

- 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, Tom Horning Seth Morrisey and Dana Phillips.
- Absent: Council President Randy Frank, and Councilor Dana Phillips
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager; Dale McDowell, Seaside Public Works Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager.
- AGENDA** Mayor Barber stated now I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda as circulated.
- Councilor Montero so moved with a second from Councilor Wright; carried unanimously. (Montero/Wright)
- PROCLAMATION** Councilor Montero read the Proclamation for National Hispanic Heritage Month.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Mayor Barber stated I will open the floor for any public comments from the public on any item not on the agenda. If anyone would like to speak go to the microphone to your right, state your name and your address and limit your comments to four minutes.
- There were no public comments.
- CONFLICT** Mayor Barber asked whether any Councilor wished to declare a conflict of interest.
- Councilor Montero stated she had a potential conflict of interest with the Parks Advisory Committee as the applicant Bill Montero is her brother.
- Mayor Barber stated he had a potential conflict of interest with 11c the licensing agreement with his previous property located at 2460 S. Edgewood Drive.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Mayor Barber stated I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda.
- Consent Agenda: Payment of the Bills - \$331,897.64; and Approval of Minutes August 24, 2020.
- Councilor Morrisey moved to approve the consent agenda and pay the bills and approve the minutes with a second from Councilor Montero; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Montero)

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VACANCY – PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE & CITY TREE BOARD

Mayor Barber stated unfinished business. We have, openings on both our Parks Advisory Committee and our City Tree Board. And we have, one, application and we did an interview this evening, for, William Bill Montero. Councilors are you inclined to make a decision regarding that appointment?

Councilor Wright moved to appoint William Montero to the parks committee, term ending March 31, 2023 with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried with Councilor Montero abstaining. (Wright/Morrisey)

Mayor Barber asked for any further comment? We're really privileged to have an applicant from Bill that has a rich background serving on committees and commissions and now living here in Seaside. Bill thank you so much. And, you'll know when the next meeting is already. We, still have one additional opening on the, Parks Advisory Committee. Get the word out and we also have an opening on the tree board. Those are two important, roles. You can and may apply.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – Broadway Mini Mart, 550 Broadway Street, Suite 'B' (New Owner – Samantha Urbach).

Mayor Barber stated now moving to new business. We have a liquor license application from the Broadway Mini Mart. Samantha, are you here? Please come to the microphone there. You were here recently for an application. And so this, one is broadening.

Samantha Urbach, 550 Broadway, Seaside, stated I guess we got our last application a year and a half ago. Was the Bridge Tender.

Mayor Barber stated time flies when you're having fun.

Ms. Urbach stated I just opened the mini mart just a couple doors down from the Bridge Tender.

Mayor Barber stated I know that our police department did the background interview on that and found no problems at all. Any questions from the Councilors to Samantha. Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

Councilor Morrisey moved to approve the liquor license application for Broadway Mini-Mart with a second from Councilor Horning; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Horning)

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – Beach Club Seaside, 14 N. Downing (Owner – John Shepherd).

Mayor Barber stated the next one is, The Beach club in Seaside. John Shepherd is here. Saw him.

John Shepherd, 33334 Dorian Lane, Warrenton, stated good evening. I met you three months ago. I was before you in June, we talked about our interest in purchasing the Beach Club and we've been operating it since the 2nd of July. And it's been great fun. The lotto machines, the new food menu, we're introducing the application that we have in front of you to go to full liquor. I thought we wouldn't be here this quickly. I thought it would take us a little longer, but the patrons want to participate in that kind of, drinking experience. We've been working hard before. I take any questions that you might have about our application or any of the details in front of you and the OLCC. I'd like to ask my general manager, Chris Warlick to come forward. Chris will just introduce himself to you. I'm very proud to say that Chris moved here in, late June, just prior to our opening. He accepted the position as, the general manager. He's done a marvelous job in the last couple of months. He's really integrated into the community. He bought a house in town. He's, really a part of it after Chris says hello. And if you have any questions for Chris, please address them. Bob McAlinden who's a longtime friend of mine, and also comes from our industry. The, liquor industry just wanted to say hi. And if you had any questions for Bob, we would, entertain those as well. So Chris, without any further ado.

Mayor Barber stated Chris, would you give us your full name and your address, please?

Christopher Mark Warlick, 310 Avenue 'K', Seaside.

Mayor Barber stated thank you. Where did you live before coming to Seaside? Moved here from Bend Oregon. And I'm really enjoying it. I love the culture and being by the ocean and I'm excited about the beach house. It's going to be our beach club. It's going to be a good project.

Mayor Barber stated good. Well, we've, saw the, we've watched the improvements, at your establishment, and I'm sure you're leading the way on that. Any questions from anyone on the Council?

