



**FINAL MINUTES**  
CITY OF SEASIDE  
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING  
Council Chamber  
Wednesday, August 6, 2025  
5:30 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:37PM. Meeting was delayed due to needing quorum.

**2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Strickland, Cunningham, Ruffin, Freeman  
ABSENT: Mugan, Hughes

**3. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Chair Strickland requested to add a Presentation from Hope's Closet to the agenda.

*On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Ruffin and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to add Hope's Closet presentation to the agenda.*

*RESULT: 4-0-0-2*

*AYES: Strickland, Cunningham, Ruffin, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Mugan, Hughes*

***ACTION:*** Approved

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

Hope's Closet (831) 899-4124 [1184 Hilby Ave.]

Donations Drop-Off Times: Tuesday-Thursday 10:30AM to 4:30PM.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 4, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

*On motion by Commissioner Ruffin and second by Commissioner Freeman and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the June 4<sup>th</sup> 2025, Regular meeting.*

RESULT: 4-0-0-2  
AYES: Strickland, Cunningham, Ruffin, Freeman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Mugan, Hughes

**ACTION:** Approved

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COLLABORATIVE PROPOSAL TO SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION REGARDING DEVICE CHARGING STATION AND STORAGE LOCKERS**

The commission discussed wanting to continue with the installation of solar charging stations. While there were previous concerns that the charging station might attract homeless individuals, the commission believes they would be a valuable community resource. Additionally, the commission would also like to bring in Narcan distribution locations to Seaside.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**B. DISCUSS FORMATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE FOR AWARDING CHALLENGE COINS**

The commission discussed potential members for a subcommittee but decided to table the item until next meeting in September. This will allow all commissioners, including those absent from this meeting, an opportunity to consider joining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Ruffin and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to table business item B to the September regular meeting.*

RESULT: 4-0-0-2  
AYES: Strickland, Cunningham, Ruffin, Freeman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Mugan, Hughes

**ACTION:** Passed

**C. RECEIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET**

The commission discussed the budget for the new fiscal year. The commission budget received was \$27,500. The funds will be distributed to several key areas: \$15,000 for food and insecurity, \$5,000 for holiday donations, \$5,000 for local youth focus homeless advocacy organizations, \$500 for one-time emergency expense, and \$1,000 for an outreach form, and \$1,000 for support miscellaneous needs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

## 8. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners provided reports.

**Commissioner Freeman:** wants to provide a facilitation workshop.

**Commissioner Cunningham:** would like to have a mixer and bring in different churches from the community and ask what they provide whether its clothes or food. Would like to bring back Jim from Chamber of Commerce come back and see how they can work with him to get nice looking carts to stop store carts being stolen and have the stores help to purchase the carts. Monterey Bay economic partnership will be at oldemeyer center august 14 from 2 to 5 workforce housing summit. Dallas Texas, they put in a special set of rules for small apartments buildings less than 75,000 square feet and have 8 units or fewer. August 18 at the Embassy Suits at 6pm its Dave's Town Hall.

**Chair Strickland:** Would like to have a couple students in the commission either a high school senior or civic class at the seaside high or a student from MPC or CSUMB. CSUMB has a Mental Health first Aid where they train the students and its an actual certificate its based off Australia, would like to promote it. A listening session bring in business community. Thank all the companies they looked at for challenge coins went with gsjj.

## 9. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

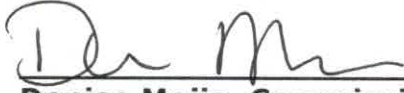
Staff provided report.

**Derrick:** Stepping Stone outreach is now located at Hilby Ave. They also provided a letter on an update on the food insecurity funds, will send the letter to the commission. Made a list on important dates the commission should keep in mind such as the holiday donations, youth organization, food insecurity, listening sessions, vote on chair/vice chair election, work plan development, NIC proposal, city midyear budget review, work plan due, and city budget sessions.

## 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk**



**Ben Strickland, Commission Chair**