

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; and Nancy McCarthy, Seaside Signal.

**ELECTION – CITY  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mayor Larson stated Don Johnson served as Council President the last two years and a Council President needed to be appointed for the next two years.

Motion to re-elect Don Johnson as Council President; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Barber)

Motion to close nominations for Council President; carried unanimously. (Montero/Frank)

Motion to cast the unanimous ballot for Don Johnson as Council President; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Barber)

Mayor Larson stated he had worked very closely with Council President Johnson in the past and looked forward to working closely with him during the next two years.

**AGENDA**

Motion to approve the January 26, 2015 agenda; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)

**RECOGNITION –  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
JUDGE MOBERG**

Municipal Court Judge Robert Moberg was unable to attend the meeting.

**PROCLAMATION**

Councilor Montero read the Proclamation for Tongue Point Job Corps Center Week.

Mayor Larson stated he knew very little about Tongue Point until Councilor Montero started speaking about Tongue Point which had been opened for so many people. Mayor Larson thanked Councilor Montero and asked how many students had gone through Tongue Point.

Councilor Montero stated there were 800 students a year at Tongue Point and the current enrollment was 473. Councilor Montero further stated a few things the Tongue Point Students had helped with in Seaside: poured the sidewalk in front of the youth center, helped build Seltzer Park, built the 800 square foot addition to the Seaside Museum, Railroad Park sculpture, helped build the play equipment in Broadway Park, bleachers in Broadway Park, donated turtles, and portable picnic tables.

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC**

Ray Thornburg, 84658 Happel Lane, Seaside, Aalpha Shuttle and Taxi Owner, stated he was attending the meeting regarding Ordinance 2013-01 Taxi Cabs and Shuttles. Mr. Thornburg further stated he was trying to get the liability on the insurance dropped which in Seaside \$500,000.00 was required by the ordinance and elsewhere in the County it was \$150,000.00 like Astoria. Mr. Thornburg further stated last month he had spent \$1,550.00 on insurance just for two vehicles and Mom’s Cab in Astoria spent \$680.00 for five vehicles. The cost of the insurance made it difficult to upkeep the maintenance of the vehicles when there could not be enough vehicles put out to cover the customers. Mr. Thornburg further stated the last year was very difficult with such a high liability and he was just asking for a level playing ground with other people in the County to make an improvement to the business.

Mayor Larson stated the Police Chief revised the ordinance a couple of years ago. The ordinance was prepared around meetings with Taxi-cab and Shuttle drivers.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated there were meetings that took place with the Police Chief and drivers. There was also a review process with the ordinance prior to the approval.

Mr. Thornburg stated he had spoken with the new Police Chief Dave Ham who was willing to budge on the insurance cost so the ball could get rolling.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated it did not make a difference to Seaside what other cities had imposed for a business like a Taxi Cab and Shuttle for liability purpose. This was an individual process and the City was only interested in protecting the interest of the citizens of the community.

The sole purpose was to protect the citizens of the community and what people might think was sufficient in Astoria or Warrenton was not necessarily relevant to what the City of Seaside felt was important to the citizens of Seaside.

Mr. Winstanley stated the City assessed how much insurance was required with any of the ordinances and the city's insurance agent would always be contacted and asked for an opinion on how much insurance should be carried. If the insurance was lowered how much exposure would the City have.

Mr. Thornburg stated he understood the Culpable Liability. Mr. Thornburg further stated it would be a lot better suited to be able to use that money for maintenance of the vehicles.

**COMMENTS – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Absent

**CONFLICT**

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

No one declared a conflict of interest.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$225,864.90; and January 12, 2015, regular minutes; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)

**VACANCY – CITY TREE BOARD**

Mayor Larson stated there were two vacancies on the City Tree Board with no applications received. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

**VACANCY – SEASIDE CIVIC AND CONV. CENTER COMM.**

Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission with two applications received from Nancy McCune, and Kaarina Vera. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Motion to nominate Nancy McCune and Kaarina Vera to the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)

Council consensus to conduct interviews for Kaarina Vera and Nancy McCune for the Convention Center Commission February 9, 2015, prior to the City Council meeting.

**PRESENTATION – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING**

Dale McDowell, 3760 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, stated he served on the Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission and two team members Bill Carpenter, and Robert Perkel were also attending the meeting. The Transportation Advisory Commission was given the task to study the sidewalk ordinance in the City of Seaside and it was not liked. There was verbiage cleaned up in Chapter 95 and the Commission began to look at how more sidewalks could be acquired. There was a project in Washington State called 'Safe Routes to Schools' and the Commission looked online and found a 'Safe Routes to School' program in Oregon. Doug Dougherty, Seaside School District 10 Superintendent, was a key player and was on board with the program and would form a team, and there would be the Transportation Advisory Commission team with Neal Wallace and Mark Winstanley. The teams would push forward to get the Safe Routes to School program going. There was not a guarantee to get funding but was an opportunity to get funding. Mr. McDowell further stated in the mean time there were two more programs found which were Oregon Solutions who did sidewalk projects, wetland projects, and historic projects. The City wanted to connect the west side to the east side and the Transportation Advisory Commission would be reviewing that information. The other program was Oregon Consensus which brought Oregon's Oregonians together which was wetlands, sidewalks, and historic areas. The City could work on getting something on Wahanna road for connectivity. The Transportation Advisory Commission was excited about the programs and was hoping to get funding.

Councilor Montero asked if the Parks Advisory Commission would be part of the program planning with Oregon Solutions.

Mr. McDowell stated the Parks Advisory Committee would be a part of the programs. There were two new programs found last week and there would be additional information right now were trying to get more information on the programs.

Councilor Montero stated in making the applications did the Transportation Advisory Commission know what was needed as far as people, organizations, and Council.

Mr. McDowell stated the Safe Routes to Schools was already in process and was mainly the school district and then Neal Wallace, Mark Winstanley, and the Transportation Advisory Commission. The process was fairly quick once the paperwork was taken care of and sent in.

Councilor Barber stated since there had been discussions with the school district he assumed the project would be sidewalks along Highway 101.

Mr. McDowell stated sidewalks along Highway 101 with the potential to have some enhanced sidewalks at key intersections to help move people quickly to safety during a Tsunami evacuation.

Mayor Larson stated that was very exciting information shared and Council President Johnson was the representative for the Transportation Advisory Commission.

**SEASIDE CONVENTION  
CENTER RENTAL FEE  
INCREASE**

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated the following rental fee adjustments were recommended to offset recent increases in labor, supplies, utilities, and maintenance. Facility Rate Schedule below:

Entire Facility:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
• Ticketed	\$1,200.00/day	\$1,500.00/day
• Single Day	\$1,000.00/day	\$1,200.00/day
• Trade Show or Exhibit	\$800.00/day	\$1,000.00/day
• Convention or Conference	\$500.00/day	\$600.00/day
• Compassion/Funeral	\$500.00/day	No Change
• Civic Related	\$300.00/day	\$400.00/day
• Community Fundraising	\$100.00/day	\$150.00/day
25% Non-Profit Discount to Seaside 501c3 Organizations		

Pacific Room:		
• Ticketed	\$1,000.00/day	\$1,200.00/day
• Single Day	\$800.00/day	\$900.00/day
• Trade Show or Exhibit	\$700.00/day	\$800.00/day
• Convention or Conference	\$450.00/day	\$500.00/day
• Compassion/Funeral	\$400.00/day	No Change
• Civic Related	\$200.00/day	\$300.00/day
• Community Fundraising	\$100.00/day	\$150.00/day
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• Ticketed	\$700.00/day	\$900.00/day
• Single Day	\$600.00/day	\$700.00/day
• Trade Show or Exhibit	\$500.00/day	\$600.00/day
• Convention or Conference	\$350.00/day	\$400.00/day
• Compassion/Funeral	\$300.00/day	No Change
• Civic Related	\$100.00/day	\$200.00/day
• Community Fundraising	\$100.00/day	\$150.00/day
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Riverview Rooms:		
• 3 Rooms	\$175.00/day	\$200.00/day
• 2 Rooms	\$125.00/day	\$150.00/day
• 1 Room	\$75.00/day	\$100.00/day

Seaside Rooms:		
• 3 Rooms	\$150.00/day	\$175.00/day
• 2 Rooms	\$100.00/day	\$125.00/day
• 1 Room	\$50.00/day	\$75.00/day

Seahorse Rooms:		
• 4 Rooms	\$80.00/day	No Change
• 3 Rooms	\$60.00/day	No Change
• 2 Room	\$40.00/day	No Change
• 1 Room	\$20.00/day	No Change

Haystack Rooms:		
• 3 Rooms	\$60.00/day	No Change
• 2 Room	\$40.00/day	No Change
• 1 Room	\$20.00/day	No Change

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Mr. Vandenberg further stated the proposed fee increase was passed unanimously by members of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission on January 8, 2015. The last fee adjustments were made January 1, 2011 and staff recommended Council approve the new rental fees which would become effective February 1, 2015.

