

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 Randy Frank; Councilors Tita Montero, Steve Wright, Seth Morrissey, Dana Phillips, and Tom Horning.

Absent: Councilor Dana Phillips

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

MAYOR STATEMENT OPENING STATEMENT FOR MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Barber stated as I open tonight’s council meeting, I want to publicly announce that this is a special electronic communication meeting in accordance with ORS 192.610 to 192.690. We are utilizing the Zoom Webinar software to bring our council and participating staff together tonight while also streaming this meeting on YouTube Live. In a moment we’ll begin the public comment period for tonight’s meeting and there is a way you can participate should you wish to make comment on any item not on our agenda this evening. Our website, cityofseaside.us has a direct link to view the meeting as an attendee, if you aren’t already doing so. When the time comes to hear from members of the public, there’s a feature in the attendee view (and via phone attendance) that allows you to raise your hand. Our moderator of the comments, assistant city manager Jon Rahl, will monitor this area and let us know should we have citizens wishing to make comment. For those simply wishing to watch and listen to the meeting, YouTube Live should be your best option. We won’t be able to allow for public comment through that channel, but we will do our best to monitor any comments that are made, and additional members of our staff will attempt to pass that information along to us as needed. You can also submit comments for future meetings to our City Recorder, Kim Jordan, by emailing kjordan@cityofseaside.us.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD STATEMENT

Mayor Barber stated as I mentioned a few moments ago, we have a new format for our public comment period, and I am about to open this section of our meeting. If you are viewing the meeting directly through Zoom or you called into one of the participation numbers, we now ask you to “virtually raise your hand” if you would like to make comment. If you are online, attending the meeting through the Zoom software, raise your hand by clicking on the control panel at the bottom of your screen. You will then be placed into a queue. When your time comes to speak, you will be unmuted and can address the council on matters NOT already on tonight’s agenda. If you have a comment related to an agenda item that has a public comment period, please wait for that item to address the council. If you are attending the meeting by phone, and have dialed in, you will need to press *9 to raise your hand. As with the online attendees, this will place you into a queue and you will be able to speak once called upon. In both instances, public meeting law asks that you state your full name and your address for the public record as you would do if you attended the meeting in person. You will be limited to four minutes of total speaking time as is also standard protocol for our meetings and tonight because of our packed agenda, we’re going to allow for one half hour of public comment that limit and I’m going to ask Jon to keep track of that as well. That was a lot, but we needed to make sure everybody understood that.

ROLL CALL Mayor Barber stated and with that I will ask our city clerk to do the roll call.

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

Absent: Councilor Dana Phillips

AGENDA Mayor Barber stated now I will entertain a motion for approval of the agenda as circulated.

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

PROCLAMATION Mayor Barber stated we have a Proclamation to read on Police Week. Mayor Barber asked Council President Frank to read the Proclamation.

Council President Frank read the Proclamation for Police Week 2020.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Randy. This is especially close to hearts as we still remember like it was yesterday, the loss of Sergeant Jason Goodding one of our stalwarts who gave his life in service. So we all remember this very important commemoration of national police.

**COMMENTS –
PUBLIC**

Mayor Barber stated I will open the floor to public comments. Anyone who would like to address the Council on any item that is not on the agenda, please do as I indicated, raise your hand if you'd like to speak. Identify yourself, your name, spell your last name and give your address and keep your comments within four minutes.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, (Moderator) stated Mayor, it looks like the first attendee, or the first member of the public wishing to talk is Mark Tolan. I'm allowing Mr. Tolan to talk. Okay. Go ahead and unmute yourself, Mr. Tolan go ahead and state your name, address for the record. You're still showing as muted. Oh, go ahead.

Mark Tolan, I'm a business owner in Seaside, 524 North Roosevelt, stated I wanted to take an opportunity to say thank you and point out excellent leadership and I thought I would do that by sharing, a very short story. You know, early in my career I was in manufacturing and in manufacturing it was a unique scenario where if the guy before you in the line didn't do his job, that you would send the product back and say, hey man, you got to fix this and send it to me right so I can do my job. It was a very linear way of doing business, moving up to Seaside and getting involved with hospitality. It became much more dynamic. Service oriented relationships became much more intertwined with delivering a satisfactory products, helping people build memories and delivering homes clean and maintained. And I started searching for another way of doing business. And my next door neighbors were Coasties. Coast Guard crew, officers. And I said, well, how do you, work in your, job. And they said, well, you know, we all start, you know, scrubbing the decks and scraping rust. And we use checklist and we train and we look at working off of what has worked in the past as a way forward to keep the machines running. It's is fantastic, but that doesn't really apply to my business. And at a family reunion, I came across my cousin who's a rocket scientist, but he's not just a rocket scientist. He's really unique. He's the manager. He was a manager at NASA and he spent his career managing rocket scientist. And I said, how do you do your job? And he goes, well, it's really important that you realize when you're managing people around you that are smarter than you, you can't expect to do their work. You just have to make sure that everybody's pointing in the right direction.

Mayor Barber stated make sure everyone is pointed in the right direction. Then we lost you, Mark.

Mr. Tolan stated get back to me to a network about the hardships that we're facing as small business owners. And one of the point out, the wonderful leadership that Jay has put forth, creating a task force ahead of most Oregon Coast cities to start figuring out how do we network, you know, those smartest people in the room to find a way forward that protects us all because we have no interest in trading our businesses for the lives of our neighbors. And yet at the same time, this can't go on forever and we have to find a way through. And I wanted to say thank you. Thank you for your leadership. And I also want to point out the wonderful leadership that we're seeing at the County level, even though I can be a critic easily. I think it's more important that I point out the good work that Tiffany, Mike and Vincent have put forth to get this plan to the governor's office today. Absolutely amazing work. And I'm sure they worked extra hours to get it done. Mayor, I hope you will keep the task force going on a weekly basis. So the four pillars of enterprise healthcare policy on the city level and policy on the County level can stay connected and we can work towards resourcing amongst each other, for a better tomorrow. I feel under your leadership, and this is when I say you all encompassing everybody at city hall, Jon, Raul, and the whole, the whole team, all the girls in the office who were coming to work. We can find a way through this. So Seaside doesn't end up being a shell of a city it once was, but we can be stronger than ever and have learned something from this. Thank you so much for your time.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Mark.

Moderator Rahl stated alright, Mr. Mayor. Next up is Jesse Anderson.

Mayor Barber stated okay Jesse, can you give us your name and your address and, keep your comments within four minutes please?

Jesse Anderson, mailing address is 1605 Seaside, Oregon. I am a Navy veteran with training to include but not limited to hazardous material training. I have quite the knowledge in rehabilitation and recovery. I have volunteered over 400 hours created Seaside Community Cleanup, found and utilized resources such as volunteers, public works, Seaside Police Department, and local businesses as well as put forward funds and equipment cleaning up over 3000 needles and 27 tons of garbage created by our homeless population. The homeless camps at Mill Ponds is stated as a goal of the Parks Master plan 2018/2019 approved by City Council. The problem of homeless camps is leaving a mark throughout our parks, streets, public and privately owned lands in the form of homeless encampments. Camps present serious risks, health risks to residents as well as to the community. I feel we need to provide safe, effective, and lawful homeless camp, clean up. The negative impact that arises from our homeless camps extends to the broader community as well.

The presence of a homeless encampment exposes all people and animals harmful things like diseases, drugs, illegal fires, needles and criminal activities. The manner in which the encampments or places which often has a negative impact on the businesses and people to even go about their day in their own neighborhoods. My recommendation is to create or hire a Biohazard Remediation team to restore our public and privately owned lands that we can safely clean up, maintain, and be a resource for all in our community by holding those accountable for their actions, encampments and reducing criminal activities by eight daily or weekly service goals. I want to identify and create lawful places for people to lead and remove or trespass, those not in compliance. Increase access to hygiene, sanitation stations. Provide and clean up, remove garbage needles and waste from animals and humans. Increased communication about programs and resources available. Work to reduce the impact of unsanctioned camping, drug use, drug dealing, theft and prostitution throughout our community. I am willing to continue to work toward a solution to this problem. I will go as far as opening a business and point training and using any resource available to be cost efficient, safe, and most of all effective in solving this issue. I would love to provide you with any and all data, pictures, locations, any research I have done to include some ideas of costs at a later time given if given the opportunity members want to feel safe in our community, whether it be walking through Mill Ponds, beautiful park, or just an afternoon at Safeway shopping or letting their kids go play. We deserve to have our city clean of needles, human waste, garbage, or they are shooting up on the side of Safeway. If we cannot hold them responsible, it's time to hold ourselves responsible. Let's make a change. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Barber stated Jesse. I want to thank you for the initiative that you took out at the Mill Pond. My wife and I spent the Saturday out there with you and, several, maybe 12, 15 or 20, citizens. You're doing great work and let's talk more about your ideas. Jon.

Moderator Rahl stated all right. Next up is Terry Bichsel, Mr. Mayor. Terry, you've been permitted to talk. Go ahead and state your name, address for the record and limits your speaking to four minutes please.

Terry Bichsel, 414 North Prom, stated thank you Jon. Members of the Council and Mr. Mayor, thank you for your leadership. You have some very important decisions to make. These are emotional and personal decisions. You have many facts in front of you relating to the COVID19 crisis and reopening our city. The County is ready. They submitted their plan. Businesses are ready. You've received our best practices. As to how we're going to protect our employees and our guests. The city services are ready. Oregon's numbers are low, which is terrific when we speak comparatively to other communities and States tonight, I'd also like to be the voice for those that you don't hear from people who live here, people who work here, and people who have little to no income and who are losing hope. People who either cannot get unemployment or the system has failed them. People looking for leadership to do the right thing, tonight. I'm also a member of this community, heavily invested in it. And I'm a small business person. I have people who rely on me for a paycheck, for a future and for hope. People who have been with me. And I know I share that with many employers in town, many small business people, people who have been with us for many years. And every day we wait, we dash the hopes of these people. I ask you to please not succumb to the pressure from people who do not live here and people who have, who are not invested in this community like we are. I asked you to do the right thing and let's give liberty and some freedom for those who want it. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Moderator Rahl stated alright, next up is Diana Nino. Diana, you have been permitted to talk. Oh, there you go. Go ahead.

Diana Nino, NINO, 115 10th Avenue, Seaside, stated good evening. Can everybody hear me? I'm a resident of the City of Seaside. I've recently heard of the initiative from a Portland group to conduct a demonstration in Seaside at noon this Saturday regarding reopening Seaside beaches. Ties have been mentioned in the media between the organizers of this demonstration and the Proud Boys and Patriot prayer, which are right wing groups that have been involved in violin clashes. Important. I've reviewed the agenda for today's meeting and I'm wondering if these demonstrations will be discussed under the new business item, f. Thank you,

Mayor Barber stated Diane. I can make a comment that we're very well aware of this item on Facebook and the city is tracking this very carefully. Mark, do you want to make any comments about that?

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated Mayor, I'd be happy to. The police department, fire department and, other public safety, people are keeping track of, what it is that is, proposed by this organization. And, we will be prepared if they show up, on Saturday to be able to handle this in a peaceful manner.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Mark. Jon, other comments.

Moderator Rahl stated yes. The next speaker is from Kathleen McDonalds. Kathleen, you've been permitted to speak. Go ahead.

Kathleen Macdonald, MACDONALD. I live at 77 7th Avenue, Seaside. Oregon's governor's proposed a reasonable science-based reopened strategy for our state.

The governor's plan relies on personal responsibility so that citizens not travel from areas of higher rates of infection to areas of lower rates of infection like our rural communities reopening short term lodging ahead of the rest of Clatsop County would have serious consequences for our communities, keep Oregon's North Coast safe and continue cooperating with Clatsop County and Governor Brown's reopen strategy. I belong to a small south coast or South County indivisible group and we decided that we throw a petition out on Facebook to see what some of the people's comments were. Currently our position, our petition has 1100 signatures since 11:00 AM yesterday. So, between 11:00, yesterday and 6:30 tonight, we have 1100 signatures on our petition. I'm hoping that you'll hear what I'm saying tonight and Mr. Bichsel does not speak for me and I am a long-term resident here. I appreciate your service here and your leadership and your representative of us in Seaside. Thanks so much.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Kathleen.

Moderator Rahl stated the next speaker, is someone only identified as Lee. Lee, I'm allowing you to talk.

Hey, good evening. I got the Motel Six here in town.

Moderator Rahl stated will you please state your full name and your address for the record?

Lee Judson, JUDSON, 2369 South Roosevelt, Seaside, stated I'm the owner of the Motel Six and the old Bigfoot property. I butt up against the, Mill Ponds. I just wanted to give kudos to them for trying to clean it up. I met Neal Maine years ago when they bought the property, I dealt with the Audubon society trying to, address some issues to get a walking path through there and they were all for it. If there's anything we can do to facilitate that as a walking park, I would be extremely interested for everybody's sake that we have a safe park like setting back there and get rid of the homeless. And secondly, as a motel owner, you know, I understand the dilemma you guys are in. My only comment on that is that we look at it from the standpoint that as soon as we open the beaches, people are going to come and we need to have the ability to give them housing, safe housing and we're fully prepared to meet any protections in social distancing that may be allowed.

Mayor Barber stated we have about 15 minutes left.

Moderator Rahl stated next up, an individual by the name of Beeb Ashcroft. Go ahead.

Beeb Ashcroft, last name spelled ASHCROFT, 985 North Wahanna Road, Seaside, stated I am a small business owner in Seaside, Oregon. I have called Seaside my home for almost three decades and I wanted to make a public comment regarding the proposal to disregard Clatsop County's emergency declaration and reopen Seaside on May 18th. Many have likened COVID 19 to the common flu and said that social distancing is an overreaction. According to the CDC, influenza has caused between 12,000 and 61,000 deaths annually since 2010. COVID 19 has already killed over 80,000 Americans in just two and a half months with confirmed infections in fewer than one half of 1% of the us population and that is with the social distancing precautions that have already been taken nationwide. We do not yet have a vaccine or widespread testing and we are also uncertain of the long-term complications that may result from a COVID 19 infection such as the emerging potential link between COVID 19 and pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome, both at the state and local level. We have been able to greatly reduce the test death toll by following the scientific guidance of health authorities and using fact-based methods to slow the spread of this extremely contagious virus. Yes, the economic impacts are frightening. As a small business owner in Seaside myself, I'm facing all of the same challenges trying to keep my business afloat and just like the business leaders who have proposed reopening next week. I also wonder how I will make ends meet as I wait months for unemployment while making virtually no income. But let us not forget that there will also be a serious economic impact if a large number of our workforce and consumers become gravely ill. And if you open Seaside too early and it results in unnecessary deaths, local workers and tourists alike will be hesitant to trust you when it actually does become safer to reopen. History will remember how leadership and businesses responded to this crisis and I urge you not to endanger both its residents and visitors. Thank you.

Moderator Rahl stated all right next up is, Chris Casebar. Go ahead Chris.

Chris Casebar, 810 11th Avenue, Seaside, stated I'm a business owner here in Seaside. First, I'd like to thank all the elected officials for their efforts to protect all the citizens of Seaside. And the truth is that this is not a severe pandemic, thank God. The fatality rates done by Stanford and other prestigious institutions now show about 0.1 to 0.2% of infection equal to the about the average flu season. And that's the truth. If you're looking at current data, that's what we see today. The truth is most people in the Northwest had already been exposed and have developed natural antibodies to the virus. And that's the truth. The truth is that it costs the city millions of dollars every day that businesses are closed. And the truth is our liberty, our freedoms and our constitutional rights are being violated by big pharma backed by the World Health Organizations. And that's the truth. So I am asking that you consider letting businesses and letting us enjoy our city and let us open for business in a safe and responsible way. Thank you very much.

Moderator Rahl stated all right, next up is Russ Mead. Mr. Mead, go ahead. You've been permitted to talk.

Russ Mead, thank you. Can you hear me?

Moderator Rahl stated yes, go ahead and state your name and address for the record please.

Russ Mead, 431 10th Avenue, Seaside, stated that the last commenter was saying that we've already had the infection go through our community. My problem is I don't know that to be true. I don't think we've done enough testing, if any testing at all to be able to say what percentage of our population has antibodies or has been infected for all. We know that we're on the front end of this curve, that we've done good social distancing. And the reason that we haven't had a lot of people in the hospital or any people in the hospital is because we haven't even seen the beginning of this, crisis hit our community before we did make any decisions about it. I think the only responsible approach is to do a statistical testing of our population to see where we stand. We could well be the most vulnerable community in the nation because of where we're sitting and because of our good efforts to social distance and to shut the businesses down. Please don't open up more of Seaside until we can tell where we are on the curb. For all we know, we are one of the most vulnerable populations around. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Mr. Mead. Do we have time for a couple more?

Moderator Rahl stated we actually just have one more hand raise. Rebecca Reed, I'm allowing you to talk. Rebecca, go ahead.

Rebecca Reed, REED, 328 7th Avenue, Seaside, stated I'm concerned we're not planning our reopening based on good health science, but with politics and pressure. The last two months we all made sacrifices to decrease our risk of contracting and spreading the virus. The state and city emergency measures do that. We must continue to engage safe practices and work within the state's reopening plan, apply for accommodations when appropriate and cooperate with regional partners. We need to keep the virus at bay the best we can by measured levels of visitors to the city through these phases. All sectors of Seaside need to continue to develop their detailed implementation plans and ask for input and support from the community. It's time to put down the differences and figure out how to work together to preserve the quality of life here in Seaside. I think we're capable of having a good strong comeback with phased openings and good code enforcement. Thank you.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Rebecca. Jon, you mentioned that maybe there were a couple more.

Moderator Rahl stated we had a few more pop ups. Masudar Khan, Mr. Khan you have been permitted to speak?

Masudar Khan, Seaside Lodging Owner, Seaside, stated hi, good afternoon. This is the first time I'm joining the meeting, but, hearing all that, can you guys hear me? Listening to the other, you know, comments and, with all the respects, you know, there is a very difficult decision that when we have a disease doesn't have any vaccine or any kind of medicine. I know it's very difficult decision, for you guys and I'm sure that, you know, you guys have a strong leadership and then you will make right decision based on our comments. But, we must, find a way, you know, how to balance the economy. And our public health, being a hotel owner in Seaside for multiple hotels and, and it's very seasonal business. We actually, of course, you know, I was, for closing the city at the very beginning and you know, during the mass timeframe when there would be for the spring break. But, it is true that, you know, if we lose a June, July and August, it means we're going to lose the whole year until end of, you know, beginning of next year. it's going to be very hard for us to survive. And it will be no way that we can survive if we can, if we miss the, you know, the summertime. But of course, you know, you guys will make the decision, how to open safely and, mitigate the risk and we are ready for it. And we'll take, in decisions that, you know, will prevent our employees and our guests. But somehow I think it's very important that we have to find a way to open the business. Otherwise, you know, is going to be very difficult. We had 150 employees and some of the employees that you know, does not have the coverage are, they have a lot of burden for their families. I'm sure that I'm not the expert of, you know, I'm not a doctor or a scientist, but as a business owner, I feel that it's very important to find a way how we should open the business and see like, of course there are a lot of things that comments came that we can start the testing, but we have to find a way to open it. Otherwise, you know, we will not be surviving, because in the lodging industry, we only have the business for the next few months. And after that, you know, we don't make money. We lose money, even the normal conditions. Thank you. But, fully, you know, that's my comment. Thanks.

Mayor Barber stated thank you Masudar, your new hotel is looking beautiful. It's coming together. We have time for one more, this is our final one.

Moderator Rahl stated it looks like Andy Mercer, go ahead. You've been permitted to talk.

Andy Mercer, 1658 Whispering Pines, Seaside, stated I've already written a letter and I don't want to, take a whole lot of time. The leaders of business have been coming to put together this plan. I was one of the, the original authors of the plan helping write a good portion of it. I think it's important that you all know that a great deal of efforts been put into this.

And that's what I've heard from all the different business owners, all members of the ad hoc team is that we want to open responsibly and we want to do it in a way that supports our employees as well as our businesses. And, as I've been sitting here listening, I've read two texts from employees asking me how they were going to pay their bills, asking me if there were any hours for them. I've got one gentleman I brought in from Puerto Rico about a year and a half ago. A great young kid. He came into the restaurant. He since then has met a girl, had a baby and, it's just an amazing guy. He comes to work every day. He works hard and he just wants the opportunity to come back to work. The simple truth is we're going to have this, virus with us for a long time to come. We are going to have to figure out how to be open. We're going to have to figure out how to work with it. For those of you that are on the ad hoc committee or we've been working with this group, you know, we have the buy in of the County health director, you know, that we have the buy in of Donald from Providence. Both of these people who are very up-to-date and very aware of what's going on with our capabilities have said that they approve when they agree with our plan. I just, we're not discussing lodging here tonight, but I hope that will happen very quickly. That is something that Seaside has some control over. And I just ask you to consider those people that are still waiting for an unemployment. I've got at least five employees after seven weeks. They have nothing. I'm writing them checks out of my PPP money just so they can go and buy food. Four or five come down to my restaurant down to Maggie's and shop through our supplies to get by. And that's not okay. At some point we have to balance that with, our response to the virus. I thank you for all the hard work that you're doing. Please keep that in mind and please keep in mind that we have worked hard to include the health community, Senator Johnson and work at the County level and the state level as well in crafting this plan. So hopefully you'll be able to, follow some of those. And I acknowledge that things have shifted a bit since we started that, but there are a couple points, the beaches and the lodging you can directly affect. So thanks for all your hard work.

Mayor Barber stated thank you very much Andy. And that ends our public comment period. If you have other things that you would like for the Council to be aware of, please email those to Kim at kjordan@cityofseaside.us. We, received, literally scores of emails in our packet that reflect a broad range of, insights and input from citizens. And we thank you for those. If you didn't get on to make your comments please email it to us, we will read it. We will be aware of your position.

CONFLICT Mayor Barber stated moving on at this point, I'll ask if any Councilors need to declare a potential conflict of interest on any item on the agenda this evening. Hearing none.

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

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$440,373.19; and Approval of Minutes April 27, 2020.

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

UPDATE – COVID-19

Mayor Barber stated reports and presentations. We just wanted to, follow up on, the reopening taskforce and, the report that, Andy Mercer was just talking about from the ad hoc group. Are there Councilors that want to make comments about that? And, have anything to add to that? The report. We had a pretty good discussion of the comments from, across the board from citizens. Anybody who would like to comment on that.

Council President Frank stated well, I would comment that I think it's great how these people pulled together. They have demonstrated their eagerness to not only get back to work but how they want to do it responsibly and they have email lists of safety protocols and, showing the Council how they might, reopen and go about business in a safe manner. I think the taskforce has done a great job.

Mayor Barber stated any other comments.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to echo Randy's comment on the task force. You know, it's, great to see the private sector step up and kind of fill the gap where government doesn't either have the resources or the time, you know, in this environment to take care of it. And it was great to have that group together and to meet weekly and I hope they continue until we can get our economy back open.

Councilor Montero stated I would like to echo those sentiments. I have never seen a business community come together so quickly and so positively, for, putting together plans, sharing information with, governmental officials, getting the contacts, getting the information they need to get and trying to be aware of all aspects of a situation. They get kudos from me for the way they've been operating and working and I appreciate it and I hope to keep working with them. I hope they will stay active and stay involved.

Mayor Barber stated and we have representation from that ad hoc group on the reopening task force that I've appointed. And we will, that group will continue to meet, as Mark Tolan

indicated or ask and we'll continue to hear from them. But we're also hearing from people from the community who have an alternate point of view. So we're not just hearing one side of the issue, we're trying to hear all sides of the issue that will help to advise us as we make these crucial decisions. Chris Casebar is asking how do we find out about the taskforce. You can get the minutes of that task force by going on, on our website, for the first meeting. I think the second meeting is still in process in putting that together. It's a taskforce that I've appointed, the reopening task force. The guidelines for Seaside Business Taskforce. I think if you've contacted Andy Mercer at Maggie's Restaurant, you could get a copy of their proposal

Moderator Rahl stated Mr. Mayor, the second meeting is actually, was streamed live on YouTube and it's archived on YouTube. If someone wanted to go watch that archive there, on YouTube.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful. Those are all public meetings, so they're all recorded and minutes, and we'll be letting you know when the date is for the next meeting. It's going to take all of us working together to figure this out. As I said at our last meeting, we have a lot more work to do. Today, Clatsop County submitted their reopening plan to Governor Brown and, there are a lot of issues that have been raised tonight that are addressed in their proposal in phase one. I think the big issue that we have to grapple with still is, when the governor will lift the, no, essential travel, only essential travel allowed, that will have an impact on when and how are we going to open lodging and that sort of thing. But in phase one, their proposal indicates the opening of a lot of the personal services of salons, barbershops and that sort of thing. And then, restaurants on a social distancing format, where, restaurants are ready to do that from what I'm hearing. And then the next step will be, when that's in place. Then the, the next phase will be the opening of hotels, the VRD's, and RV Parks, that sort of thing. This is all a process. And I think what I've tried to articulate is that we're committed to working with the County and the other four cities, if at all possible to cooperate so that we're all in lockstep and moving ahead for a responsible reopening so that if one city opens, everybody will come. They're all open at the same time, it'll spread out and will be able to handle that much more effectively. We will let you know when the next meeting, comes up for the, Mayor's task force. Okay, let's move on. Unless there are other comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #2020-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, PURSUANT TO ORS 223.112-223.132, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT, KNOWN AS THE "DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT"; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01, AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

Mayor Barber stated unfinished business. We have before us a third and final reading and vote, on Ordinance 2020-05. Mark, you want to make any comments about that before we, open the floor for public comments?

Mr. Winstanley stated only Mr. Mayor to remind, everybody who's listening tonight that, at your last meeting, the Council did first and second readings on this ordinance. This is the ordinance that would put in place, the Downtown Maintenance Assessment. We originally proposed to the Council a 5% increase in the assessment for property owners in the Downtown Maintenance District. Council chose to go ahead and not put that 5% percent increase in place, but freeze it at its current level. You read it, for the first and second times. We've made adjustments now to, the ordinance that reflect those changes, and yes, you are on third reading and a motion to adopt tonight.

Mayor Barber stated at this time I will open the floor for public comments regarding ordinance 2020-05, an ordinance of the City of Seaside pursuant to the, Downtown Maintenance District. Is there anyone, Jon, wishing to speak?

Moderator Rahl stated there are no hands raised, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated I'll wait just a minute in case people were just becoming aware.

Moderator Rahl stated a reminder that if, folks are listening, through a telephone, that you need to press star nine to raise your hand.

Mayor Barber stated this is a public comment regarding the, the Downtown Maintenance District. Well, hearing none, I'll close the public comments and ask if there are any Council comments. Hearing none. I'll entertain a motion for third and final reading by title only.

Councilor Montero stated I would like to move that we have a third and final reading for ordinance 2020-05 by title only with a second from Council President Frank; carried unanimously. (Montero/Frank)

Mayor Barber stated Dan, would you please read that?

Dan Van Thiel stated I'll be glad to read that. In the Council's attention there is a couple of small changes and the reflection of the dollar amounts are referred to as section three of the ordinance. Its first two readings.

Those amounts were higher and, he had made a couple of sabbatical changes. I've told the city that the first two readings could stand, and, that we would not have to start over again to redo the ordinance, because the amounts have come down and the changes in the semantical terminology in section three, it was changed the meaning of the ordinance itself. I would like the vote merely to reflect that minor change according to actual five percent. The ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Dan, for those of you, online. Dan van Thiel is our city attorney in case you didn't know that. Thank you Dan. Now I'll entertain a motion to adopt.

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

Mayor Barber stated we have a roll call. Kim, would you do the roll call please?

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

Mayor Barber stated all right, thank you. Okay, let the record show that it was a unanimous vote. Adopted Ordinance 2020-05.

**VACANCY –
PARKS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Barber stated we still have a vacancy on the Perks Advisory Committee for all of you that are tuned in tonight. I think we have 115 participants according to what I'm showing here. We need someone who would be willing to step up to serve as a volunteer on the Parks Advisory Committee. Someone who has a passion for our parks in the city. We need one additional member. If you'd like to explore that, you can get an application for that at city hall. It's closed now, but you could call and we can get you one in the mail.

Councilor Montero stated you know, I, think we heard earlier from someone who might be a good candidate. Jesse Anderson.

Council President Frank stated I carry applications around in my car so flag me down, I'll give you one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Barber stated under new business, we have a whole raft of liquor license applications. Mark, would you like to explain why that is happening, or do you have any insights into that?

Mr. Winstanley stated thank you Mr. Mayor. There've been some changes at the state level and I'm also, I think because of the economic times, I think you're looking at businesses trying to make sure that they are, if you will kind of touching all the bases of their businesses. Because of some of the, economic changes too, that the state has made as far as license fees are concerned, I think we are seeing businesses that currently have liquor licenses but are looking at maybe expanding, what it is they can do under their liquor license. All three of your applicants today, currently already are holding liquor licenses, and I think I can speak for all three that, we have not had issues with any of these three organizations.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Mark.

**LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATIONS**

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – WESTPORT WINERY, 810 BROADWAY SUITE 101 (Owner – Kim Roberts).

Mayor Barber stated the first one is from the Westport Winery who is applying to expand, to provide distillery, in there, liquor service. Is Kim Roberts online? Want to make any comment?

Moderator Rahl stated I have permitted Kim Roberts to speak.

Kim Roberts, I represent Westport Winery and Ocean's Daughter Distillery. Our business address is 810 Broadway in Seaside. We're very appreciative to have the opportunity to present this to Council. We've been in Seaside a couple of years now with our winery tasting room. We are headquartered in Washington State. Here's where we make our wine. But we also have a distillery now called Ocean's Daughter Distillery and we've requested permission from the federal level and some at the state level to add a distillery function to our property. So far those have all been approved, we're seeking approval now with the City of Seaside,

Mayor Barber stated thank you Kim. Are there any Councilors that would like to ask Kim questions? Hearing none. I'll entertain a motion regarding that liquor license.

Council President Frank stated well, I think they've done a great job so far and, seeing how Corporal Detective, Shauna Stelson has given them a thumbs up, I would say I make a motion that we approve this with a second from Councilor Wright; carried unanimously. (Frank/Wright)

Mayor Barber stated any further discussion. Thank you very much. Kim.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – DUNDEE’S BAR & GRILL, 414 BROADWAY
(Owner – Neil Dundas).

Mayor Barber stated the next one is from, Dundee's Bar and Grill. Neil is here, my understanding is that you're wanting to be able to do package sales out. Neil, are you online?

Moderator Rahl stated yes Mr. Mayor, go ahead.

Neil Dundas, Owner of Dundee’s Bar and Grill stated Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Barber stated tell us about your project.

Mr. Dundas stated it's just like Mr. Winstanley said we were granted the right to have a delivery license. If you deliver product, deliver food, you're also able to deliver, beer and wine. So far, I mean, they did grant us a 90 day permit, you know, until this happens. And, so far I've delivered one growler of beer, I thought I'd done really well. I'm not a big delivery service, but you know what, these hard times, we're trying to do everything we can to keep the lights on. And I want to thank everybody for all your hard work and you know, it's, been a pleasure actually to, stay open. And you know, so many people are thankful that our door is open and they come in and they appreciate the fact that we have tried to do it. It's really hard and you know, we give, it's able to, pay a few people and it's, been interesting for sure. It'd be nice to get it back to normal.

Mayor Barber stated thanks for hanging in there Neil. I know the donut business thrives early in the morning.

Mr. Dundas stated thank you.

Mayor Barber stated any questions, any of the Councilors like to ask Neil. Hearing none. I'll entertain a motion to approve that application.

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

Mayor Barber stated thank you Neil.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – MR. FULTANOS FAMILY PIZZA PARLOR, 215
BROADWAY (Contact – Vince Berg).

Mayor Barber stated the third one is, Mr. Fultanos Family Pizza Parlor, a full service add addition to their service and Vince Berg. Are you available?

Vince Berg, Contact for Mr. Fultano’s, stated yes, my name is Vince Berg. I'm representing Mr. Fultano’s Family Pizza Parlor. And long story short, we are applying, to move from a limited on-premise liquor license to a full on-premise liquor license, which would allow us to sell a beer from our other brewing company at that location. And that's really about it. I thank you very much for your time.

Mayor Barber stated any questions of Vince.

Councilor Montero stated I do. I'm looking at the letter that came from, Shauna Stelson, Detective Corporal, from the police department and three paragraphs down, she mentioned concerns specific to Fultano’s and Funland. And then four paragraphs down she talks about, sources of many calls of service. First of all, I don't know what a call to service is but Vince, I would like for you to respond to the third paragraph, about the concerns of the police department.

Mr. Berg stated okay, my apologies. I'm going to bring the letter back up again now. Give me one moment. The third paragraph you said yes, it starts with the word concerns. Correct. So we're regarding the, tables that are out front that don't have any type of wall or fence regarding our outside tables. We don't, we would not allow, liquor service at those tables. We currently do not.

Councilor Montero stated and then the second concern about served in an area intended for children to congregate.

Mr. Berg stated oh, the arcade area. Basically our current policy is we don't allow alcohol in the general area out there anyway. It's only at the dining tables. Really, we only use that service when we have a private event or something where the place is shut down for a specific group, then we actually allow alcohol go throughout the premises.

Going forward we would actually keep that exact same plan, if that makes sense. Currently you're not allowed to have an alcoholic beverage while in an arcade type area. We don't allow that, house policy. But for a private event, we would then open it up and do so.

Councilor Montero stated okay. And I don't know if it's for you or for, Chief Ham. I don't know what a call of service is, but it's, they're enumerated for every one of the businesses. Of course at this point we're only looking at, well they have them for Funland. They don't say they have them for Fultano's.

Council President Frank stated Fultano's was eight.

Councilor Montero stated oh eight. Yes. I see that now and twenty-one for Funland. What is that, what does that mean?

Mr. Berg stated I can't speak to the specifics of them. However, a call of service is just anytime a phone call is made about a disturbance or other, I believe, but honestly I can't speak to the properties.

Dave Ham, Seaside Police Chief, well, I'm here. Can you hear me? I don't have the specifics either, but I can tell you that the number of calls for service to the other types of businesses such as Twisted Fish are kind of almost apples and oranges with the nightclub type of mentality or service in the evening versus, you know, the pizza parlor and the arcade area there. I don't have the information right off the top of my head. I wasn't briefed on those types of calls, but, based on what I'm hearing, seeing, they're not, I don't believe they're probably, liquor related or alcohol related types of calls, at the arcade and pizza parlor versus maybe, the evening times over at the, Twisted Fish, if that's helpful.

Council President Frank stated I have a question for Vince. If somebody is having beer and pizza, what's to keep them from, you know, just getting up and walking into the arcade. Do you have signage or people watching that?

Mr. Berg stated absolutely. We have a liquor control plan that requires staff to be a, not only monitoring pre-bill drinking know to see if they're a VIP use or not, and also making sure they're staying within the licensed area. We have numerous employees throughout the arcade and in the actual pizza area monitoring all situations. And I believe we do have signage even up saying, yes, we definitely have signage up stating that, no alcohol beyond this point at each portion that goes into that other areas.

Council President Frank stated very good.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. I'll entertain a motion regarding that.

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

RESOLUTION #3956

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, EXTENDING SEASIDE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE TO VOLUNTEERS OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE

Mayor Barber stated the new business items, there. Moving onto the next Resolution #3956, I'll turn to Mark to explain this resolution.

Mr. Winstanley stated thank you Mr. Mayor. Resolution #3956 is an annual event for the Council. Each year, we need the Council to pass a resolution that extends our workman's comp coverage over the volunteers we have, with the City of Seaside. And, the wonderful thing about the City of Seaside is we have many people who volunteer either, by being volunteer fireman, which is one of the ones that most people are accustomed to. But in addition to that, people who volunteer for committees and commissions, and, for a number of other functions that take place, throughout the city. When they're performing functions for the city as volunteers, we extend our workman's comp coverage over those people. If they, happened to be injured in any way, those injuries can be taken care of.

Mayor Barber stated okay, very good. At this point I'll open the floor for any public comments regarding Resolution #3956. Is there anyone wanting to speak to this, Jon?

Moderator Rahl stated no one has raised their hand, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated at this point I'll ask the Council, you have any comments regarding this resolution?

Council President Frank stated thank you to all the volunteers.

Mayor Barber stated absolutely. That's very good. I'll entertain a motion to read by title only.

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

Mayor Barber stated thank you Dan for reading Resolution #3956.

Mr. Van Thiel read the resolution.

Mayor Barber stated very good. And I'll entertain a motion to adopt.

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

**HOLLADAY DRIVE
AVENUE 'C' TO 1ST
AVENUE CONTRACT
EXTENSION**

Mayor Barber stated now a call on the Dale McDowell our Public Works Director to talk about the Holladay Drive, Avenue 'C', to First Avenue contract extension. Dale I know you're here. I saw your picture earlier.

Moderator Rahl stated we do have some images of the Holladay project and where it stands. Mark, I don't know if you want to talk about, the extension here while I roll through those.

Mr. Winstanley stated I'd be happy to. We, actually have joked about it a little bit because at the last Council meeting, Mr. Vandenberg was final on the convention center project, and as the Council is well aware, there were numerous extensions for the convention center project. At that meeting, we talked about the fact that seldom do we see, the public works director come before the Council and asked for extensions. And sure enough we cursed him with that. And here he is tonight asking you for a contract extension. What this really comes down to is the project was scheduled to end on May 22nd. We've run into a delay with undergrounding, the utilities, all the conduits put in the ground. The power company has finished, pulling their wires. And I believe the phone company, if they're not finished, is very close. But the cable companies still need to get their work done, and in particular coast com, is scheduled to pull their wires, between May 26th and May 28th, that is, several days after the, current ending date for this contract. After the utility companies are done pulling their wires, the power company comes back in, they pull the poles out that are down there, which by the way, will make that street look beautiful without overheads any longer. Then the concrete people will finish, the sidewalk areas where those poles have come out. We don't think that there's going to be any problems with getting this done with a 30 day extension. With the utilities being slightly delayed, in order for the contractor to not be in violation of their contract, we're asking the council to go ahead and, extend their contract to June 29th, because of these, concerns for the utilities, that are not really, anything that the contractor has any control over.

Mayor Barber stated Dale did you get sound yet. No, it is not there.

Mr. Winstanley stated the good news Mr. Mayor is if I said something wrong, he can't get it out.

Mayor Barber stated well, I tell you, I've heard so many positive comments about, the improvements on, Holladay, all the way down now, all the way up to first, and it really is a great improvement. And when all those overhead wires come down and the poles come down and the, fill in for the sidewalks take place, it'll be a done project. Dale, thank you for taking leadership on that project. That's excellent. Do I have a motion to extend the contract?

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

**DISCUSSION AND VOTE
RE-OPENING BEACHES,
TRAILS, PARKS, AND
WATERWAYS**

Mayor Barber stated at our last meeting, it was requested that we put this discussion and vote on the agenda for, regarding reopening beaches, trails, parks and waterways. Seth, you want to lead out on this discussion?

Councilor Morrisey thank you Mayor. I'd like to actually punt over to Tita. Tita has a motion that she would like to read first for consideration from the Council

Councilor Montero stated as we know whatever's going to happen in the future. At some point we're going to be getting travelers to our area. We're already getting them and we need to, to communicate with them a little bit better. We'd had a lot of discussion recently about having portable changeable messaging on 101 at both the North and South ends of the city. Last 4th of July we saw how handy it was with messaging at the highway. It cost the city \$2,100 to rent two portable changeable message signs or PCMS for the three-day holiday. The signs cost about \$13,000 each.

I commented last August that we should buy our own signs because there are many times, they would be useful. I think this is a time that they would definitely be useful. I move the city immediately obtain two portable changeable messaging signs to be positioned at both North and South ends of town on 101 and programmed with appropriate messages for those traveling into and through Seaside. And, I'll have a second motion after that.

Mayor Barber stated okay. You've heard the motion, is there a second to that motion?

Councilor Morrisey stated I'll second that.

Mayor Barber stated okay. Is there further discussion regarding that motion?

Council President Frank stated well, I don't know really. I think it's a great idea, I'm all for it, but I don't think we necessarily need to buy them now. I believe, Mayor, did you say the County offered some signs to us?

Mayor Barber stated yes.

Council President Frank stated well at least, borrow those or use them for a time period, maybe even rent them. I'm sure it'd be far less than what we paid last time. Is that correct?

Councilor Montero stated we have looked into this and asked the County directly and as it turns out; they do not have signs that they can loan us. We thought they did and we thought that was going to be wonderful. They love the idea of signage, but they don't have signs that they can loan us.

Mayor Barber stated well the County Manager was in error when he spoke and said to me, we have 15 signs. We would be glad to loan you. I don't know what happened to the signs. Maybe he doesn't understand the type of sign that I was talking about.

Councilor Montero stated either that or he might've thought he was still in Washington County.

Councilor Wright stated what is the messaging that you're planning to put on these?

Councilor Montero stated I would not dictate that messaging. I would leave it to, Jon and our public information people and our tourism people. It would be the kind of messaging, about our expectations of visitors. Maybe the, situation with what's happening with beaches. Maybe it would be, wear face masks. It could be a variety thing, but I don't think it would be up to the City Council to dictate what the message is.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a comment actually two comments. One of the things that we found in our research, is that if we own the signs, then we can control the messaging as long as we can put them on city property and they're not in the ODOT Right of Way. I think that's one big benefit of us acquiring these signs. And the other thing is, you know, if we enter phase two on the 15th, which I'll talk more about in a second, you know, the governor's directive says there's not supposed to be non-essential travel. In other words, we should not be encouraging visitors to come to our city at that point. And we can actually in a soft way, say that on the sign and kind of let people know what our expectations are. And on the flip side when we are ready to welcome visitors back into our town at that point, this can be our biggest marketing asset where we can let people know, hey, overnight lodging is back open, welcome to Seaside. I'm in favor of acquiring these signs. I think there'll be useful throughout the summer for different events and I think clear messaging is going to be key to getting us through this pandemic.

Councilor Montero stated and we are very lucky that, Dale knows a lot about these.

Mayor Barber stated other comments from the council.

Councilor Wright stated the only other thing, just keep in mind these people already traveled, 70, 80 miles so they're not going to turn around and go back.

Councilor Morrissey stated that's a great point Steve. And one of the things I'll talk about later is that we are working with the County for them to echo the messaging countywide, especially at the County line. Hopefully, an effort with the cities and the County and, us that we can get the messaging across and at least put a dent in the number of visitors that visit.

Councilor Montero stated and that's, actually the subject of my next motion.

Mayor Barber stated I can comment with some of my essential travel to that I've had to make into Portland. ODOT already has signs on Highway 26 and near the junction of Highway 101, saying stay home, stay safe. And, and so that signage is already there. We can just tag onto that.

Councilor Wright stated I agree. It's a good idea. I just, in this day and age, I think we need to work more on the media aspect of it.

Councilor Montero stated well this would not, this would not replace the.

Councilor Wright stated to come up with the \$13,000 apiece.

Councilor Montero stated this would not replace the media aspect of it, at all.

Mayor Barber stated other comments?

Councilor Horning stated I just have a curiosity about will this be adapted for other purposes, say advertising for the convention center or nonprofit events or things like this or is this specifically for, public security and traffic control, for example.

Councilor Montero stated we'll be able to use it any way we want to use it. Any message we want. If ODOT owns the sign, ODOT controls the message. If we own the sign and we don't have it in the right of way, we control the message.

Mayor Barber stated other comments?

Council President Frank stated no, I think just one, great way that the sign could be used would be during Hood to Coast saying there is parking at the high school or we could say there's parking at Broadway School next to the chamber of commerce. I think there's unlimited ways that this would be used and it doesn't just have to be for certain events. I bet you we would find a lot of uses for it.

Mayor Barber stated do we want to hear any comments from city staff regarding this? Anyone want to speak? Hearing none. I'll call for a vote on the motion. You want to read the motion again, Tita?

Councilor Montero moved that the city immediately obtained two portable changeable messaging signs to be positioned at both North and South ends of town on 101 and programmed with appropriate messages for those traveling into and through Seaside with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried unanimously. (Montero/Morrisey).

Councilor Montero stated and I have a second motion to go along with that.

Mayor Barber stated okay.

Councilor Montero stated I move that we send a request to the County, asking the County also place signs on every road leading into Clatsop County. It will be a second before I tell you anything more.

Mayor Barber stated is that the motion?

Councilor Montero stated yes.

Mayor Barber stated okay. Is there a second?

Councilor Morrisey stated so Tita, this would be a suggestion that we're making to them.

Councilor Montero stated yes.

Councilor Morrisey stated I'll second that.

Councilor Montero stated and I can tell you that this has already, I've already discussed this with three County Commissioners and at least one of them has discussed it with the County Manager and everybody thinks it's a good idea. So, to back that up with a formal request I think would be a good idea.

Councilor Morrisey stated and Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a brief comment on that if I may.

Mayor Barber stated okay. It's been moved and seconded, right? Discussion is in order.

Councilor Morrisey stated my comment is just that, you know, if we're going to pull off successfully, this phased reopening that we're working on with the cities and County, once again, messaging is going to be critical and that we're all on the same page. And that's, why I think this motion is important from Tita. Just, so we can get things, on the same page and we can all communicate clearly to, both our residents and our visitors.

Mayor Barber stated any other comments or questions?

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor. I have a question on that one. I heard in the motion that we were requesting of the County, that we be able to put a messaging on that signage. I don't know what the message is.

Councilor Montero stated no, the motion doesn't say that we would put messaging, the motion says we request that they place signs on every road leading to Clatsop County. We might work with them on the messaging. They might, if they own the signs, they own the message. But if we're all in concert and want to put out the same message, I think we would be looking to, have them support each other.

Mr. Winstanley stated okay.

Mayor Barber stated good question. Any other questions or discussion? Are you ready for the question, ready to vote? Repeat the motion again so we all remember what we're voting on.

Councilor Montero moved that we send a request to the County, that the County also place signs on every road leading into Clatsop County with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried unanimously. (Montero/Morrisey)

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Seth, are you next?

Councilor Morrisey stated absolutely. I'd like to open this up for discussion, but first I'm going to read a statement I've prepared so I don't miss anything. I'm going to dive into that now and then we can get into the motion at the end. As you can imagine, there's tremendous passion on both sides of the aisle with regard to reopening overnight lodging and access to our beaches, parks, trails and waterways. On one side, many local residents are concerned about tourists coming in to our small community too quickly. While on the other, business owners in our community have been completely shut down, have laid off staff and are struggling every single day that we don't reopen our economy. I'm here to say that we hear you and we understand the concerns of both sides of this complex issue. In order to move forward successfully, we need to start the process of reopening our economy in a way that takes into consideration the concerns of our local and the dire situation. This economic lockdown has put on our tourist-based economy. That's why I propose that we work in conjunction with Clatsop County and the State of Oregon and follow the Clatsop County reopening framework that was approved today by the Clatsop County Commissioners. This is a phased reopening plan that includes three distinct phases at this time in Clatsop County. The County has currently met all criteria for entering phase one on May 15th which include things like adequate PPE, which we have. We've talked to the hotels and the County health about this availability to testing at the County level, which starts tomorrow and a decline of hospital visits, which thankfully we're up to this date, had no hospitalizations in Clatsop County due to COVID 19. My hope is that the County and the state will follow through with a timeline that they've laid out in their reopening plan and they don't move the goalposts. They stick to the plan that they've proposed. Phase one is what's considered a local phase and non-essential travel is still restricted. Therefore, during this phase we should make it clear with our messaging, both the city and the County level that at this time we're asking tourists not to come into our communities while at the same time encouraging local residents who feel comfortable to start returning to normal life. Phase one will last approximately 21 days and then if approved we will move into phase two on around June 5th which lifts restrictions on travel and allows overnight lodging on a limited capacity. One of the things that should be mentioned is that many residents in what would be considered a high-risk category will still have concerns about returning to normal life. I'm encouraging those folks to continue to shelter in place if they choose. Members of this category should be encouraged to use readily available delivery services for groceries and other essentials. Friends, family and community members should all pitch in to make sure that these folks get safe access to the resources they need if they choose to stay shelter. With regard to access to the beach, waterways and trails within the city limits of Seaside, Oregon. I feel strongly that these sacred spaces should be accessible to local residents and the public to enjoy, recreate and procure food. For many residents, clamming, crabbing and fishing is a food service source that they need desperately. Right now, and July 6th, 1967 the State of Oregon legislature passed the landmark legislation known as the Oregon Beach Bill, which stated that the public not private entities owned all 362 miles of the Oregon coastline including Seaside Beach, and that this coastline was open for the public to access and enjoy. In the spirit of this landmark legislation, I'd like to propose that this Council begin the process of opening Seaside beaches, back up for public enjoyment just as the economy will reopen in phases. I suggest we take the same approach with our beaches. I propose that on Monday, May 8th we begin opening the beach up during weekdays from 6:00 AM Monday morning until 5:00 PM Friday afternoon for the duration of phase one the local phase. This will allow residents of Seaside to enjoy their beaches, parks and waterways while minimizing day trippers to Seaside that primarily occurred during the weekends. Overnight lodging facilities would remain closed throughout the duration of phase one. Research shows that outdoor exercise, fresh air and sunlight are beneficial for both physical health, mental health, and strong immune systems. Seaside is lucky to have a very large beach. In fact, we host the world's largest beach volleyball tournament. It's a very large beach and abundant outdoor space that can be enjoyed safely while maintaining adequate physical distancing. This will give our local residents a space to get outside and enjoy the spring weather while following all social distancing guidelines. This strategy of opening the beach during the week and closing access during the weekends was crafted in conjunction with neighboring city leadership in Gearhart, Warrenton, and the County. My hope is that this strategy, along with strong, visible and clear messaging from the city at both entrances of town and at the County level, will limit the flow of tourists during this phase one period. And now I'll open it up for discussion before I read the motion.

Mayor Barber stated just a clarification. I heard you say May 8th I think you meant to say May 18th.

Councilor Morrisey stated correct. Sorry about that Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated okay, the clarification is May 18th

Councilor Morrisey stated and the other clarification I wanted to make is the motion I was given from the City Manager actually includes parks. At this time. I am not moving to open parks. It's only the beaches, trails and waterways during weekdays.

Mayor Barber stated okay. Other comments, I think you should go ahead and make your motion and get a second and then we can have discussion.

Councilor Morrisey moved to partially reopened access to the beach, trails and waterways regulated by the City of Seaside rules and laws. Public access will be from 6:00 AM Monday until 5:00 PM Friday. Public access will close on weekends from 5:00 PM Friday until 6:00 AM Monday. The effective date and time of the reopening will be 6:00 AM May 18th in addition, I am asking all residents and visitors to continue social distancing rules.

Mayor Barber stated I'm assuming that includes the public bathrooms on the beach and all the services that are during the day.

Councilor Morrisey stated I think those are important to have open up.

Councilor Montero seconded the motion stating now we can have a discussion.

Mayor Barber stated a discussion from the Council. Let's just go around the horn here, who would like to start.

Councilor Montero stated I just have one that's sort of a minor thing, but we need to be aware of. May 15th is the day everybody's talking about going into phase one. That is totally dependent on how fast the state moves. I do believe that's the intent of the state, but what we need to be aware of is that there are quite a few counties already got their plan in before our County got their plan in today. I wouldn't do a lock on May 15th but that's definitely the day that, that I think we're aiming towards terms of getting into phase one.

Mayor Barber stated yes, that's correct. Okay, Tom, why don't you state your opinion?

Councilor Horning stated in general, I agree with what Seth is proposing, but I think we need to have a mechanism to reverse the decision, if it turns out that we've underestimated the compliance characteristics of the crowds. If we have problems with, close packing and, large numbers and we can't regulate that, we might need to back out of this motion or this action. And I'm not sure whether we should link it directly with what the county's schedule is, but we need to be able to, prevent, infections caused by large crowds.

Mayor Barber stated Tom, I agree. My response would be that if, that eventuality took place, we would call an emergency meeting and there's nothing that would prevent us from reinstating the closure of the beach. Steve.

Councilor Wright stated start with, what does the police department think about having it closed on weekends and overnight?

Mayor Barber stated Chief Ham do you want to make a comment.

Chief Ham stated actually, I do appreciate the time. I've talked with Chief Daniels and both of us in public safety are both willing and ready and wanting the beaches to be open. The problem that I'm kind of seeing in regards to having an open part time is just the, information that's we're trying to push out. The ability to kind of manage and educate and really enforced changes on the beach, when the weekends kick in is, problematic for us. The amount of calls that our dispatch centers taking our staff is just getting inundated with either people calling in, there's people on the beach. And we'll go down, patrol it and kind of chase people off, or we'll have our normal regular patrols down there during this and making contact with people. But they're constantly taking phone calls, trying to answer questions, not only for, situations, rules, regulations and Seaside, but really all around the County. And having it either open or closed for us would be, our preference to open right now with the upcoming believe changes for opening of some businesses. Again, I'm not going to get into those details. We all hit it already, but I did talk with the sheriff today. I know that, there was a comment earlier in regards to maybe they're having some other regulations, but my understanding is the closure of the beach access at Delray and Sunset Beach that have been imposed a few weekends in the past have not been in place in the last couple of weeks and they're not going to be in the next few weeks if ever again and again depending on what happens in the future. But right now, those beach accesses are open. The beaches north of us are open. I talked with the chief in cannon beach as well and kind of asked about how their weekend closure went and it didn't sound like it really went all that well. I think kind of having the one, message that we're either open or we're closed is, again my preference. The board of commissioners has kind of mentioned earlier today is submitting that request, ask the governor to open, May 15th. And really that's kind of my recommendation as well as Chief Daniels in our conversation today is to, go ahead and open the beach immediately. In our preference, message can still include that we, need you to be socially distancing and we can discourage the travel from outside the County, but that's where we're standing right now.

Councilor Wright stated and that's why I asked the question. I'm not in favor of closing it on the weekends. It's just too much hassle. And like you said, too much education, you're going to have to have people recognize that and they didn't recognize it in Cannon Beach.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor, I would echo what the two chiefs have said. I think there, it is difficult messaging the people that are coming to visit as it is. And I think that, a decision as to whether we're going to open, I don't disagree with that motion, but I do believe that, having a closing period over the weekends will be very difficult for us to, enforce. And it simply will be that way because people will be ignorant of, what the rule is. And, because, maybe they're here on Thursday and Friday and they get to go to the beach, they'll not understand why they can't be there on Saturday or Sunday. And I think that's going to be a difficult situation for us to take care of. I also would like to ask a question, because there was concern expressed about if things were to not be working out, whether we could make changes or not. But I believe that, the ordinance that you or the resolution that you passed, putting in place the declaration of emergency is still in effect. And I think under section two of that resolution, we could act if we needed to, in order to, close the beach if we felt that was a necessity. And I just want to make sure and confirm that, with the Council, obviously we're going to listen to what your wishes are, but if we ran into an emergency, I'm assuming that we would have the authority to be able to go ahead and move forward since that resolution is still in place.

Councilor Wright stated that's how the, current restrictions got in place because you put them in place after we passed the ordinance the day before.

Mr. Winstanley stated and that's my understanding, but I wanted to make sure we were clear on that.

Mayor Barber stated I think everybody's clear on that. There may be, an order, not right now, but, when we've all had an opportunity to speak some amendments to this motion.

Councilor Wright stated one other thing I would say is I would make it immediate, not May 18th.

Councilor Morrisey stated as far as opening.

Councilor Wright stated yes.

Councilor Morrisey stated one thing I wanted to mention, just so everyone's aware of the conversations. I've had conversations with the mayor of Gearhart and Warrenton, and they, had asked that we keep it closed during the weekends. And that's one of the reasons I brought that up. I just wanted to put that on the record. You guys can discuss and have that information. But clearly, we were here to make the decision that's best for Seaside.

Mayor Barber stated Steve, was that all.

Councilor Wright stated I recognize that the, idea is that some of the other beaches are closed at times, but they're not really, it's just the access to the beach, so people still go on and get out on the beach, even on the weekends. Chief Ham note that they actually didn't even shut off the access the last few weekends was news to me. I think, we're not really doing anything that's not in conjunction with the rest of the County. One other thing though is that I was curious Mayor, what kinds of things you've heard and discussed, with the other leaders in the County.

Mayor Barber stated the other leaders are wanting us to all kind of move in lockstep together with the County. And that, we were waiting for the county's proposal to go to the governor so that we could see how we fit into that. I think the other city leaders would be okay with us opening our, beach. But I think they are concerned about what will happen on the weekends if we have a big onslaught and it would spill over into their beaches as well. And that's why I think they're requesting that, if we're going to open the beach, that we do it as Seth outlined. But I think it's our decision on what we're going to do. Okay, Randy.

Council President Frank stated some people think that we are, would be endangering if we opened our beach, but up until last weekend, we are the only little stretch of beach on the coast that has been closed down. And I don't, looking at real data, I don't see any problems that have arisen out of any of those openings. And, even with the influx we saw at that first spring break weekend where people were saying there were tens of thousands of people down here, I see no data showing that, really negatively impacted the health or welfare of any of our people. So, you know, there's, you can take the fear approach and say what if and what if and what if. And the longer you do that, the more, people and longer they're out of work. And I think what, you know, those who are retired and maybe have a constant income don't have to worry about it, but for the working person, lower income, this greatly impacts them. And I know the food bank has been very busy. Fortunately, the schools have stepped up to continue some of the, lunch programs they have, but I get concerned about, you know, the, welfare of the whole, population of our town. And, I think, we need, to get rolling and get started. And from what I see, I just don't see that there's data that prevents us from doing that. We don't even, we don't have a hospital admittance due to the COVID 19. We do have some cases, but they're all, you know, shelter at home. That the worry about what if, what if, what if is worth the loss of, these businesses we're seeing go under and the impact to the rest of our population. I tend to be in favor of seeing us move forward. I think the beach is very healthy and, with the, with the travel restrictions, we're hopeful that it won't be, we won't be inundated. I would tend to agree with, both our chiefs, our police and fire that we're ready. We've heard from our, our healthcare industry that they're prepared and, they have, PPE gear in place. It looks like County wise that we're prepared. And with all of these things pointing that direction, I would, say I'm, in favor of this motion.

Mayor Barber stated has everyone's spoken except for yours truly.

Councilor Montero stated Jay. Can I say a couple more things? You know, I'm totally in favor of opening the beaches and, places for people to recreate. As people are talking about open right away, don't wait for the 18th etcetera. What, comes to mind for me is, if we say open right away, I'm going to assume that means tomorrow or the next day. It doesn't give us a chance to put any messaging out, especially if we're going to get signs for the highway. But more than that, the earliest that phase one we're going to be going into phase one is the 15th. Now that's Friday. If we suddenly opened the beaches tomorrow, then people who rush out here will not be able to shop in our stores, will not be able to do, they'll be able to do carry out in the restaurants. The businesses will not be able to take advantage of that first rush of people coming to get their beach bits.

Council President Frank stated weren't we talking the 18th Tita.

Councilor Montero stated we were, but then I heard a couple people saying right away.

Councilor Morrissey stated Steve mentioned the 15th.

Councilor Montero stated right, and the 18th is a Monday. And that is the reason that Seth settled on that is then that gives the residents, the local people a chance to get the first jump at the beach and to get the feeling more of a little bit of opening up of the city. And I would hope that most of them going out to the beach and doing things would do to the extent they can that they would, patronize, our local businesses. I still think we should wait until the 18th, be sure that we have everything in place and be sure that phase one has started.

Mayor Barber stated clearly this is not a perfect answer to how we proceed to return to the normal life here in our town. It is a beginning step. And, I want to say, because I know a lot of people are tuned in, I have received over, I stopped counting actually at 150 emails and messages, phone messages, from citizens, from business owners, as well as a number of people from outside of Seaside who really wanted to come back to Seaside, who deeply care about our future. The sentiment of the messages is the desire to carefully guard the health and welfare of those who live here, but also too carefully and incrementally began a process to preserve the economic viability of our business community. It's, a balance, it's about almost 50/50 between those two perspectives. I think that careful reopening of the beach is a good first step. The governor's travel ban is still in effect. It will give the local population an opportunity to resume or cover the beach lifestyle without the delusion of tourists immediately. And that's why I strongly agree if we're going to open, I would support a Monday opening, make no mistake. We want to get the tourist community back to Seaside when the time is right. It's clearly not the right time, right now, but that time will come. And we want to be careful about how we address the tourists who pass through our town. We don't want to say you're not welcome here, we don't want you here. We simply need a message that we're not currently open come back later. But I am also concerned about, people here without restaurants being open without hotels, VRDs RV parks and so forth. Some of our hands are tied by, the governor's phase two opening. And I'm hoping and praying that will happen early in June so that we see a ramping up. I would like to see our hotels began to be able to take reservations starting, for, June, so that at least they're ramping up and see, what kind of business is returning. I hope that will happen, so that they can get, our hotels, our restaurants, our retail shops, others can get a good start on their summer business to be able to survive the winter ahead. And that's my position at this point and I, I'd like to hear if there are any amendments being proposed to the, motion on the table,

Councilor Wright stated can you rewrite it so that it is not closed on weekends after May 18th.

Mayor Barber stated Seth you want to repeat your motion?

Councilor Morrissey stated Yes, Mayor. I moved to partially reopened access to the beach, trails and waterways regulated by the City of Seaside rules and laws. Public access will be from 6:00 AM Monday until 5:00 PM Friday. Public access will close on the weekends from 5:00 PM Friday until 6:00 AM Monday. The effective date and time for the reopening will be 6:00 AM May 18th. In addition, I am asking all residents and visitors to continue social distancing rules. And one thing I'd like to just make a comment on, is to Tom's point, is that at any time we can come in and close this down and the city manager still has the power to take that action unilaterally. We are fluid here and we can make adjustments if we need to.

Mayor Barber stated before we vote on the motion, I'd like to hear comments from the Council regarding, a strategy to open, hotels and the VRDS. What, is the, the thinking there? I know the reopening taskforce strongly, proposes really putting parallel the opening of the beach and hotels and the VRD's, we have some concerns about what our, abilities are regarding the, the governor's phase two where she actually enumerates that as the step for an incremental opening.

Councilor Wright stated it wasn't the governor. That's strictly a local decision for hotels.

Councilor Montero stated the governor does not have that in, her closures and, the County has it in there as a local decision at phase two. And the earliest phase two could start is June the fifth. I have been concerned with making sure that, it's safe both for the people who work in the hotels and the people who stay in the hotels. And when we think when we talk lodging, we're also talking the VRD's, those that are managed by companies and those that are independently managed by people who live somewhere else in the country. I'm concerned about all that. I think that many in the hotel industry have risen to the occasion. They have submitted a health safety plans and cleaning plans, etcetera, that they're committing to. And that's a wonderful idea. What, my idea has been is that this is a very, this is a very deep subject and I'm not sure knowing what we know today, we can say the hotel's open on the 18th. I need to see a little more input from the VRDs, both the managed ones. You have the, I'm going to call them the independent ones.

I would like to propose, and I'm not going to make a motion because we have a motion on the table, but we canceled our May 25th Council meeting in reference to Memorial Day and I think that was the right thing to do. However, if we want to schedule another meeting, we have to have two days public notice. I would like to see us and I am very happy to make a motion later on that we commit to a Council meeting on Wednesday, May 20th to discuss just the lodging and VRD issues giving all of the lodging, people, who have taken a good lead.

I mean, Andy Mercer and Mark Tolan, to let us know, tell us what their plan is, give us what they're committing to so that we can feel safe opening up lodging, both safe for the employees, the housekeepers at the VRD's and safe for, travelers. I personally do not think there's any business person out there who wants to, run the risk of, a customer or a, an employee getting ill. I think they all want to do the right thing, but we need to be sure that we've got, that we're doing our due diligence.

Mayor Barber stated I just want to echo, Tito that in the ad hoc committee that the reopening task force, heard from, we did get a very detailed plan on how the hotels would open, including their, modality for cleaning and sanitizing and for moving in an incremental way rather than 100% opening on day one. We do have that and that would be a document for us to really pour over if we had a meeting on the 20th. To have that information.

Councilor Montero stated yes, because the increments, are proposed but haven't been truly decided. And again, that's the hotels. Some of our hotels have the advantage of having corporations behind them. Some of them are independent, but we have, 400 VRD licenses out there and maybe half of them are managed. What about the rest of them? And we have to remember those are in our neighborhoods.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor, the fire chief is on and he'd like to be recognized.

Mayor Barber stated okay. I didn't see that. Go ahead chief.

Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief, stated Mr. Mayor. I like Chief Ham, have some concerns with, opening and closing because managing is kind of going to be a nightmare. But I keep hearing parks are not going to be opened and closed. But in Seth motion, it said parks are going to be open. Are the city parks going to be open, because if we're talking about people getting out, why aren't they using the city parks? And that also has to do with some of our kayaking, which, is what we get to. We've already had some waterway issues where people are using the waterway, but they're kind of, we come down there because we're getting reports using the waterway and actually had a kayak flip over this weekend because I think they're trying to avoid us, which we're trying to avoid. We're trying to make sure they're having a good time. My concern is, you know, having some closed, some open. A lot of us are going to be confused on what, how to enforce this or how to take care of it or, especially when we're asking people, maybe locals, especially to go out and get some recreation. I'm confused why the parks are closed.

Councilor Morrissey stated chief, I can answer that. If I could, Mr. Mayor. The reason I did not include it in my motion is because it's more difficult to socially distance at parks. I'm open to opening parks as well. That's just why I didn't include it in my motion.

Council President Frank stated I'd like to speak to the lodging side of things. And, you know, there, are a lot of people who believe that, it was very safe to stay in hotels. And one reason is that when people are here at the beach to have a place to go and that place is sort of a sequestered, area. And the, talk of opening and, just having 25% of a business going is a soft opening and allows more restaurants to be open. And, I would suggest that we, look a little, closer at this, especially to the properties who have taken the time to develop a strategy and show how they're going to comply with the governor's orders. We have the capacity to open that now if we want with the beaches. I'm not proposing we do that, but I'm not opposed to seeing that happen, on the 18th which is a Monday.

Mayor Barber stated we have a motion before us that includes, some closing times and a weekend closure and doesn't include, opening parks. And I've heard comments about both of those. I'm willing to entertain any amendments of this motion, currently. Anyone want to offer one? Otherwise we're going to vote on the, on the motion.

Councilor Horning stated I would offer an amendment to open the parks as well.

Mayor Barber stated okay, that is a motion to amend to open the parks. Do I have a second to that amendment?

Councilor Wright moved to second.

Mayor Barber stated it's been moved and seconded that we add to the motion of opening the parks. We're just voting on the amendment. Is there any further discussion?

Council President Frank stated just the part that both our chiefs have suggested that perhaps the weekend closures will take to manage. Should we consider, having it open every day.

Mayor Barber stated that would be a separate amendment. Hang on to that, a minute. On the amendment right now to open the parks. Let's do a roll call vote on these amendments, Kim, are you available?

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated I am Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated voting on the amendment to add, the opening of the parks.

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

Councilor Morrisey stated Mr. Mayor, can I make a comment on the hotels? Before we move on. One of the challenges with the hotels if we are going to follow the County and the governor's plan is that phase one limits non-essential travel. And I want to see the hotels open up as much as anyone, but that is just the reality of the County plan that was adopted today. I just wanted to put that on the table so Councilors know that the, reason that I have not included hotels in this yet is because we're still waiting on that phase one and phase two from the governor and the County.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Seth. Is there a motion to amend the, closing and opening of the parks was stated but the Mayor was referring to the beaches?

Councilor Wright moved that we strike all the language from the motion about closing hours and on the weekends with a second from Council President Frank.

Mayor Barber stated it's moved and seconded. Are there other, comments or discussion regarding that motions?

Councilor Morrisey stated Mr. Mayor, I and I would concur with Steve on that. One of the things I feel passionate about is that we give the city a week to get their messaging in place and the signage in place. And we have, we give locals time to enjoy the beaches during the weekdays, before we open, on the weekends. I feel passionate and strongly about a Monday opening.

Mayor Barber stated and the motion indicates May 18th. That's still in the motion.

Councilor Wright stated that's still in the motion.

Councilor Morrisey stated I'd like to actually hear from, Chief Daniels on the, he never mentioned his opinion of keeping the beaches closed. I would just like to hear his comment on that. As far as managing the people going to the beach currently.

Chief Daniels stated are you hearing me now. You know, we've been hand in hand with Chief Ham and the police department, and obviously our lifeguards, were trying to test them and get them on. We're waiting for your direction to see when we're going to put those lifeguards on, but obviously they would, we would have them doing social distancing and asking people if they see those crowds happening and we will help them out more. Then again, we've seen the Saturday presentation of maybe having some crowd issues coming into town. Hopefully we can reach out to those people if you guys decide to open up on the 18th that we don't need the law enforcement or us having any issues with people coming and protesting or having other issues. I hope that, just having the hours and doing that is just a struggle I think if you either open or closing.

Mayor Barber stated that's a good point, thank you chief. Okay, there is a motion to amend that, removes, the hours and the weekend closure. Are we ready to vote on that amendment?

Councilor Montero stated can Seth read it without that language in it?

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor, I have language without that in there. We can see whether this language is the same or not if you'd like.

Mayor Barber stated read it.

Mr. Winstanley stated I moved to reopen access to the beach, trails, waterways and parks regulated by City of Seaside rules and laws. The effective date and time of the reopening will be 6:00 AM May 18th. In addition, I am asking all residents and visitors to continue social distancing rules.

Mayor Barber stated Seth can you concur with that motion.

Councilor Morrisey stated yes, Mayor I can.

Mayor Barber stated you're moving that, that's the motion.

Councilor Morrisey so move with a second from Council President Frank; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Frank)

Councilor Montero stated yes, and can I ask one other question? Are we sure that playgrounds were not mentioned by the governor's plan as being closed until phase four?

Mr. Winstanley stated I don't know off the top of my head, but what I can tell you is that if the Council, so wishes, we could go ahead and cordon off, the play areas if they are not allowed. We're going to have to research that issue, but we certainly don't want to endanger the children. And if that is called out in the governor's, orders, we can, we could cordon off those areas.

Mayor Barber stated okay, I think that it gives us the backup. We have the amended motion before us. I'm going to call for a roll call vote on the amended motion.

Councilor Morrisey stated Mr. Mayor, this is for the full motion, not an amendment.

Mayor Barber stated I thought we voted on the amendment. I've lost track.

Councilor Montero stated it's actually a new motion with the amended language in it. So, it's kind of.

Mayor Barber stated let's make sure we're following Robert's rules, lets vote on the amendments to the motion first. We'll just do this verbally. Those in favor of the amendments as we understand them indicate by saying aye.

Council stated all ayes.

Mayor Barber stated opposed.

There were none opposed.

Mayor Barber stated and now we're ready to vote on the motion.

Ms. Jordan stated and that's the reopening of the beach, waterways, and parks.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mayor would you like me to read that again.

Mayor Barber stated if you read it again, that'd be great, Mark.

Mr. Winstanley stated move to reopen access to the beach, trails, waterways and parks regulated by City of Seaside rules and laws. The effective date and time of the reopening will be 6:00 AM May 18th. In addition, I am asking all residents and visitors to continue social distancing rules.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mr. Mayor, one other thing I'd like to add right now is that, I think it's important that we mentioned that the, Council and the city manager can, step up if need be and we can call an emergency meeting and we could close things back down if there is an issue.

Mayor Barber stated let's handle that as a separate motion once after we voted on this. If you'll make that motion when we finish after we voted on this. The motion is before us. I'll call for a roll call vote again.

YEAS: MORRISEY, HORNING, FRANK, MONTERO, WRIGHT, BARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PHILLIPS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Barber stated now add that motion Seth.

Councilor Montero stated before we do that, could we just do a point of clarification. The difference between a resident and a visitor so people are really clear what we mean. And in my mind, a resident is anybody who lives here, a visitor who is anybody who's here, who doesn't live here, does that jive with everybody else?

Mayor Barber stated oh, there are a lot of second homeowners that, live here a good part of the year. That might be a differentiation there as well.

Councilor Montero stated but basically, when we're saying we want people to use social distancing, we mean everybody.

Mayor Barber stated everybody absolutely. Including residents. And I think Seth's real important point is anybody who's impaired who has, immune issues, really needs to continue to quarantine and lets all help them. Okay, Seth, go ahead and make that.

Councilor Morrissey stated this is going to be rough, but Mr. Mayor, I'd like to move that we instruct the city manager to, step in and, close the beaches, parks, trails or waterways or call an emergency City Council meeting if it's deemed necessary due to lack of social distancing or if we're, inundated with tourists or something. For some reason that's an extreme circumstance.

Mayor Barber stated I think you're going to add if you would in accordance with our emergency declaration.

Councilor Morrissey added in accordance with our emergency declaration.

Mayor Barber stated is there a second?

Councilor Montero stated I'll second it.

Mayor Barber stated I think we're slowing down. It's been a good long meeting. Any further discussion. Mark, you understand that motion?

Mr. Winstanley stated yes, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Barber stated good. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

City Council all aye.

Mayor Barber stated those opposed.

City Council no opposed.

Mayor Barber stated now Tita, you have a motion you wanted to indicate regarding a possible special meeting.

Councilor Montero stated right. I move that a City Council meeting be scheduled for 7:00 PM on May 20th, 2020 for the purpose of discussing COVID related issues with special emphasis on plans and dates for reopening lodging in Seaside.

Council President Frank seconded the motion.

Mayor Barber stated is there any further discussion on that motion?

Councilor Horning stated I do; I have a question. Would this be independent of the county's plan that is, receives its authority down through, the governor's office? And so, would it, would we open the motels ahead of schedule that.

Councilor Montero stated Tom, the governor never closed lodging it was a local decision but the County, and I, listened to Don Bohn explain it to the County Commissioners at their meeting today. The County does not regulate the City of Seaside as far as lodging is concerned. That's totally up to us.

Councilor Morrissey stated but Tita, to Tom's point, we would have that conversation at that time starting the County plan, the governor's plan and lodging in general.

Mayor Barber stated and we're hoping that we will have heard from the governor by that time there was some clear direction

Councilor Montero stated and I'd be hoping that we'd hear from mainly independent VRD's as to how they, how they will, commit to keeping both their housekeeping people, their houses and, and their visitors safe and their neighborhoods.

Council President Frank stated right, once again, I would love to see lodging open as quickly as possible, but with the ones who have submitted their safety plans and how it, how they would address the COVID 19 concerns.

Mayor Barber stated okay. We have a motion for that special meeting. I'm, assuming, but if, well, never mind. We'll have the meeting no matter what. Let's have a roll call vote on that motion. It has been moved and seconded.

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

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor. I just want to provide a little bit of clarification to the Councilors. There's been a couple of questions and we've been trying to get answers, while all of you have been doing your work. First thing I will let you know is, that, playgrounds are closed through phase one, we can open up the parks, but we will coordinate off the playground equipment, and that's at the governor's order. We will, make sure that playground equipment is not available to people.

Councilor Montero stated what does that mean for the swings on the beach, I hate to ask

Council President Frank stated the beach swings. Tita, they're not in a park.

Councilor Montero stated okay.

Mr. Winstanley stated we will take a look at that and, and see where that fits in as far as the governor's order is concerned. The second thing I wanted to make sure that all the Counselors are aware is that the turnaround restrooms are currently under construction. Those will not be open, when we do open the beach. And that has nothing to do with your decision. It's, we're simply still under construction and they will not be open.

Councilor Morrissey stated how quickly can we get those open?

Mr. Winstanley stated we'll find out Councilor. But, it's pretty much torn apart. it may be a little while.

Mayor Barber stated as soon as possible. As we say.

Mr. Winstanley stated that's correct.

Councilor Montero stated not before Saturday.

Mayor Barber stated okay. I've lost track with where we are. I think, I think we're finished with that discussion.

Councilor Wright stated Mayor before we leave the subject. I have, come prepared to say that we want to allow the hotels that have a plan for reopening to open. I haven't picked a date, but I can pick one now and say it's May 18th at 25%. And then the next day would coincide with the, June 5th date. The governor's plan goes into effect.

Mayor Barber stated I didn't understand that. What's happening on May 18th?

Councilor Wright stated well, I would, I don't think I have the support to do it, but I was in favor of going ahead and allowing hotels to open or start taking reservations. I don't know that they're going to get anybody to come anyway.

Council President Frank stated if you make the motion I will second it.

Councilor Wright stated we should at least have the discussion. This was part of the, emergency order that we put in place. And as we've said several times now that, Seaside's the only one that, has to make the decision for Seaside and if the county's not going to, go along with it, you know, that's a very important part of our business here in Seaside, and there is a whole lot more, hotels than any other place in the County. We would have to include VRDs as well. We would have to include VRDs and there would have to be a plan for each VRD just like each hotel, each bed and breakfast and everything that was mentioned in our plan, in our emergency, was lodging, hotels, short term rentals, homestay lodges and camp grounds. I believe camp grounds. Well, no, I don't think, that's not covered by the governor either.

Councilor Montero stated so Steve, you're suggesting that, the hotels open up at the same time we opened the beach up and.

Councilor Wright state at the 25% level, it's later than they requested. They wanted the effect of immediately. I'll make the motion to say hotels are able to have no more than 25% occupancy as a May 18th.

Mayor Barber stated that's a motion. Is there a second?

Council President Frank moved to second.

Councilor Montero stated you know, I, really think we need to give, people who live in Seaside, a chance to get used to opening up rather than doing the beaches and the hotels all at once. Hotel can probably confidently, start making reservations at least starting, I'm going to say June 1st probably. But we also know that, May 23rd, 24th, 25th is Memorial Day Weekend. And, not every hotel has a plan in place, you know, the major ones the corporate ones do. The managed VRD companies, Mark Tolan, Erin Barker, and Sharon, they have plans, but everybody else doesn't. Now I don't want to penalize people because other people don't have it, but it's, I don't want to do this piecemeal or sort of in a ragged fashion.

Council President Frank stated I don't see any ragged when these people have spent three weeks or, more in some cases putting together a program and a safety profile in place to open up their business. I don't understand what you're saying.

Councilor Montero stated but you know, it's not all of them.

Council President Frank stated well this, will be the incentive to catch up and I don't, think you're going to want to hold everybody up because everyone is not on board yet, your information has been out there. They've contacted people and I think by, the people that show due diligence that, I mean, they're ready to go. Why would you not?

Councilor Montero stated well, another reason I would not is because again, easing and gradually we can get used to it. I don't want to see us do everything all at once and create a spike. At the same time, I'm very much aware the economic side of this, but, I think that waiting to discuss this in full until the 20th or if we want to move that meeting up to, you know, the 18th but the 20th gives us an opportunity to see how having the beaches, parks, waterways, etcetera, open happens.

Council President Frank stated if I could comment that you've got to understand that having a hotel, motels, lodging open is going to greatly impact all of the other businesses in Seaside. You're virtually keeping closed the other restaurants that don't have the profits to be open. They would have the opportunity to make that decision. just remember this is a pretty wide scale thing that you're going to impact

Councilor Montero stated have we heard from Worldmark and have we heard from Sand and Sea have we heard from the Tides. These are all places I've heard from people who live at some of those places who say that they don't know how social distancing will happen. They haven't heard anything.

Council President Frank stated I would not support anybody that did not have a plan in place.

Councilor Montero stated and how do we know whether they have a plan in place?

Council President Frank stated they submitted them to the city.

Councilor Montero stated they haven't yet.

Council President Frank stated we have several.

Councilor Montero stated we have some, yes.

Mayor Barber stated okay. I would like to hear from other Councilors regarding this issue.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mr. Mayor I'd like to make a comment and I too am very sympathetic to the plight of hotel owners and VRDs and I, know that we'll be able to get them open. But I am concerned about moving too quickly and I've already personally given my word that we will at least take the County at face value with their plan and we will give them a chance to go into phase one on the 15th. We have a meeting on the 20th of this month and I think that would be a good time to really flesh this issue out and make this decision. That's kind of where I stand on it. I'm for opening them at some point. I just, personally need to see phase one go into effect and I'd like to have more discussion on this before I can approve it.

Mayor Barber stated other comments, Tom.

Councilor Horning stated I feel the same way as Seth does. I think the County plan has standards embedded in it that will drive the decision process and it's factual based rather than emotional or economic based. I would prefer to have a chance to talk this over on the 20th and make decisions at that time.

Councilor Morrissey stated Mr. Mayor, can I make one more comment quickly? One of the other concerns I have is if we do move too quickly and we don't have buy in from the local residents, I feel that we will have a backlash. The tourism like we had at spring break, I don't want to see that happen. I want to see us succeed long-term. I think this, phasing is part of that process. That's just my take on it. And I'd like to see us discuss this more at the 20th.

Councilor Montero stated we also need to be sure that the restaurants are going to be open enough to take care of the influx of additional visitors. And if we do this on the 18th, I'm not sure the restaurants, will have geared up enough as they, you know, because they, have to hire people for going into phase one. They still have a lot of things to do and I know they're working as fast as they can and I give them kudos on it.

Councilor Wright stated we are in phase one now.

Councilor Montero stated no we're not.

Councilor Morrissey stated I guess it starts on the 15th, if we're approved.

Councilor Montero stated if we're approved, it'll start the 15th.

Mayor Barber stated I personally would like to see, hotels and VRD's, and other, overnight lodging be able to start taking reservations in June so that they can begin to project at least 90 days of good business ahead. Oh, that would be my, wish. I don't want to get out too far in front of the County. I want to work with them. Let's, face it, we, will be a controlling force because we are the major center. So, I think, we want, to move as quickly as we can, but not too quickly. The motion was to open up motels on the 18th. And I think there was a second, are you ready to vote on that motion?

Councilor Wright stated sure, that's fine. It's obvious we don't need to vote on it. I'll just withdraw.

Mayor Barber stated there might be somebody that would like to vote on it, Steve, what is the sentiment of the council?

Councilor Montero stated let's go ahead and vote.

Council President Frank stated okay though it is four to two.

Mayor Barber stated let's do a roll call vote on the motion. So that we have the record in hand.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder, stated and that was the motion of opening the hotels on the 18th.

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

Mayor Barber stated so we will, convene on the 20th with the focus on, the steps that we need to take to get, overnight lodging, all the ranges of that up and running, as quickly as possible.

Councilor Montero stated and I would suggest that we be prepared to make a decision that night. I would also suggest that anybody that doesn't have a plan, a written plan, get it written and send it to kjordan@cityofseaside.us.

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated good. Okay, we are at the end of our agenda. Thank you for the hard work to the council and the 102 people are still a logged in. Please know that this is not easy decisions that we're making here. These are in some cases heart wrenching decisions. And we want to do all of us want to do what is best for our city and we'll keep working at it. I'm going to disperse with any closing comments other than I'm going to, ask Mark if there's anything more from the city's perspective that you want to hear.

Mr. Winstanley stated the one thing that I do want to say is, if we had been in this situation a year ago, we would not have been able to pull off what it is that we are doing tonight. I want to give credit to, Jon Rahl and to Kim Jordan, they make all this happen. I gave Jon, quite a bit of flack last year, as he put in all the new fiber throughout, the city. and, you know, none of this would be happening right now, if that work hadn't been done. And, I want to make sure that, Jon and Kim get a great deal of credit for the fact that, these meetings all take place. They take place very well by the way. I'm in a lot of zoom meetings right now and, a lot of them don't happen near as seamlessly as, your meetings are taking place. Anyway, I just want to make sure that they get credit for what it is that's taking place.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Mark. And we say kudos to Jon and the cameras.

**COMMENTS –
COUNCIL**

Councilor Montero stated Mayor, can I make one comment? I've talked with the staff in city hall and the staff who answer the phones and they direct the inquiries. They deal with email; they are doing a yeoman's job and I keep thinking they deserve some sort of hazard pay. If their bodies are not black and glue from being beaten up their psyches must be, they deserve patience and kindness. They don't make the decisions. We charge them with carrying out our decisions, so I please ask the public don't beat them up.

Councilor Morrissey stated I concur with that. Great point, Tita.

Mayor Barber stated absolutely, you bet.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated Mr. Mayor, can I make one quick just comment because it's been talked about in previous meetings but, community development did make an offer of employment to a gentleman, for the code compliance official and he will start on May 26th. We'll have more information on the individual at a later date, but I just wanted to, it's been a topic of conversation and I want to make sure that you were aware.

Mayor Barber stated that is wonderful.

Councilor Montero stated if there was a time we needed, it's now, but he's going to have a baptism by fire.

Mayor Barber stated we will look forward to meeting him. I'm going to close with a quote. It's from a book that I read quite often and the author has spoken to me on this subject. It says this, and this is applying to all of us. "If any of you lacks wisdom, they should ask the source of wisdom and it will be given you". And I sure have been asking for that wisdom. I'm sure all of you as well, from whatever source that you lean to. With that, thank you all. We're adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR