



A G E N D A
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVENUE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)
Monday, October 27, 2025
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Kat Morgan Commissioner
Emily Gottlieb Commissioner
Forrest Kinard Commissioner
Parvaneh Kevanfar 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

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

B. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN TO THE CITY COUNCIL

C. DISCUSS AND VOTE ON PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

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:
November 24, 2025
5:30 PM

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DRAFT MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday September 22, 2025
5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

PRESENT: Gottlieb, Kinard, Morgan Keivanfar (arrived 5:47)

ABSENT: None

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, noted that Commissioner Morgan motioned to vote in Emily Gottlieb as chair for the meeting that evening and to continue Item 6A to the next regularly scheduled hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nielson

On motion by Commissioner Morgan and second by Kinard, and carried by the following vote, the Neighborhood Improvement Commission moved to continue Item 6A to the next regularly scheduled hearing

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: 4 Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B. OVERVIEW OF THE 2025-2026 CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

Eric Azriel, Associate Planner, gave a presentation outlining the broad framework of the City's Strategic Plan. Typically updated annually or biennially, the Strategic Plan sets the City's goals and priorities, guiding the work of City staff and commissions based on the direction provided by City Council.

The most recent Strategic Plan covers the 2025–2026 period and is organized around five key pillars:

1. Effective and Accessible Governance
2. Vibrant Local Economy
3. Diverse and Inclusive Community
4. Enhanced Physical Infrastructure and Abundant Water Supply
5. Community Safety and Quality of Life

Commissioners engaged in discussion, no motion or vote

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nielson

Commissioners engaged in discussion, no motion or vote

C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, gave a presentation on the proposed Phase 1 implementation measures of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The Plan was approved by the City Council on June 5, 2025. Additional information and the full Climate Action and Adaptation Plan are available on the City's website at: <https://ci.seaside.ca.us/848/Climate-Action-and-Resilience-Hub>.

Commissioners engaged in discussion, no motion or vote

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nielson

Commissioners engaged in discussion, no motion or vote

D. DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROJECT IDEAS TO SUGGEST TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the Neighborhood Improvement Commission's project solicitation letter, which was distributed to all Commissioners and Liaisons.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nielson, Fiallo

Commissioners engaged in discussion, no motion or vote

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner mentioned she will be following up on several emails

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

On motion by Commissioner Morgan and second by Kinard, and carried by the following vote, the Neighborhood Improvement Commission moved to adjourn.

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0
AYES: Morgan, Kinard, Keivanfar, Gottlieb
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hancock, Committee Clerk

Emily Gottlieb, Fill-In Chair

Number	Description	Priority	Timeframe Summary	Responsibility
WTR3	Water-Efficient Appliances and Fixtures: Promote rebate programs for replacing old appliances with high-efficiency models like low-flow toilets and WaterSense-certified fixtures.	Medium	Near-term	Public Works
WTR4	Greywater Reuse Systems: Encourage installation of greywater systems in new developments and renovations for irrigation purposes to reduce potable water demand.	Medium	Long-term	Public Works
RWL3	Drought-Tolerant Landscaping in New Developments: Require native and low-water-use landscaping in all new developments, promoting rain gardens and permeable surfaces.	High	Long-term	Community & Economic Development / Building & Code Enforcement
RWL4	Residential Turf Replacement Program: Continue to partner with MPWMD to incentivize replacing water-intensive lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping in residential areas.	Medium	Mid-term	Community & Economic Development / Building & Code Enforcement
UGT1	Tree Planting: Expand Seaside's urban canopy by planting 5,000 trees across public spaces, streets, and residential areas by 2040, increasing canopy coverage from 12% to 20%.	High	Long-term	Public Works / Recreation
UGT5	Community Tree Adoption Program: Launch a program to provide free trees and training to residents for planting and maintenance on private properties, encouraging community involvement in urban greening.	Medium	Mid-term	Recreation