Councilor Horning stated I'm curious whether you've had this kind of job previously.

Mr. Warlick stated I've been in restaurants and hotels. Not necessarily bars.

Mayor Barber stated great. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilor Wright moved to approve the, liquor license with a second from Councilor Morrisey; carried unanimously. (Wright/Morrisey)

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Chris. We're seeing, I was going to say we're seeing an expansion of not establishment selling liquor, but the licensing of what can be served in those establishments, recognizing that there are some changes coming down the line regarding the OLCC. That's part of why we're seeing almost every meeting an application upgrading. Just for your information.

**CITY OF SEASIDE
LICENSING AGREEMENT**

Mayor Barber stated the next item is the City of Seaside Licensing Agreement, and I'd like to call on Dale, our Public Works Director to give us a little background on this.

Dale McDowell, Public Works Director, stated thank you Mayor. As you know, back in 2017, we did this exact same thing. At the time for this, we have the survey, we know the property, that the city owns we've widened the street in that location, taking the property that I needed to get the new curb in and complete that widening to make that corner safer.

We've had no incidents out there at all. At this time I see no reason why we shouldn't just, continue the license, change of ownership, of course. And you have all the documentation in your packet that shows the surveys and everything.

Mayor Barber stated yes we do. I'd like for you all to meet Richard Stockwell, new resident, to Seaside. Richard come to the microphone and, give us your address and, tell us a little bit about what brings you to Seaside.

Richard Stockwell. 2460 South Edgewood, introduced his wife Jill Stockwell and stated great property, very excited to be here in town. We moved from Eagle, Idaho, which is a suburb just outside of Boise. Wanted to do something different. We were there for 20 years. Our kids have all gone on to school and college and so forth. We wanted to come this way and, enjoy a new community and be active in that community. And we were fortunate to buy, a wonderful home that was so well taken care of. And we will do our best to make sure it stays that way. We're excited to be here in town. I sell software for a living, I work from my home. I'll be active here in the community and around the property, all the time. And my wife is a stay at home mom. We'll do our best to keep things going the direction that it was.

Mayor Barber stated any questions, any of the Councilors like to ask.

Councilor Montero asked does she have a green thumb.

Mr. Stockwell stated she does have a green thumb. Our property in Eagle was much larger, not quite as elaborate as the one we just purchased, but, she's really good at it. I think you'll like what she can do there.

Mayor Barber stated well Richard I'd like to tell you and remind everyone else, Seaside, is a city that runs on volunteerism. And as you get settled and acclimated, there are opportunities to serve on Councils and commissions and committees, and we hope you and your wife will consider stepping up to one of those.

Mr. Stockwell stated absolutely. We'd love nothing more. That would be great.

Mayor Barber stated good, wonderful. At this point, I'll entertain a motion to approve the licensing agreement, which is really an extension of that agreement that's before you.

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

Mayor Barber asked for any further discussion.

Councilor Wright stated no discussion as such, but I just think we ought to make it clear that this isn't coming about because anybody, you know, somebody knows somebody and, this is strictly a, a thing that comes out of whether it was poor record keeping or whatever in, the prior century. And we're talking early in the, 1930s or so, this leaves all the rights and everything with the city, that, if anything comes up that land will revert to the city, but we never expect that it should. And, we're just making it clear and that's why the Mayor's abstaining from this because it was his property and, inadvertently discovered it when we went to widen the road.

Councilor Morrissey stated okay, actually, Mr. Mayor, I do have question for Mark, just a process question, as far as the license agreements that we have for all properties around the city, which we have a lot. I asked you for an exact figure last time, and you didn't know the exact figure, which is fine, but I know we have a lot. Is it always customary that we do this when there's a change of ownership? Or how does that work? Because I know there's definitely other properties we have that have changed ownership that we haven't had the new owner come back and ask for a license agreement.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated if we are aware of a property change, then yes, we would do that a lot would depend on the recording and, whether the licensing agreement is actually a recorded document against the property or not. In other cases, as the Council is probably well aware, there are licensed agreements that would probably go back 50, 60, 70 years. And the, city is just simply not aware, that those licensing agreements are, in place. And, they're not disclosed at the time of a purchase taking place. It depends on the circumstances that are involved.

Mayor Barber asked for any other questions, there was no other questions. Kim, I'm going to ask for a roll call vote, if you will, please.

Mayor Barber stated was there a comment I'm sorry.

Mr. McDowell stated Mayor if I can interject just momentarily, councilor Morrissey, we are down at public works, pulling all of these license agreements, all of the easements they're being scanned in, they'll put into each file of the house or the address itself. I actually, I borrowed somebody from the convention center and she is working on that, probably in the next week or so we should have all those in a list so that we can actually give them to the city manager and it should be as accurate as we could possibly find we've dug through everything. But we are working on that.

Councilor Morrissey stated well, just let me know when that's done and I'll make sure to ask Mark again.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: MORRISEY, HORNING, MONTERO, WRIGHT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FRANK, PHILLIPS

ABSTAIN: BARBER

Mayor Barber stated motion carries. Thank you, Richard.

**SEASIDE CONVENTION
CENTER MICROPHONE
DONATION**

Mayor Barber stated at this point, we've got a microphone donation. Russ. You want to talk to us a little bit about that.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated Mayor and City Council. As most departments, as we renovate facilities or buildings. We try to salvage, we try to maintain equipment that may have value. And sometimes we look around at the other departments and we think about maybe they could use this item or perhaps somebody else may. And this is the case of eight microphones that were previously used on the City Council for many years, probably close to at least 20. I can, probably imagine these microphones worked very well back in that day. And they seldom went bad. They are designed for vocal very loud back in the sixties and the seventies. And they were very, they're just a horse. When Dale and his team came in and renovated, the Council Chambers all the microphones were in a box and thought who in our city departments may use them. And he gave them to me at the convention center. And about a week later, I had my staff and team them over. And even though they worked, they didn't match the technology that we now have an upgraded, modern type microphones that are more for speaking versus singing. I received an email from, Julie Gingerich, who is with Sparrow Dance Company, in Astoria she's the artistic director. And she was asking if we were no longer in need of, and although we were unable to provide anything, you know, we kept the majority of our equipment and we added to it, these microphones, something that we will not be using. We asked her if she'd be interested in receiving these eight microphones and she was very grateful with that idea and asking council to in fact, donate those microphones to her dance company.

Mayor Barber stated okay, good. Any comments or questions?

Councilor Wright stated sounds like a good idea.

Councilor Morrisey stated I agree.

Mayor Barber stated it's great to have the community benefit from that. And I know they deal with a lot of young people and children in their program as well.

Mr. Vandenberg stated that's another 501c3 organization.

Mayor Barber stated that's great. Okay. I'll entertain a motion to approve that donation.

Councilor Morrisey so moved with a second from Councilor Horning; carried unanimously. (Morrisey/Horning)

**PUBLIC HEARING –
PARKING CHANGES
SPRUCE DRIVE FROM
WAHANNA ROAD TO
ALDER STREET**

Mayor Barber stated before I open the public hearing, I'm going to ask Mark to give us a little background regarding the Transportation Advisory Commission recommendation, if you will.

Mr. Winstanley stated thank you Mr. Mayor. Actually, if the Mayor doesn't mind. I'm going to punt this one very quickly. But, your transportation committee has been, looking at, Spruce Drive. And this is a street that obviously is going to get a lot more traffic in the future, with the new school complex being built. In fact, if this was a normal year, we'd be looking at having kids headed up to the school, starting, I think this week. But, because of, the pandemic, the school still is not open yet. But, traffic will be increasing on Spruce Drive quite a bit in the future. Your transportation committee has been looking at this, and they have a recommendation that's coming before you, Mr. McDowell, serves as the staff person to the transportation committee. And he's going to go over it with you. What it is that they are recommending.

Mayor Barber stated Dale you have the floor.

Mr. McDowell stated as you can see from the slide that we have on right now, this is the current layout of Spruce Drive. They're two 12 foot lanes and cars parked on both sides. And if you look at that dark black line, you can see what happens if two buses pass at the same time and there's a car parked there, unfortunately there's not enough room. This is, again, this is a public hearing. We're trying to get everybody's input from as many people as possible. We want to know what the best solution for this is. And also this line down here at the bottom, this is a property line, the front of people's property. If we took the city's property back to where this property lines are, we shorten their driveway so far. They can't park in their driveway any more without sticking out over the sidewalk.

The other thing with this to take the property back, which this is about three or four feet, it also changes the grade. We have to change all the storm drains and everything else. We're trying to see what the best solution for this street is. The current one, obviously you can see someone has to stop or slow way down. And when we're going to have more buses, more cars using that street, we're trying to come up with a solution. Kim, if I could have the next slide, please. The other one was 15 foot lanes. This is the 12 foot. The 12 foot travel lanes, let's cars park on both sides, but then people asked, well, is 12 feet wide enough? When the bus has come through there, most of our streets like Holladay Drive are 15 feet, you know how narrow sometimes that seems there's also no place for a bicycle except on the sidewalk itself. If we widen that or narrow the lanes down to 12 feet, we can have people park on both sides. But if we take parking off of one side, we can get 15 foot lanes. And this is, we're just trying to get input from as many people as possible. What would you rather see? We are impacting the people on the North side. They would have to park over on the South side. One of the issues with the South side is you have all the utility poles there. You have all the mailboxes, people backing out of their driveways is an issue, every day. I actually walked, went door to door and just talking to the people that I saw that were home and asking them, what's your biggest challenge here? They're saying backing out of our driveway. We know enough when we come home, we back up the driveway. If you ever go down through there, you'll see most of the cars are backed in their driveway to try to resolve some of their issues that they have on the street. There's not a lot we can do with the street. It's, you know, the right of way itself is what it is the slope, because all of the homes on the South are on, most of them are on a hill, they go down to the street. If we cut those driveways off, we're going to have some real challenges with elevation there. We're just bringing this to your attention. We're still working on it. We're looking to get more input. Councilor Wright is our council representative, for our transportation. And we've actually gone through this a couple of different times. We brought it in to the Transportation Advisory Commission. We're still looking for an answer to, to resolve this. Everything they want now with this, there would be sidewalks on both sides of the street. There'll be a crosswalk in the middle of spruce drive because there's a lot of kids that come and go across the street and walk with all their friends. It's also as one of the techniques to slow traffic down, put a cross walk in the middle of it. Like we have over here at the library to the parks and put a sign out from it. They know it's a crosswalk. You try to get cars to slow down. People get in a hurry. They forget what the speed limit is. It happens, we're just looking for additional input at this point.

Mayor Barber stated let's make it clear that there's been no decision made on this. We're seeking input from other neighbors and the community. And at this point, I'm going to open a public hearing and anyone who would like to speak to this, come to the microphone and identify yourself your address. And please try to keep your comments within four minutes.

Mr. McDowell stated and Mayor, I also wrote a letter to each individual homeowner, including down in the cul-de-sac Jeffrey Court. I ended up getting two back that were non-deliverable, but I did reach out to everybody.

Carlos Silva, 1753 Spruce Drive, Seaside, stated I apologize for bringing my kid. I found out about this like five minutes before seven. I didn't know anything about this. Like he said, he was knocking door to door to get an input. I was never aware of it. Neither was my wife. My wife is at work right now. We didn't even know anything about that. My neighbors didn't know anything about that. They just found out also like five, ten minutes before seven that they, they didn't ask, as far as an input myself, as you can see in the pictures, the last picture that he showed for 80% to 90% of the houses in that street are duplexes. All the duplexes are like multifamily. There's a husband and wife. It may be, you know, like an uncle or maybe even a son have a car. I understand. As far as that, there's a couple of cars. If you look at the picture, it shows one car and it's almost down to the property line. We have no choice, but to park on the side of the street, by eliminating one of the side of the street and making it open for the buses. I understand that. And I appreciate your concern for our street to make it safer. But how about a compromise? Like you guys, this over here, you know, used to be that Broadway Middle School from seven to five, we had to, you know, respect the 20 mile per hour limit over there. It can be the same thing. You know, no parking on the side of the street from seven to five, which is the normal school time. And after 5:00 PM, you know, we're allowed to park overnight on that side of the street. Some of us, we leave early for work anyways. We leave, that spot open on the street. But when we come back from work after five, where are we going to park? If there's no space on that other side of the street, then we're going to have to find parking like on the next street and invade their properties. That's something that we can always work on too. I understand your concern, like as far as say, you know, and that, and I appreciate the fact that you're saying to do a cross walk because yes, when he was just in elementary school, a lot of people were in a rush because they were like just barely making it to bring their kids to school. And they were making it way over the line. You guys had at one point the speed limit sign, you know, with a little digital thing, it helped a lot because it used to be like beeping on their faces and stop him. But somehow it got taken off and now construction guys, they do it all the time. I see it at 6:15 or 6:20, when I go to work just like, boom, like spinning. And then like he saying that crosswalk they'll tell us, that'll stop it because there's just drive by there during the daytime. There's a lot of kids playing in there and we appreciate that. But those kids become because there's a lot of the duplexes. Multi-families, there's no, there's no home. There's no like another places where they're just like their families or their kids that are already in high school or graduated and stuff. There's a lot of kids on that area and obviously more cars. Like I said, I found out just like five minutes before the meeting.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, any other persons wanting to make a comment.

John Donoghue, 1864 Spruce Drive, #A, Seaside, stated thank you for hearing me. I agreed that, you know, safety is an issue and that's pretty important. The big problems that I see and I've talked with my neighbors is that it's going to create a lot of conflict, you know, because like you said, on the other side of street, there's a hill there. And besides that they have to back out or whatever of their driveway, they can't see, you know, especially with more cars there, it blocks their vision and people's driveways get blocked and so on and so forth. Okay. There's a lot of conflicts. The other thing though, and I'm not saying you shouldn't do it, I'm just saying these things have to be considered. There's got to be some, breathing space. And then the other thing as a suggestion, should you do this? May I also suggest that you put all the mailboxes on the North side of the street because there's a lot of those mailboxes around the South side of the street and people can't park in front of them anyway. And I see, you know, if you were to do this, the potential good side is people would stop blocking our mailboxes. And I think you can trust the post man not to run over any school children. He can deliver the mail and that neighborhood at a time where it's not a problem. The other thing I would suggest, like, I'm sorry, I don't remember his name, but he made a good point, you know, like during certain school hours. Because it's really puts us against, at odds with our neighbors. That's a real problem. There has to be some, some, constellation, you know, some way to, you know, like it should be not in the summertime, for example, you know, if you were to do it, you know, in the summertime, because, this is the summertime economy, people are busy working and you know, that's just one thing. And there's more traffic in the summertime, there's more need for parking. Like I said, if you were to do this, I don't think it's a good idea. I don't agree to it. I know I don't want to see it happen, but, and all my neighbors that I talked to are not happy about it. Most of all the people that live in the other side of the street, they're like no way, but they couldn't be here. And I know my neighbor across the street, Sean Gray, he at work now. And he told me, he says, make sure you tell them I don't like it. You know, but I also am totally with the town's situation. I agree with you know, I'm not, I don't know how, but I would like to think about it too, and be able to have a way to offer suggestions. And if I come up with any, just off the top of my head, you know, the other thing is maybe a different, and these are just potential things that could mitigate it. Is it also possible that during certain school hours, like if you could do it from certain school hours, like when the school buses are running essentially, and it wouldn't be so much of a burden for us, you know? And then the other thing is if you could develop just in that neighborhood during school hours, make it a one way street and you can post signs everywhere. So that during these hours, when the school buses are running, it doesn't matter where you live. You make it circular, like Astoria. You can go in this way, but you've got to come out Cooper. See what I'm saying? And if you divert some of the traffic to Cooper and I'm talking residential traffic that would alleviate a lot of the problem. If you said from this time to this time, this is a one way street. And I don't mind going up Cooper and coming down, you know what I'm saying? Or something that I think people would much rather, except that then giving up their parking spot. I mean, that's just a suggestion, you know, just a couple things that come to my mind. I think that a one way street is a really good idea. I mean, they do it in Astoria. So why not? That would be a good compromise. Okay, thank you for your comments.

Mayor Barber stated and I think one more gentlemen has something.

Patrick Major, 1784 Spruce Drive, #B, Seaside, stated the parking thing is going to be insane more so than, or not half as insane as once you've widened and you take it out.

Mayor Barber stated carry the microphone with you.

Mr. Major stated I'm sorry. I'm just very passionate about this. We have a ton of children on the street. I'm watching them almost get ran over daily with just the construction workers when we opened the street up and you widen that much of it for them to barrel through there. They're going to pick up their speed. They're not going to slow down. The congestion on this street is saving a lot of accidents. It's also making it of course easier for everyone to park in front of their homes. You know, I have an elderly mother that I go pick up and we bring her up here. She's up here right now because of all the fires and the smoke, and to have her have to walk across the street to go get in the car, to get her to the sidewalk is killing her. You know, this versus leaving her in the smoke. We've got her up here with us right now, but I mean, we have a lot of elderly people there, and I know it's your duty to inform the homeowners. A lot of us are renters. We're not being informed. Do we need to be? I would think so. I mean, we're citizens of the town, we're paying taxes, but my concern is that you guys, you guys are going to open that street up and the speed in which these people go is going to increase tenfold. You'll, kill somebody with this idea.

Mayor Barber stated thank you for that good comments. Is there anyone else here that would like to speak to the issue.

Mr. Donoghue stated you know, I agree with everybody's position, you know what I mean? Including his and yours, especially. But I think psychologically by widening the road would kind of encourage a higher speed, especially a new road, that's nice and smooth. Because people it is wider and they can go faster. You know what I mean? It's like, a speedway and nobody wants that. I think, limiting the speed, like what he said, the crosswalk is a great idea. I think, because that, I'm always complaining about people flying up the street and I have small children. It's always a concern. My youngest just learned how to ride a bike. You know, I want people to drive slow and responsible. I don't know. Nobody wants to give up property either. You know what I'm saying? We need the parking spot really, really badly. I don't, know. I'd be open to any type of.

Mayor Barber stated well, we're going to continue this public hearing because we want to be sure that we hear from everybody, let your neighbors know that on the 28th of September, our next meeting, we will have a continuation of this public hearing. And we're here to hear more comments from people living in that neighborhood

Mr. Donoghue stated and so am I correct in understanding two weeks from tonight?

Mayor Barber stated yes. One more comment.

Mr. Major stated just really quick. I'll also do my best to go door to door. I don't, want it to an issue, but if there is any way that, you know, in the future, when people are being faced with decisions, of course, like I said, I understand that it's going to lie with you guys and the homeowners. I know how politics work and the renters, aren't really going to get a say other than what we speak here. But if we could send out a letter addressing the neighborhood, you know, of Spruce Drive that might help bring in more people.

Mayor Barber stated he was now going to close the public hearing. And Dale do you have any follow-up to the comments that you heard.

Mr. McDowell stated Mayor, I do appreciate everyone's comments. Again, this isn't something that we're making a decision on. We want to get as many people involved in it because it, doesn't matter if you own the home or you rent a home it's affecting you. The only way we can get ahold of people is through a mailing, you know, we can look at the tax records. Obviously it's not going to the right people. We don't have the staff to go door to door, basically. And I just happened to be up there because we were fixing the road and I talked with everybody that was sitting out.

I will tell you that one gentleman said there are a lot of kids in that neighborhood. That is a cool neighborhood. I wish I grew up there. The kids are playing, you know, all the time with each other, running back and forth to each other's yards. They are just having a blast, but they're very small kids. They're not watching for cars. I don't want to turn this into a freeway. I want it to be as safe as possible. But again, that's why I asked for this public hearing is I want input on transportation, no one showed up, but again, we need to be able to reach out to the right people. The people that are actually living there, they have the kids there. I do appreciate everyone's comments.

Mayor Barber stated thank you, Dale. Now I'll turn to the Council for comments.

Councilor Montero stated I have some comments and some questions. First of all, I guess until I heard the gentleman talk about widening the road, I didn't get that from your first presentation that you were looking at, widening the road.

Mr. McDowell stated it's not necessarily widening. What would be widening is if we take parking off of one side. Now there's six more feet of the road that people can drive down.

Councilor Montero stated it's not a physical widening. Current is a widening by virtue of not having parking there.

Mr. McDowell stated that's correct.

Councilor Montero stated now I understand that. Dale, have we done any kind of a traffic, well we can't just yet, but I was, wondering how often during the day would we have the situation where buses had to pass each other?

Mr. McDowell stated it would basically be in the morning, once things are back to normal. And it would be in the morning when buses are coming to and from the schools. And then in the afternoon when buses are taking the kids back to their homes,

Councilor Montero stated have we thought of, I'm not real keen on, the variation of, from these hours, it's one way and these hours, it's not one way. But have we thought of the possibility that the empty buses coming from the school have to go down Cooper and the empty buses going up to the school in the afternoon go up Cooper. We put the onus more on the buses as opposed to the traffic and the street.

Mr. McDowell stated right. We have not addressed that issue with the school district and talked with them.

Councilor Montero stated okay. I think I'd like to see that as a possibility. As far as informing, residents, I would say it would be fairly easy to design and knock out a, door knob hanger that could just go on every door knob of, the houses and that doesn't require that people sit there or stand there and, talk about it. But to at least inform everybody of the basics of what is being discussed and when the meeting is, because I think we have a huge obligation and I know, you know that, to let the people who live there know. The tax records are going to get you the homeowners. They're not going to get you necessarily, the people that live there, that's a large rental neighborhood.

Mayor Barber stated Steve you're on the Transportation Advisory Commission. Can you give us a little background on how the committee addressed this?

Councilor Wright stated well, it's a, the presentation from Dale started out. It's strictly, this is a safety issue, and you know, particularly when the kids are back at school and you have a lot of buses and the space there just isn't enough. The transportation committee advised or came to the conclusion that this was best then sent to the City Council so you could do public hearings. I was a little surprised to see that we're actually going to vote on it according to the agenda. And I didn't think that was right. We need to have discussion about it, and that's the reason you have public hearings is so you can get ideas and you guys would come up with some great ideas. You know, that's the whole gist. Basically we've looked at widths of roads and all that, from Dale and trying to decide what works best in there. And, you know, we'll see. The traffic committee has a meeting on Thursday and we can take some of these things back and get right to work.

Mayor Barber stated Seth any comments.

Councilor Wright stated one thing I did though, is that anything, you start saying, you're going to put traffic over, under Cooper and in that area, then you're going to have a whole other neighborhood involved saying kind of the same things you guys are. And I kind of wonder if I remember I'm not really familiar with the neighborhood, but can buses go down that little jog at the end of Cooper. Can they get through there? That's I mean, that's quite a, turn there where it comes out onto Wahanna.

Mr. McDowell stated I believe they can, they would be in the other lane to do it though.

Councilor Wright stated and there's another dangerous intersection, right?

Mayor Barber stated Seth.

Councilor Morrissey stated I do have a question for Dale. As far as this diagram, that's before us, right below the five foot sidewalk on the South side of the road, there's a little strip of property, maybe two feet. It looks like between that and the property line is that, was that reserved for a bike lane or what was the purpose of that?

Mr. McDowell stated it was to try to get a bike lane or make it a multipurpose lane so that you'd have bikes and people walking on it.

Councilor Morrissey stated I mean, I do have concerns about eliminating parking on one side. I've been through that neighborhood a lot, and there's definitely a lot of people that live there with cars and there's a lot of children and I don't know how you would eliminate an entire side of parking and have that ever work out. I'm also very concerned about.

I lost the rest of what Seth was stating from the audio (went blank) and when it started back up audience members were making comments. The audio then had Councilor Horning talking.

Councilor Horning stated aside from his comment about semis passing each other, maybe rather than preemptively jumping in with regulation, we might observe the buses a little while and see what kind of problems there are.

Mayor Barber stated okay good comments. I'm going to continue the public hearing until September 28th. And, at that time we'll consider whether we've had enough input to vote on. And then there may be some changes coming from the Transportation Advisory Committee or commission based on our comments, based on the input we've gotten tonight as well.

Mr. Winstanley stated Mr. Mayor? I just want to, clarify, because I just want to make sure it's on the record correctly, you use the term you were closing the public hearing. My assumption is, that you are going to continue the public hearing to the next meeting.

Mayor Barber stated that's exactly what I meant to say, thank you. Thanks for clarifying that. Are we all right on the 28th, we'll be back to that. Thank Dale for your comments as well.

**VACANCY –
TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMISSION
TERM EXPIRATION**

Mayor Barber stated finally, a vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Commission. I'm sad to see Bill stepping away.

Councilor Wright stated I know, I was hoping he was here tonight though.

Mayor Barber stated I'm hoping we can maybe convince him to stay.

Councilor Wright stated he is still on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Barber stated so he has resigned as I understand.

Councilor Wright stated he doesn't want to be reappointed but Matthew Stolberg does. .

Mayor Barber stated okay.

Councilor Wright moved that we reappoint Matthew with a second from Councilor Montero; carried unanimously. (Wright/Montero)

The term expiration for Matthew Stolberg would be October 1, 2024.

Councilor Montero stated now we have to go out and find somebody new for this.

Mayor Barber stated maybe the committee can think of, or the commission can think of somebody to take his place.

**COMMENTS –
CITY STAFF
AND OTHERS**

Mayor Barber stated hey, I think we finished our business. Russ got anything you want to share with us going on over at the convention center.

Mr. Vandenberg stated it's been a few weeks since I've had a chance to update you on what's going on over there at the convention center. Well, first of all, we are hosting the SDDA morning breakfast meetings. Every Thursday at 8:00 AM open to the public, social distancing is in place. You're welcome to bring your own coffee and snacks. If you would like during the first renovation project, we knew we might be short of storage is the reason why we're moving into the final phase of the renovation. And we are now four weeks into that project. And it's coming along on schedule. I do expect a small change order that will be coming in due to some changes that we've incurred. And I'll be here in two weeks to discuss that with you, but we expect that final project to end, at the end of next month. It's moved along just fine.

Mayor Barber stated Dale, anything more you'd like to share with us tonight?

Mr. McDowell stated no comments.

Mayor Barber stated was there a comment yes.

Mr. Winstanley stated well, first of all, I want to let you know that, all of Seaside is without power right now. We are up on generator and people could still be watching us on their cell phones or something along those lines. But my understanding is, right now Seaside is without power. We don't know what the issue is, but you are unique at this point because you have power in our broadcast.

Mayor Barber stated wow, wonderful. It works. That's great.

Mr. Winstanley stated in addition to that, can I go ahead and continue?

Mayor Barber stated yes.

Mr. Winstanley stated I just wanted, to make sure that everyone is aware, of the marvelous work that our fire crews are doing, right now, we actually, at this point now have three task force, out of Clatsop County that are currently working. We have one on the Riverside fire, one on the, Beachie Fire and another one on the Holiday Fire, and Jon's going to show you right now, how quickly these fires spread. It's really kind of an interesting little video he's showing you, but you'll notice when these things light up and that all happened in one day, when those fires took off, you could see they were relatively small and then all of a sudden, they were huge. And, that's why we have the number of people working, on these fires right now. I don't have the exact figure, but I believe that there's about a 40 plus, firemen out of Clatsop County that are currently out working on these fires. And we are very, proud of our people. We may have, as many firefighters coming out of Clatsop County as virtually any County in Oregon right now. We have very well-trained people in this area, and they're capable of handling some very difficult situations, and I know they're really busy because we're not hearing a whole lot from them. And that tells us that, they are very active. Anyway, I think everybody in Seaside, should be very, very proud of, the fire people in this town and in the neighboring towns, because, those, three taskforces are made up of, firemen from all the communities in Clatsop County.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful, Jon any comments.

Jon Rahl, Assistant City Manager, stated he had nothing to say.

Mayor Barber stated Dan, you made it through this all the way over.

Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney, stated we did. We've got about the same amount of smoke in Baker City as we do here. And we've had smoke for a much longer period of time. Because we get a lot of smoke out of California. Now they've been on fire for a longer period of time.

Mayor Barber stated glad you're here safely. Kim, did you have anything you wanted to add?

Kim Jordan, City Recorder stated I do not Mayor, thank you.

**COMMENTS –
COUNCIL**

Mayor Barber stated okay, Seth why don't you start us off tonight?

Councilor Morrisey stated I just wanted to say hats off to all the firefighters. It's great that we're in a position where we can go out and help out our counties. You know, we've largely been spared from this so far, fingers crossed, but it's just great that we have the personnel and such a great team that they can actually go out and help other places. Thanks for letting him do it, Mark, appreciate that.

Mayor Barber stated Steve any comment.

Councilor Wright stated I actually wanted to introduce somebody that was here tonight. You know, about a two-year project to get a CERT Team going. Sue, can you stand up, please. This is Sue Coddington. She's our new CERT Team leader. And, hopefully next meeting, we'll have a little presentation to say what we're doing, get it going. So, thanks for coming.

Mayor Barber stated welcome. So glad you're here.

Sue Coddington, 2152 Cedar Street, Seaside, stated you'll get to see me here at every meeting, as long as there's space.

Mayor Barber stated wonderful.

Councilor Wright stated on this weekend we had the Salt Makers Return. Our only event of Seaside's normal annual events, probably is in 2020, that was the only one. We had about 350 visitors come down and the greatest percentage of them are people from the Valley or other places. So thankful they could come here and at least breathe easier. And you know, it's not really easy to breathe, appreciating our heavy fog. And, so we're just thankful that we were able to do it. We pretended to make salt this year, not actually making it because of the fire danger. And, I too, you know, this year is just incredible. If anything, you never thought there'd be something that could put COVID on the back burner and, with all the fires going on. Our prayers go out for safety for everybody effected by this. And basically, you know, the entire West coast is being affected

Mayor Barber stated comments Tom.

Councilor Horning stated sure, again, I, agree with Seth about, the fire department and the volunteers that are out there doing, a yeoman's work under difficult conditions. I also, was up at 2:00 AM last night, woke up, I flipped on the TV and watched the director for the centers for disease control about the pandemic. And one of the things he was concerned about was, the hospitals being overwhelmed by the combined COVID and flu. That's going to start firing up here in about another month and a half. And, I was thinking, this may be unpopular with the rest of you, but maybe we should all be wearing masks as a mandatory standard at the City Council meetings. And I'm not demanding it, but I'm suggesting that you all look pretty good with masks on when we have these committee meetings in the back room. Maybe we should talk about it at the next meeting.

Mayor Barber stated Tita.

Councilor Montero stated yes it was. Well, I, to, want to just commend and be, thankful for, the people we have that are firefighters and first responders and, not just those that were able to send to other places, but those who are here and stay and, are available to protect us, should anything happen. I think Seaside is just very, lucky to have the kind of volunteers that we have in the fire department. And, because I think you have to be pretty brave to be a firefighter, absolutely.

Councilor Wright stated and they've been doing it for 115 years.

Mayor Barber stated well, that's been exactly my thought just before I came to the meeting tonight, I was watching one of the network news shows and there was a segment where there was a fire captain who had been on the line for six days continuously and had come home just for a few minutes and was holding his little six year old boy in his tightest grip. And the firefighter was covered with Ash and there was a little boy just clinging onto him. And I just thought that's representative of all of our firefighters, both men and women who are giving up their time. And in some cases, we've heard reports were firefighters were out fighting fires, losing their own homes and paying really the Supreme sacrifice. it took me to a quote to close the meeting tonight. This is a quote from Napoleon and it says this: 'Courage, isn't having the strength to go on. It's going on when you don't have strength'. And we're seeing that every day on the line. So, thank you so much with that. We're adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Kim Jordan, City Recorder

JAY BARBER, MAYOR