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CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Benjamin Strickland	Chair
Leslie Mugan	Vice Chair
Lynda Cunningham	Commissioner
Gwen Nash	Commissioner

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR COMMISSIONS

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECEIVE UPDATE AND REVIEW INFORMATION SHARED AT SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 LISTENING SESSION ON THE STATE OF HOMELESSNESS IN SEASIDE AND MONTEREY COUNTY

RECOMMENDATION: The commission will receive an update from Commissioner Cunningham highlighting areas of success and for improvements from the September 19, 2023 Listening Session on the State of Homelessness to contemplate changes for future Listening Sessions, then review information shared to discuss actionable steps towards meeting the needs of the unhoused in the community.

B. DISCUSS USE OF PORTION OF HOMELESS COMMISSION $3,500 ANNUAL BUDGET TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES FOR HOLIDAY NEEDS

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will explore the desire to use a portion of their $3,500 annual budget to support organizations serving homeless individuals and families to meet their needs during the holidays.

C. REVIEW AND REVISE PRESENTATION TO REQUEST FUNDING PARTNERS REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF CONTRACTING MOBILE HYGIENE SERVICES TO SERVE THE UNHOUSED IN SEASIDE AND THROUGHOUT MONTEREY COUNTY

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will review questions and feedback about the presentation given to the Neighborhood Improvement Commission on the feasibility of contracting mobile hygiene services to meet the bathing and laundry needs of the unhoused in Seaside and throughout Monterey County to identify changes to be made to the presentation for thorough and effective communication in seeking funding partners.

D. DISCUSS COMMISSIONER ENGAGEMENT IN PARTISAN AND NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF OFFICIAL ROLE AND SCOPE

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will engage in a discussion supported by direction from staff regarding participation in partisan and non-partisan political activities outside the role and scope of work specific to the Homeless Commission to identify potential conflicts of interest and rules and laws violations.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

This is a time specifically set aside for the Staff Liaison to provide updates on non-agendized requests from the Commission, and to provide brief information on topics under the purview of the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
TBD

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DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
Council Chamber
Tuesday, August 29, 2023
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Nash
ABSENT:

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Add a request to the PowerPoint for the NIC meeting for funding for the Food and Security Program

On motion by Commissioner Nash and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to adding an Agenda Item B to the meeting.

RESULT: 4-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Nash
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR COMMISSIONS

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM August, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

On motion by Commissioner Mugan and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2023 Special Meeting

RESULT: 4-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Nash
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
ACTION: Approved

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS AND FINALIZE PROPOSAL TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FEASIBILITY OF CONTRACTING SERVICES TO UTILIZE A 2-STALL MOBILE HYGIENE UNIT TO SUPPORT THE BATHING AND LAUNDRY NEEDS OF THE UNHOUSED IN THE COMMUNITY

The commission discussed highlighting the accomplishments the commission has completed since the commission started. The goal of bringing in a mobile hygiene unit to the city to be able to support the unhoused in the city of Seaside and hoping other surrounding cities would like to join in.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Mugan and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to changing some of the PowerPoint visuals and adding visuals to the finished PowerPoint.

RESULT: 4-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Nash
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ACTION: PASSED

B. Food and Security Program

The commission discussed adding to the PowerPoint for the NIC meeting to ask for $17,000 donation to be able to help organizations for food and security programs and holiday donations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Nash and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to adding a slide asking for $17,000.

RESULT: 4-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Nash
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ACTION: PASSED

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners provided reports

Commissioner Strickland: Wans to encourage community members to join the homeless commission meetings.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff provided report.

Derrick: Edible Food Recovery Grant application is online and any non-profit organization, business or public entities that collect, generate and distribute food can apply in the county of Monterey. The deadline to apply is October 31st, 2023.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk	**Ben Strickland, Commission Chair**

Script – Presentation to the Neighborhood Improvement Commission.

Intro

Good evening Chairperson Alexander, members of the commission and members of the community.

Thank you for your time this evening. My name is X and I serve as X on the Seaside Homeless Commission.

I am here today with my colleagues from the commission to present to you an idea for which we would like funding.

Before I do that however, I would like to spend a few minutes talking with you about who we are, and a bit of our history.

Slide 2

- Established in 2017, our mission is to plan, advocate, support and collaborate with those who are both homeless and with those agencies that serve those who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless

Slide 3

- Last year – the homeless commission distributed $17,000 and supported a total of 10 community organizations in their quests to offer additional services during the holidays and to continue their food insecurity programs. In addition, we spearheaded a donation drive for Casa de Noche Buena.

Slide 4 – The challenge

Being clean and having clean clothes is a basic human dignity. Those struggling with being homeless or who are at risk of being homeless often don't have access to showers and clean laundry.

This year – we would like to provide the opportunity for those who are housing challenged to increase their dignity, their preparedness to look for a job or engage in services, and ultimately increase hope.

Slide – The Solution

Our proposed solution is the provision of mobile shower and laundry services.

As the slide notes – it provides the following….

Our beliefs:

- The absence of showers and clean clothes as well as grooming methods is a significant problem for the homeless

- When homeless individuals are clean and well groomed, they are more comfortable seeking and holding, making and keeping medical appointments, and in general have a higher sense of personal pride, that can make all the difference
- Cleanliness/being well-groomed helps to remove obstacles and judgements

Slide – Solution Overview

To implement this solution, we would engage in a partnership with a mobile unit hygiene service provider – Haven on Hope on Wheels

Haven of Hope on Wheels; Haven on Hope is a program operated by Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association, a 501c3 nonprofit agency based out of Oroville, CA.

They are currently operating in Berry Creek, Oroville, and Redding CA.

I would like to play the first 3.5 minutes of the video to give you a sense of how it all works.

In addition, we believe this solution will offer us the chance to collaborate closely with other cities in the county that are also looking to find ways to increase dignity, preparedness and hope within the homeless community.

As a pilot program, we will certainly learn from this experience as we look to partner with other neighboring cities.

The Details Slide

This is what the proposal includes…

The ASK Slide

The approximate cost of contracting with Haven of Hope on Wheels for a mobile shower and laundry unit for one year is $400,000. We envision partnering with other cities to both share the service and the cost. The more cities we partner with, the lower the cost for each city – and we believe 4-5 partners is ideal. In order to seek participation with others, the city of Seaside needs to commit to funding a portion of the mobile hygiene unit…

Our ask of the NIC is $100,000.

One last note – as our mission states – our goal is to collaborate and support. We believe this solution/this partnership will do just that. It doesn't eliminate or recreate what is already happening in our community – it augments it.

So to quickly summarize.

Slide – Summary Slide

Slide – One final slide

Slide - Questions?

One final ask….

We recognize that our ask is very large and may not be something the commission is able or willing to support. If the commission is unable to support the ask regarding the mobile shower and laundry unit, then we would ask that you grant us $17,000 to support the 10 organizations that we listed earlier so that we can continue to support them with their holiday needs and food insecurity programs.

THANK YOU for your time tonight and your consideration.