were getting some sleep. He said he wasn't going to be here tonight, but I just want to say thank you on his behalf to all the other fire departments that responded to last night's event. It was pretty much every firefighting department in Clatsop County as well as those that come up to assist with covering. It was a very big group effort. thank you to all those firefighters.

Mayor Barber stated I think everybody knows that there was a residence burned, a total loss on South Columbia started around one o'clock this morning.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor seems like a good time, it's not my turn, but I'd like to chime in here at the same time since the chief brought it up. I personally would like to thank our fire department. They did a great job. They got out there, we got three trucks out on that fire. It was a very, very difficult fire. And, yes, the chief is correct. We had a number of other agencies that helped. Gearhart, Warrenton, Astoria, Cannon Beach, Hamlet, and Lewis and Clark. Even the halo was involved in this fire. And you know, in an area like this, we can't do it with just one fire department, especially when you have a blaze like this. I also would like to report that we are saddened that, there was a loss of life in this fire and but it, certainly showed the kind of things that can be taken care of, when communities work together. And there's never any hesitation in the case of an emergency like this to have, all these other agencies showing up, to provide help. And that includes the police department. The police I believe were on scene, first. And in the case of this fire and I don't want to leave out the public works department because I know that Dale and his crew were helping out with this fire both during the fire and after the fire and undoubtedly will be helping moving forward. Even from the standpoint of I know we had guys headed up to the water treatment plant to fire up the water treatment plant last night just because of the amount of water that's being used. And we need to thank all of the volunteers that are involved, the professionals that are involved. They did a great job last night and it really shows what a community can do when on the scene.

Mayor Barber asked if the new truck was there.

Mr. Winstanley stated the new truck was not at the scene, the people that have to operate it still have to go through training. And I believe the trucks ready to go but we don't quite have the people ready to go as far as that truck

Mayor Barber stated Russ.

Mr. Vandenberg stated I just want to add that the Cisco Food Service is hosting the Seaside Culinary Show this Thursday, at the convention center from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. It is free to attend but you must register.

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, stated Mayor I'd also like to thank Jon Rahl. He was on scene last night during the fire. I got there at 1:38 AM and I'm still here. it is definitely a team effort. Our city works great together. The amount of volunteers that show up to help us out, and we assist each other. And it's immense the amount of workforce that comes together on this. On a different note, if you've been by Broadway Park, we have completed our yard work down there. We've seeded the lawn, and we're trying to now get it green by April 18th for the Art in the Park event that's coming up. The turnaround restrooms will open up shortly. We've, just about done completing the ceiling and reconstruction of the turnaround where we had some cracks in it and, water was coming into the turnaround restrooms themselves. Holladay Drive is going, good. Our concrete contractors pouring concrete and you got to have time to form up. It's moving right along. PP&L has been out doing the electrical, setting the new poles up the side streets, electrical conduits going into the ground and the buildings. The other project we have as Ms. Roley stated the pump station has started up. It's at the Heights elementary and the groundbreaking for that small piece of it and the construction of that is going on the tank itself. It's under construction. The floor is being welded right now. And then the walls will start standing up. We are hoping we can all make our deadlines.

Mayor Barber stated SDDA, Laurie.

Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association, stated SDDA is doing very well right now. We're in full bloom for our flower basket campaign. Join us March 3rd from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and I hope you can all join us. Our Starfish are still in need of feeding, we are taking donations for that as well.

Mayor Barber stated Jon.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated one thing that I know Chief Daniels would've mentioned tonight too, that I can report on is when it comes to resiliency, we now have a new addition to that aspect of things, a new generator, the project that Joey's been overseeing, and done a really good job with that. That will actually a power city hall and the fire department, during a loss of power. We now have in addition to these two facilities the convention center, library, and police department, it can all run in a complete power outage, which, is a good thing.

**COMMENTS –
COUNCIL**

Mayor Barber stated Council Tom.

Councilor Horning stated well, good job, fire department and everyone else. I also want to encourage everybody to donate blood at the blood drive. Don't put these on, and have no one show up. I personally, I'm up to 170 pints. I would like everyone else to try to not save.

Mayor Barber stated you still have some to spare.

Councilor Horning stated I'm shooting for 265 but I don't know, I have to live to be 90 to make that.

Mayor Barber stated Dana.

Councilor Phillips stated Jon, thank you again for the review and I thank everybody that came tonight to talk about an issue that we've been discussing for several years. Between the VRD's and the parking issue down town. It's not something we take lightly. I appreciate all of you coming in and giving your input. Dale, thank you for keeping me informed. I just want to say, this community is unbelievable and I appreciate Dale, Mark and Kim keeping me informed why I have been up in Portland? Dealing with a very sick husband who hopefully is going to be okay. But this community means a lot to us, so thank you so much for your love and prayers.

Mayor Barber stated Tita.

Councilor Montero stated you know, I've thought for a long time that it would be really good if there was an association of our hotels, motels, and vacation rental owners. I'm very pleased to see that this has started. It's always good to have groups of people who are doing the same thing, connect with each other. I'm glad to see that. Other than that, I think, you know, I can never say thank you enough to our staff.

Mayor Barber stated Seth.

Councilor Morrissey stated I also want to thank Joe and all of the other vacation rental owners and all the other folks who spoke tonight. Your comments are well received and definitely a lot of good points that I hadn't thought of and we'll definitely take that under consideration.

Mayor Barber stated Steve.

Councilor Wright stated one post that I saw on Facebook today had to do with the Seaside Vietnam Vets Memorial and it appears that it's coming right along, preparing the site, and the memorial itself should go up within a couple of weeks. There still, I guess looking for money, so if you want to donate, please do that. You know, same thing I had done, was to thank our entire city staff that the city just comes together when there's a real tragedy like this, you know, I walked down there today and public works, police, fire, city staff were all there, you know, in the middle of the afternoon. Just shows again how well we work. A fun thing, its History and Hops Thursday night and we'll be talking about horse drawn carriages. The carriage museum from Raymond Washington will be presented. I have a feeling it's going to be packed. If you want to come you better get there early.

Mayor Barber stated well, I'll add my comments. Thank you all for being here. Our VRD owners, we appreciate hearing from you. One of the things that we do as a Council and as individual members of the Council is that we do a lot of listening. I probably get seven to eight phone calls a day on my personal home phone a lot of them go to voicemail and I have to follow up with. Part of our role is to listen to our constituents and sometimes people who are not our constituents who live elsewhere, but have investments in our community. And so the commitment, to listen and respond is a challenging one because we get all kinds of voices pro and con, and all of them seem to have very reasonable points of view. And so really being able to really carefully consider and listen. You know, I wrote down a quote that, I hope it's appropriate that one of my favorite authors is Amy Tan, a wonderful author, and in one of her books, she speaks over her Auntie Yang. She says, "Auntie Yang is not hard of hearing. She's hard of listening". And sometimes I fall into that as well. Thank you for letting us listen to you tonight. We've heard you and now we have work to do.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR