

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

**SWEARING IN:
CITY COUNCIL OATH** Mayor Barber stated there was a special event tonight, swearing in two returning and one new City Councilor.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, swore in Councilors Randy Frank, Seth Morrisey, and Tom Horning.

Mayor Barber congratulated the Councilors and stated Councilor Morrisey and Councilor Frank, it was good to have back, and he looked forward to the year's ahead working together with Councilor Horning.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Jay Barber; Councilors Tita Montero, Randy Frank, Dana Phillips, Seth Morrisey, and Tom Horning.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director; and RJ Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

**ELECTION –
CITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT** Mayor Barber stated one of the conditions of the Council is to elect a Council President. Mayor Barber's hope was that sometime during all of our time on the Council, at least one year you will be the Council President. The tradition in the past Council had not honored, and the honor was presented to the Councilor with the most tenure on the Council and this year there were two persons with the most tenure. Mayor Barber opened the Council nominations.

Councilor Phillips appointed Tita Montero for Council President with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Frank)

AGENDA Mayor Barber asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

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

**COMMENTS – STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE** Lizzy Barnes, Seaside High School Student Representative, stated students were just back from winter break and back into the role of school and homework. There was a senior meeting for scholarships. Sports: All basketball teams will be playing Tuesday against Cascade. There was a wrestling meet on Wednesday at Tillamook, Swim meet on Thursday in Astoria, and on Friday was basketball again.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC None

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

No one declared a conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Barber asked for a motion for the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$779,277.17; and Approval of Minutes December 12, 2016.

Councilor Frank so move Council pay the bills with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

**VACANCY –
SEASIDE CIVIC AND
CONVENTION CENTER** Mayor Barber stated there were two vacancies on the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission with one resignation and a term expiration for Roger Schultz who wished to be reappointed. There were also applications Council had received from Sandra McDowall, and Alan Evans.

Councilor Phillips moved to reappoint Roger Schultz to the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission and keep the vacancy open with a second from Councilor Frank; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Frank)

Mayor Barber stated Council would leave the vacancy open for more applicants.

The term expiration for Roger Schultz would be October 25, 2020

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

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

**VACANCY –
TRANSPORATION
ADVISORY COMM.**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Commission with one application received from Don Johnson. Mayor Barber asked what Council wished to do.

Councilor Phillips appointed Don Johnson to the Transportation Advisory Commission with a second from Councilor Morrissey; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Morrissey)

The term expiration for Don Johnson would be November 1, 2017.

**VACANCY –
PLANNING COMM.**

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

Council President Montero nominated David Posalski and Teri Carpenter for the Seaside Planning Commission with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Montero/Phillips)

Mayor Barber stated Council would leave the vacancy open for more applications and interviews would be scheduled January 23, 2017, prior to the City Council meeting.

Mr. Winstanley stated the application process would be closed January 18, 2017, to give staff time to include any new applicants in the interview process.

**VACANCY –
LIBRARY BOARD**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Seaside Library Board with three applications received from Gloria Linkey, Andrew Oberembt, and Matthew Stolberg.

Council President Montero nominated Gloria Linkey, Andrew Oberembt, and Matthew Stolberg with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Montero/Phillips)

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**APPROVAL –
AUDIT CONTRACT
2016-2017**

Mr. Winstanley stated with City Council's approval Kern & Thompson, LLC, will conduct the City of Seaside audit for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the amount of the contract is \$41,000.00. Mr. Winstanley further stated the contract price has increased by \$1,000.00. The City of Seaside audit contract for the year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, with Kern & Thompson, LLC, was \$40,000.00.

Councilor Frank moved to approve the audit contract with a second from Council President Montero; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)

**DISCUSSION –
CITY COUNCIL GOAL
SETTING DATES**

Mayor Barber stated Council would be conducting goals this year and there was a memo with dates available for the Coraggio Group, Trever Cartwright, and Matthew Landkamer. The dates available were Friday and Saturday, February 24, 2, 2017, March 3, 4, 2017, March 17, 18, 2017, April 14, 15, 2017, and April 21, 22, 2017. Mayor Barber further stated Council may want to consider a mid week date for goal setting.

Council discussed the dates available for the Goal Setting Session with the Coraggio Group.

Mayor Barber stated the dates for the City Council Goal Setting Session would be Friday, March 17, 2017, and Saturday, March 18, 2017.

**DISCUSSION –
CITY COUNCIL
VACANCY**

Mayor Barber stated the City Council has a vacant position available in Ward 1 – Precinct 37. Staff has provided paperwork for filling the vacant position in Council's packets. Mayor Barber asked Council what they wished to do.

Mr. Winstanley stated staff had included in Council's packet the same process that had been used in the past. The Council can do whatever it likes as far as the process was concerned. There are really only two qualifications that someone who wishes to fill that position needs to meet. They have to live in Ward 1 and have lived there for at least one year.

Councilor Frank asked if they had to be a registered voter.

Mr. Winstanley stated yes they needed to be a registered voter. Mr. Winstanley reviewed the packet information for the process of City Councilor Ward 1. Council will want adequate time for the process and leave the process open at least a couple of weeks.

Council President Montero stated she liked having the standard form and the questions. In looking through the Charter and all the things required all of us who are elected must have twenty-five voters in our ward sign a form to nominate us. That would be an appropriate addition for this because that would involve some voters.

Councilor Phillips stated she had mixed emotions because someone could have wonderful potential to serve but deterred because of having to get the signatures.

Councilor Morrissey stated he liked the idea and it put power back to the voters and weeds out any people not very serious.

Councilor Frank stated he liked the idea.

Councilor Horning stated it's between extra work or changing the standards that have been inherited in the Charter. Councilor Horning supports candidate signatures.

Mayor Barber stated he hoped Council would receive twenty applications, Council would review the applicants some would be eliminated. What if Council asked the finalist that were selected to get the signatures?

Councilor Frank stated the date should be set for the applicants.

Mr. Winstanley stated the application process would be done on an informal basis. Signatures could not be duplicated on petitions and staff would basically be the judge of that.

Council President Montero stated it defeated the purpose if Council did not ask for unique signatures and it did not need to go through the whole election process.

Mayor Barber stated what if Council asked for ten signatures.

Councilor Morrissey stated he agreed with that.

Council President Montero stated each candidate could have some signatures crossing over because that happens also. There needed to be a deadline for their applications to be received.

Mr. Winstanley stated staff would put together a packet of information for candidates that are interested in the Council position and would ask that candidates come to City Hall and recognize they have packets out. There could be a deadline set and interviews done sometime prior to the February 13, 2017, meeting.

Council President Montero stated what if there were twenty applications received.

Mr. Winstanley stated a special meeting could be scheduled for Council to review the applications received. The calendar and packet would be put together and sent out right away to get the process started. Mr. Winstanley stated the deadline would be needed because the vacancy will need to be advertised.

Council President Montero stated the end date could be Friday, February 3, 2017, and that would give Council three weeks.

Mayor Barber stated this is exciting for Council to move forward with this vacancy.

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Department, stated the Seaside Fire Department would have their annual banquet at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center on Saturday, January 14, 2017, 5:30 pm. Chief Daniels further stated pretty good record with 1329 calls in 2016 which was 200 more calls than in 2015.

Mayor Barber stated the Council members were invited and encouraged to attend.

Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director, stated the Library just had a winter reading program for children that just finished. The goal was to read five hundred hours and they are over six hundred hours the last count. The Friends of the Library were sponsoring this by buying a sheep for a family in a third world country. Ms. Moberg further stated there was an invite given to Council for an All Boards meeting for all the Library Boards and committees.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated a few days ago Seaside lost a long time volunteer to the community, Harry Miller, who passed away. The Celebration of Life will be held at the convention center at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 15, 2017. The Convention Center Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017, 5:00 pm.

Sarah Daley, Seaside Downtown Development Association Director, stated on Thursday, January 12, 2017, Kiwanis would be speaking at the SDDA weekly meeting. Ms. Daley further stated the annual flower basket campaign would be starting soon. Last year there were sixty-six baskets hung up on the streets, and funds were raised to pay Pam Fleming to maintain the baskets. If you would like to buy a private basket or to make a contribution then contact Ms. Daley.

Skylar Archibald, Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Manager, stated they were planning for 2017 and a regularly scheduled board meeting Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Mr. Archibald further stated Saturday, February 24, 2017, SEPRD would be hosting the Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Seaside Convention Center and was one of the most popular events last year. The Sweet Affair would be held at the Seaside Convention Center on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, stated the City ended the year with completed plans of the Avenue 'U' Bridge which also included the intersection and traffic signal. There were real critics that came to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a field trip K-5 Gearhart School. The students made a poster thanking Tony Biamont and his crew.

Council President Montero asked Mr. McDowell about the speed limit on Necanicum Drive.

Mr. McDowell stated the speed limit has been changed to thirty miles an hour per the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) traffic study letter.

Mr. Winstanley stated everything that gets done in the City of Seaside, all the accomplishments, everything that is built, and the services provided happened because of the work that department heads did with their staff.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Horning stated he has enjoyed meeting people he does not get to talk to very much, something about the position seems to attract folks. Councilor Horning further stated he looked forward to working with the other Councilors and Mayor regarding Tsunami Preparedness. Councilor Horning further stated people were coming out of the woodwork from all over and organizations are contacting him and he had a chance to meet with the Governor. Councilor Horning further stated there seems to be a great convergent, everybody is focusing towards Tsunami Preparedness, and there was great opportunity for Seaside to lead the rest of the coast on a high level of preparedness.

Councilor Frank welcomed Councilor Horning. Councilor Frank sent a shout out to the volunteers of the community and thanks to all volunteers.

Councilor Phillips welcomed Councilor Horning. Councilor Phillips welcomed Councilor Frank and Councilor Morrisey back and congratulated Council President Montero. Councilor Phillips stated this is why this community is so special because of the volunteers and people wanting to be involved in making the community better.

Councilor Morrisey welcomed Councilor Horning and the experience he brings and congratulations to Council President Montero.

Council President Montero welcomed Councilor Horning and reiterated what was said. Council President Montero stated she happened to be on many boards and one thing she sees is the aging (maturing) of board members. The youth of the community are encouraged to apply and are needed. Council President Montero further stated the Barbershop Quartet is coming back to Seaside January 20, 21, 2017, at the convention center. The organizer would like to get the word out that on January 21, 2017; there was a day long workshop.

Mayor Barber asked what the financial impact would be if the City had an equal amount of full time persons to cover the ground of the volunteers, it would be significant. Volunteers have such an impact on the community and all over. Mayor Barber further stated as an old professor he would end the Council meeting with a thought for the evening. "Life is a succession of moments, to live each one is to succeed".

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

JAY BARBER, MAYOR