**CITY OF SEASIDE  
AUDIT CONTRACT  
2014-2015**

Mr. Winstanley stated this was the Audit Contract for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and Kern and Thompson had been the auditors for the last four years and had provided a proposal to conduct the City of Seaside audit for the 2014-2015 year in the amount of \$44,000.00. That amount was an increase of \$1,000.00 from the previous year. Kern and Thompson had done a wonderful job performing the audit and staff was recommending Council accept the Audit Contract in the amount of \$44,000.00.

Motion to approve the City of Seaside Audit Contract for 2014-2015 from Kern and Thompson for \$44,000.00; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)

**BID RESULTS –  
DOWNTOWN MAINT.  
DISTRICT LITTER**

Mr. Winstanley stated at the City Council meeting January 12, 2015, it was reported there had been two bids received for the Downtown Litter Contract and Kris Johnston's bid of \$27,800 was not responsive and the bid was awarded to A Affordable Carpet Cleaning for \$29,700.00. When Mr. Johnston spoke with Kim Jordan, Administrative Assistant, about the bid, he assured her he had submitted the bond and, upon her inspection, found the bond stuck inside the envelope and had been missed. Staff apologized for the oversight and now recommended awarding the Downtown Litter Contract to Kris Johnston who was the lowest bidder

Motion to void the bid from A Affordable Carpet Cleaning Service in the amount of \$29,700.00 for the Downtown Maintenance District Litter Removal contract; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)

Motion to accept the bid from Kris Johnston in the amount of \$27,800.00 for the Downtown Maintenance District Litter Removal contract; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Mayor Larson stated the marijuana paperwork that had been received seemed very serious. There was a call received from someone who wanted to lease space for recreational marijuana and the Mayor stated the City was not there and were waiting on the state. There were now state meetings taking place and there had been one in Pendleton and the articles in the Oregonian were very interesting. There were meetings scheduled all over the state and the Mayor would attend a 2 hour meeting in Newport March 11, 2015. Seaside was a tourist town and family town and did Council want Seaside to be a recreational marijuana town and had concerns about this issue. Mayor Larson introduced Jeff Hazen who was the owner and Chief Executive Officer of all the buses.

Jeff Hazen, Sunset Empire Transportation District (SETD), stated he attended the meeting to learn about the Safe Routes to School Program which had been something the SETD had already been discussing and there was a potential for a partnership for SETD to be involved. Mr. Hazen further stated SETD was going good and had gradually been rebuilding and were about the kick off the long term transportation plan. The SETD were working on getting the Highway 101 hourly route back in the Seaside area.

Mayor Larson stated there were two new buses ordered and when would they be here.

Mr. Hazen stated there were two new buses ordered and would be in place summer of 2015.

Councilor Phillips stated she did not think people understood how much reading the Council had done on the marijuana issue. There were daily updates from the governor's office and Councilor Phillips looked forward to conducting a workshop with Chief Ham, and Chief Daniels. Council was taking baby steps because they cared about the community and wanted to make sure the right thing was being done.

Councilor Frank stated hearing from Mr. McDowell tonight who was a volunteer among many others made the City more livable and safer for the kids. Councilor Frank thanked the volunteers and further stated the benefits other people reap from volunteer work was really important and hopefully would be a trait passed down through generations.

Councilor Montero stated the County or City would not be what they were without all the volunteers and all the people that care for others that live or visit here. Councilor Montero further stated April was Volunteer Appreciation Month.

Councilor Barber stated the Parks Advisory Committee meeting in February the technical advisory committee of the Parks Advisory Committee would be presenting four concepts for the building of the Mill Pond Park. The four concepts were starting with a very simple design concept on up to a more complex design but still keeping it within its natural environment. A Presentation would eventually be made to the City Council.

Council President Johnson thanked the Council for the re-election. Mr. McDowell already spoke about the Transportation Advisory Commission and the Tourism Advisory Committee was moving forward with some great plans.

Mayor Larson asked Council to be thinking about an Ad Hoc Committee for the church property on Broadway.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, stated today was the last day for Corporal Jeffrey Oya who had resigned and would now work for County Parole and Probation.

Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief, stated the Oregon State Police had been tasked with doing 3D modeling of the schools throughout the whole state of Oregon so that Police and Fire would have access to the school layout. This would be a mandate within a couple of years and Chief Daniels had served on a committee discussing the information. Chief Daniels further stated the staff and volunteers of the Seaside Fire Department did a huge search and rescue on Friday, January 23, 2015, which took eleven and a half hours and the woman was found and brought out safely.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated Project Homeless Connect would be in the building on Thursday, January 29, 2015, and Miss Clatsop County Pageant through the weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR