

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

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

Absent: Councilor Tom Horning.

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

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

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

**PROCLAMATIONS** Councilor Wright read the Proclamation for Constitution Week.

Mayor Barber stated consider how important that document is in terms of our everyday life.

Council President Montero read the Proclamation for National Hispanic Heritage Month. Council President Montero invited up to the podium Minerva who was representing the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and she has a few words for us.

Minerva Moulin, Seaside, stated she wanted to thank everyone from the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and introduced Nathan who had something to say.

Nathan stated on behalf of the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council we would like to thank the City of Seaside for adopting the Proclamation acknowledging Hispanic Heritage Month. We are grateful to see that the council recognizes the important contributions to the local community of Hispanic residents and the spirit of heritage month. We are hosting and spending heritage celebration on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Mary's Church and the story of this event is an opportunity to experience some of the food and music and dances that are traditional in the Hispanic community and that is free and open to the public. We officially invite everyone and again thank you for the opportunity to see you there.

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Mayor Barber stated at this time he will open the floor to any comments from the public on any item that was not on the agenda tonight. If you would like to come identify yourself, your address and keep your comments to four minutes please.

Nancy Holmes, 1520 Cooper Street, Seaside, stated she was speaking to you not as a member of any committee or organization but as an individual of the community. I want to talk to you about the timber plan for the watershed before the period of public comment is over and before you do further study on this plan and approve it. Why? Because like a lot of us I was happily exposed at an early age to the wonders of nature in another state in another era, but the sounds of clean clear cold water running over rocks outside Sequoia National Park and wading in the very cold Merced River in Yosemite as a student decades later, has stayed with me. As a result I have inflicted my opinions on various plans and projects before city councils and boards of supervisors in a number of cities and counties in several states as an adult, so please don't take this personally. And it is not criticism but more of a plea to consider some subtle and not so subtle changes in the way you look at this plan. Ms. Holmes further stated she read Al Gore's books and saw his movies 10 or 12 years ago but honestly thought those Climate Change enhanced, exaggerated storms and menacing wildfires as something far off - into the future - after I was dead and gone. But you've read recent newspaper accounts as well as I have. Just in the last month Ashland Oregon had to cancel two dozen performances of their Shakespeare Festival because the smoke-filled air was a health hazard and you know Portland broke all records for over 90 degree days recently, and last week Interstate 5 at Weed California was closed because of a month old wildfire. You get the picture. But can we apply all this to plans for our watershed? I think we have to. There are several articles in the past 30 days - Is climate Change Sparking Record-Breaking Forest Fires Pro and Con The Daily Astorian Friday Aug 31, 2018, Our View: Better forestry needed to avoid bad air The Daily Astorian Thurs Aug 23, 2018. First of all this is not a zero sum game. Ms. Holmes was not sure we can continue to have a viable watershed producing clean water and at the same time pay for rebuilding roads and rebuilding bridges with revenue from cutting trees. We will have to have lots of revenue and that means cutting lots of trees. Too many, in my view. See CUTTING DOWN, Daily Astorian, Tues Aug 14, 2018. In the 2.0 WATERSHED ASSESSMENT section of the proposed plan on page 16, 2.1 Management Goals and Guidelines for Water Protection, as shown previously, the forest management objectives for the City's timberland emphasize revenue production while protecting the water resource, are stated as follows:

Conduct forest management and road management activities to avoid and minimize impacts on water quality, Harvest mature stands of timber to provide income to the City of Seaside, To the extent practicable, prioritize harvest on the slower growing stands, Regenerate harvest areas with a historically appropriate mix of species, Control stocking on younger stands to enhance growth and value, Use timber revenue to improve road locations, culverts and bridges, Treat weeds and invasive species, as required, Salvage dead and dying timber to recover economic value. This calls for an additional more detailed plan for the management and protection of our watershed. For instance - we have 20 or so acres at the top of one ridge clear-cut now, and it's not pretty and it's not making a healthy contribution to the watershed. Rain water is not trapped in its leaves, because there are no leaves to trap water or CO2 and to give off oxygen. We want a watershed that flourishes with plenty of shade from a variety of trees and shrubs along its banks for cooling the water. She particularly wanted a watershed that has old trees not going down the mountain and off to China through the Port of Astoria, but are allowed to fall down and rot and create a place for critters and fungi. And litter. Litter or duff is good. It filters the rainwater the tree leaves have trapped and allowed to fall to the forest floor. Too much to ask for? Maybe. But she was asking you anyway. Please consider a plan without dollar signs clouding your vision. There are consultants who can create plans for carbon sequestration as well as management for a good watershed. A smart plan for a well-managed forest and a productive watershed is made before any cutting is begun. A smart plan is based on selective cutting, replanting with a variety of trees and shrubs, and no clear cutting. The Seaside Council needs to consider all these ideas now, it is really a cross roads of sorts - especially for those 60 year old trees. Ms. Holmes thanked the Council for listening to her ideas.

Mayor Barber stated if Ms. Holmes could leave a copy of her letter with Kim Jordan, City Recorder, it would become part of the minutes tonight. Ms. Holmes had to rush her comments and we let her go over the four minute level because what she had to say was very important.

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

No one declared a conflict of interest.

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

Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$458,592.01, and Approval of Minutes August 27, 2018.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**VACANCY –  
CITY TREE BOARD**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the City Tree Board. Council was accepting applications for the vacancy.

**VACANCY -  
AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

Mayor Barber stated there were two vacancies on the Airport Committee. Council received an application from Jesse Taylor and interviewed him prior to the Council meeting. Mayor Barber stated Mr. Taylor would need to be nominated.

Councilor Frank moved to nominate Jesse Taylor with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Councilor Frank moved to appoint Jesse Taylor to the Airport Committee with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Frank/Phillips)

Term expiration for Jesse Taylor would be December 31, 2021.

Mayor Barber stated there was still one vacancy on the Airport Committee and Council would be accepting applications.

**VACANCY –  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
COMMISSION**

Mayor Barber stated there was one vacancy on the Community Center Commission with an application received from Genevieve Ulbricht. Mayor Barber further stated Council interviewed Ms. Ulbricht prior to the City Council meeting. Mayor Barber asked Council if they would like to appoint.

Councilor Morrisey appointed Genevieve Ulbricht to the Community Center Commission with a second from Councilor Phillips; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Phillips)

Term expiration for Genevieve Ulbricht is December 31, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HOOD TO COAST  
RELAY RACE EVENT  
AGREEMENT**

Mayor Barber stated there is a revision being proposed to the Hood to Coast agreement and there is representatives of the Hood to Coast here this evening. Mayor Barber asked Mark to explain the revisions.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated the Hood to Coast organization has requested some changes as far as their insurance levels were concerned, in their contract. There was quite a bit of discussion about this back when we entered into this contract and one of the things that we talked about was the fact that limitations they were proposing for the contract, we're well above what the city requires. At this point they are asking simply to lower those requirements to what it is that the city currently requires and would not go any lower than what it is that the city requires.

Dan Floyd, Hood to Coast, stated Mark said that we could explain it better but no not really and those were the changes to the contract everything else stayed the same.

Mayor Barber asked if Mr. Floyd wanted to make any comments about the Hood to Coast Relay Race event this year.

Mr. Floyd stated basically he wanted to thank the city council, police, fire, and chamber of commerce and everybody else who hosted on the entire 199 miles, but of course Seaside is where it finishes or as you know, there are a lot of people to come through town and were very happy. This was one of the smoothest years that we've ever had. It's allowed us to be here early on a Friday night and go to your restaurant and we haven't been able to do that in the past. Mr. Floyd further stated it was just a great year. So we want to thank everybody for your support over the last few years as we continue to get better as an organization.

Mayor Barber asked if there were any comments or discussion regarding the request to revise the contract.

Councilor Morrisey stated just so he was clear there were no other changes to the contract.

Mr. Winstanley stated there were no other changes except the insurance.

Mayor Barber stated he would entertain a motion.

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

**SUNSET EMPIRE PARK  
AND RECREATION  
DISTRICT EXPANSION  
PROJECT AND BOND**

Skylar Archibald, Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Executive Director, presented the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Expansion Project and Bond. The presentation can be found with the City Council packet dated September 10, 2018, and at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation website: <http://www.sunsetempire.com>.

**COMMENTS –  
CITY STAFF  
AND OTHERS**

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated there was a group at the convention center this week called "It's a she thing" September 14-16, 2018, with approximately 600 attendees. There will be a construction project update at our next City Council meeting September 24, 2018.

Brian Olson, Seaside Chamber of Commerce Director, stated on Wednesday September 12, 2018, the Good Morning, Seaside will be meeting at Knife River, which is the south end of town. And then next week we are really excited about a tour of the sewer treatment plant at 8:00 AM Wednesday morning. We are checking out some of the businesses that really make our city.

Mr. Winstanley stated he wanted to remind Council the League of Oregon Cities was coming up at the end of the month.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL** Council President Montero stated her calendar has many things scheduled this Saturday and she needed to be three people. There was Representative Suzanne Bonamici Town Hall meeting that's going to be at Broadway and Seaside Heights School. Council President Montero did not want to steal any thunder from looking at her calendar. There is the Hispanic celebration, September 15, 2018, starts at 3:00 PM. We have a school groundbreaking at Seaside Heights at 2:30 PM. I just can't believe everybody likes September 15, 2018. Council President Montero stated she also had family moving to town and they would be living close to her.

Councilor Phillips stated it was interesting because she has been out of town and driving down the coastline, seeing how many communities are having trouble with losing storefronts, storage, and whatever else. I'm very excited that we're holding our own in the community which she loves.

Councilor Frank stated just to follow up at the airport this Saturday, there is a BBQ. It's open to the public and there's food, starting at 11:00 AM. This is open to flyers from around probably a radius of 500 miles. People will fly in depending on whether it's been nice in the past, we've had up to 20 clients come in for that BBQ. If you've never seen our airport, it would be a good time to come out. Councilor Frank further stated there was a very successful Wheels and Waves Car Show. The Seaside Downtown Development Association (SDDA) will no longer sponsor the car shows but it will continue and people are picking that up and we will look forward to it continuing next year.

Councilor Wright stated there was a meeting tomorrow the Mayor will talk about. There is an Election Forum in the building on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, and will be in the Council Chambers. Just going to mention one, a business that has come back is the new Times Theatre. If you haven't been there yet, you really should. The neon signs will be going up, so it's great to see a whole building come back to life. October 6-7, 2018, the Salt Makers were coming back to town.

Councilor Morrissey stated he had nothing except he wanted to thank Skylar for the very detailed presentation. A lot of work went into that, and it's something to consider.

Mayor Barber stated there was a discussion tomorrow September 11, 2018, at 2:00. We'll have a couple of representatives from Oregon State Parks, the Chamber of Commerce, law enforcement, and the fire department to discuss the issue of illegal fireworks on the beach or we can work together to try to mitigate some of the challenges. That's a challenge to safety and it's against the law by the way. So we're going to talk about it and see if we can get around the table and figure out some options to mitigate some of those problems. So please come 2:00 at Seaside Council Chambers tomorrow. Mayor Barber further stated he wanted to also remind the Council that the library is having their celebration on September 22, 2018 at 2:00 PM with the Library celebrating 10 years. Definitely want to celebrate the closing quote. I wish I knew who to attribute this to. "Leadership is not about me being the best, leadership is about making everyone else better".

**ADJOURNMENT** The regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Kim Jordan, City Recorder

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JAY BARBER, MAYOR