

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, Dale McDowell, Public Works Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief; and RJ Marx, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.

AGENDA Mayor Barber stated he would entertain a motion for approval of the agenda.

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

COMMENTS – PUBLIC John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Drive, Seaside, presented Council with paperwork titled Petition for Formation of a Peoples Utility District in Clatsop County and Advantages of Cascadia Peoples Utility District (PUD). Mr. Dunzer stated he had been working on the Cascadia PUD and a website would be up by the end of the week. A petition has been drawn up and the ways and means to get a petition ready to go. Mr. Dunzer was on the docket with the City of Cannon Beach to talk to the Council. He hopefully planned to get on the docket in Gearhart and would love to be on the docket for Seaside. Last but not least would be Warrenton. The advantages of PUD he gave a list. The County was going to propose a PUD three years ago for this particular area because it was a win for the people that live in this area financially. Mr. Dunzer was not so much interested in a PUD for financial reasons as he was for getting a power plant capability out here for a Cascadia possibility. He would also like to do something with alternative energy and this should be a slam dunk. The project was wonderful and all that happens was the rates go down 30%. Mr. Dunzer further stated he would like to have a chance to present to Council.

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 stated he would entertain a motion for approval to the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$885,620.94; and Approval of Minutes June 26, 2017.

Councilor Frank so moved to approve the consent agenda and pay the bills with a second from Council President Montero; carried unanimously. (Frank/Montero)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**VACANCY –
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Budget Committee and discussed serving on the Budget Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

**UPDATE – COMMUNITY
CENTER AND SENIOR
COMMISSION**

Lou Neubecker, 1859 Broadway, Seaside, stated several years ago we had a dream and a couple of years ago the dream became a reality. The Community Center and Senior Commission was here tonight to let you know through the fundraising efforts of the last year and a half we raised \$51,375.00. There was \$47,375.00 in cash and \$4,000.00 was in kind donations. Since the original project was estimated at \$175,000.00 combined with the City's project budget of \$200,000.00 we have enough to start going out for bids and get an actual cost. We are keeping the donations open for anyone else who wants to donate. The developing and bids documents will be issued later this week if everything goes smoothly tonight. The Community Center and Senior Commission thanks the City for backing us and every time we have had a fundraiser you have been there. Mr. Neubecker further stated now there is two fold for us and the second fold is going to be we would like you to consider changing the name of our commission to the Bob Chisholm Community Center Commission.

The reason we are asking for the senior to be dropped would be a lot of people are saying they don't want to hold their event at the senior center so if we could get the name dropped that might end some of this and get more people to use the center.

Mayor Barber stated we understand that this is coming before the Council and we are having a workshop on July 18, 2017, and Council may have the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of the request. Mayor Barber further stated personally it made a lot of sense and great resources to making the center more than just a senior center but we don't want the seniors to think we are kicking them out. Council will discuss this among themselves and it will be on a future agenda for Council to make that decision.

Councilor Phillips stated she would ask that you do a polling of the people that do use the community center and ask them what their opinion is of dropping the senior center. Those of us that are old enough to remember, oh my gosh, and the storm that happened originally about changing the name. I would ask the commission do some kind of polling inside the building to find out.

Mayor Barber stated Council would review the request.

Councilor Phillips thanked the commission so much for all the hard work that all of you have done and it has been a long haul but the light at the end of the tunnel is looking good.

**RFP –COLLECTION
AGENCY SERVICES
MUNICIPAL COURT**

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated the City of Seaside advertised for proposals from parties interested in providing Collection Agency Services for the Seaside Municipal Court. The City encouraged companies to submit the most comprehensive proposal possible offering the highest quality service and enhancement to improve the management of collection services. The City asked for a detailed operational plan which demonstrates understanding of, and capability to assume responsibility for, collecting delinquent revenue for the City. The plan shall provide all details of the methods to be used to maximize successful collections, including initiating and continuing collection attempts within the guidelines set forth by Federal and State regulations regarding fair debt collection. The City of Seaside advertised and received three (3) Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Collection Agency Services. The RFP's received were from Western Collection Bureau, Inc., Professional Credit, and Rash Curtis & Associates. Rash Curtis & Associates was out of California and had limited experience in Oregon. The other two collection agencies have a lot of work in Oregon and both of those collection agencies gave us very comprehensive proposals and they were very close. The proposals were reviewed and City staff recommends awarding the contract to Western Collection Bureau, Inc. Western Collection Bureau, Inc., was the smaller of the two but have a little more experience with handling courts and both companies references were checked and good references were received. Western Collections was used by West linn, Lake Oswego, Newberg, Gladstone. There were over thirty agencies in Oregon they service. The Mr. Winstanley further stated the City was just talking about a collection agency for the courts right now.

Councilor Wright asked if Council would see the contract or just Mr. Van Thiel.

Mr. Winstanley stated as a rule the City would normally have Mr. Van Thiel review the contract but a contract had not been provided as yet.

Mayor Barber stated he would entertain a motion to accept the proposal.

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

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, stated there will be a Proclamation read at the next meeting for National Night Out on August 1, 2017, which is the first Tuesday of August. National Night out would be at Cartwright Park this year from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Mayor Barber asked Chief Ham to talk about the 4th of July and how it went.

Chief Ham stated it was over. It was pretty good and not the numbers that Seaside has had in the past. Traffic was flowing pretty good after an hour and half. There were several fights on the beach area after the fireworks. Chief Ham further stated he has not got all the stats together but there were warnings, citations wrote and arrest made.

Mr. Winstanley stated since the fire chief was not here it was important Council knew the fire department never did come out of the garages during the 4th of July which was remarkable.

Council President Montero stated even though there were fewer people in town as she was walking down the Prom between 9:30 PM and 10:00 PM it felt like there was a lot more private firework activity on the beach than even last year and I know that is a complete challenge. The barrier for the family area restricted area was pretty much to a great extent ignored by the visitors to town.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated there was a national dance competition in the building this week, Spotlight Dance Cup which was approximately six hundred participants and were here during the week with competitions during the weekend.

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, stated the 4th of July did not go too bad even though there were fewer people in town they left the same amount of garbage. There were fewer pallets on the beach this year and they worked until 3:00 AM. There was a garbage can fire from a BBQ put in a garbage can. Mr. McDowell further stated on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, there was a Parks Forum to get input about the City parks. What does everyone want in the parks including the kids? At the next City Council meeting the results would be given on what the forum provided.

Council President Montero stated this was a Parks Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. McDowell stated it was a community meeting and all the Parks Advisory Committee members will be there to answer any questions. There will be boards set up in the Library to have maps with pictures and to get input on what people would like to see.

Councilor Phillips asked what time the meeting was.

Mr. McDowell stated from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and is at the Seaside Library side room.

Kim Jordan, Secretary, discussed the League of Oregon Cities Conference reservations for September, 2017.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Wright thanked Dale McDowell on behalf of the museum as Lady Liberty was a hit on the 4th of July. Councilor Wright stated he lived close to Cartwright Park and had some ideas for the parks. Councilor Wright further stated he looked forward to the work session.

Councilor Morrissey stated he enjoyed being in the 4th of July Parade with everyone. Everything went pretty smoothly with a lot less people and good job to City staff and the police for taking care of everything.

Council President Montero stated some of the feeling she had about the parade. The first parade she was in was in 2003 and she remembers it being quite a whitebread group and not much of a diverse group. As we went through the parade this year there was a much wider diversity and it was nice to see the diversity and was a big point in our favor and that people feel comfortable. Council President Montero further stated she loved the Library and wanted to share a new book at the Library and was called: This Is What A Librarian Looks Like and also should be called This Is What A Library Was All About. There were interviews with more than 300 librarians throughout the Country and was a fascinating read. A Library is way more than just a collection of books.

Councilor Phillips stated hats off to the Convention Center for outstanding employees during the Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant and very impressive the whole staff. The Seaside Signal has a young lady pictured as Miss Oregon and that was Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen. Councilor Phillips thanked the Community Center and all they are doing and looks forward to the renovation. Councilor Phillips further stated she wanted to do a shout out for Relay for Life and her sister who was instrumental in doing that over in Astoria and it would be in Seaside next year and talk about diversity that was it and it was dedicated to Marilyn Halbrook.

Councilor Frank thanked the volunteers who make our community what it is and he really appreciates that. Councilor Frank stated he was seeing the big chair at the Chamber being used and it was really bigger than he thought.

Councilor Horning stated he would like to reiterate how great 4th of July holiday was. Councilor Horning reminded everyone that the Elks Temple would be having a blood drive on Tuesday, starting at 1:30 PM.

Mayor Barber stated the parade was always lots of fun. The Council had an illegal meeting on the fire truck and we voted for 2,000 flags next year for the parade. We ran out of flags and it is so fun to pass out those flags and it is great to share patriotism. Mayor Barber stated there was a City Council/Planning Commission Workshop on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 6:00 PM. Mayor Barber further stated his family sat in the big chair at the Visitors Bureau and took pictures. Mayor Barber further stated he had a quote that has been passed onto him by our Council President and it goes along with what Councilor Frank stated. Mayor Barber read the quote: "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once per year but when you volunteer you vote everyday about the kind of community you live in."

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

JAY BARBER, MAYOR