FINAL MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Council Chamber
Wednesday, May 7, 2025
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. **ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION**
PRESENT: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman
ABSENT: None

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**
None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Michael Spoletta

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 2, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Ruffin and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the April 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

RESULT: 6-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ACTION: Passed

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF SEEKING FUNDING SUPPORT OF FUTURE SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN PROJECT**

The commission discussed the different solar charging stations, considering a particular company and noting the Yosemite offered free freight and is located in the Northern California (south of Sacramento). Among the options, they were particularly interested in a shade charger picnic table and a café charging table. These preferred models offered practical features such as 6 USB ports and 2 outlets for device charging, integrated LED lighting, and a sturdy concrete construction.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Mugan and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to accept the Yosemite solar-powered picnic table from Sunny Cal Solar for $6,999.00, which includes free shipping and installation, and to let the NIC to select the color.

RESULT: 6-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ACTION: PASSED

The commission reviewed the available locker options: a 3x3 configuration with nine individual lockers and a 3x2-configuration offering six. They noted that both types include a built-in combination lock and a master key, and discussed the potential storage capacity of each.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to propose purchasing one 3x3 locker set and one 3x2 locker set from Lockers.com.

RESULT: 6-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ACTION: Passed

The commission discussed the locker agreement, considering a potential extension from 30 to 45 days to accommodate longer-term needs and allow for adjustments based on collected data. They noted the lockers' potential use by unhoused individuals, community members, and passersby. The commission also proposed minor modifications to the agreement, including the addition of emergency contact information, a phone number, and FCSP contact details.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Hughes and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approved the locker accesses agreement, with the stipulation of minor revisions to include a phone number and emergency contact information, and with the understanding that the policy can be reviewed and modified as needed in the future.

RESULT: 6-0-0-0
AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ACTION: Passed

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners provided reports.

Commissioner Cunningham: read a news article in *The Weekly* about the Sand Dollar Motel being purchased to provide housing for the unhoused population.

Commissioner Mugan: will not be in town for the July meeting.

Commissioner Strickland: reminded the commission members who had not yet completed the Code of Conduct to do so as soon as possible. Stated that progress on the chart motions has been delayed due to personal health concerns but assured the commission that they would complete this task soon.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff provided report.

Derrick: reinforced that all documents intended for the commission must be included in the agenda packet and submitted by the Friday a week prior to the meeting, or earlier.

He also attended the Lead Me Home Summit and a presentation on solving homelessness by CHS.

The keynote speaker on solving homelessness emphasized the importance of showing humanity towards the unhoused population. The speaker spoke about how easily one might overlook a person experiencing homelessness and not realizing that it could be someone a friend or family member. The speaker also mention their Miracle messages a project focused on reunification, where, with the individual's permission, they are video recorded sharing a message for friends or family, this video is then shared on social media, and research is conducted to identify any family members searching for that person.

Mention that sharing details about the Lead Me Home Summit is challenging due to its large scale and the involvement of numerous individuals across the county.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk

Ben Strickland, Commission Chair