



A G E N D A
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVENUE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)
Monday, December 22, 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

Remote participation location for Commissioner Kat Morgan: Crowne Plaza Englewood
401 South Van Brunt St.,
Englewood, NJ, 07631, USA

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

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Seaside, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three (3) minutes. Comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2025

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS TRACKING OF CITY BUSINESS AND COMMISSION MEETINGS BY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

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.

A. STAFF UPDATES ON VARIOUS CITY TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
January 26, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.



FINAL MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday October 27, 2025
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

PRESENT: Gottlieb, Kinard, Morgan, Keivanfar

ABSENT: None

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from September 22, 2025

On motion by Commissioner Kinnard and second by Morgan, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission moved to approve September 22, 2025 minutes

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. BUSINESS

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

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, advised the Commission that the election of a Chair and

Vice Chair should occur annually at a regular meeting. In the event of vacancies, temporary officers may be appointed by majority vote to serve until all positions are filled. An election for permanent officers will then be scheduled for the next regular meeting. Further discussion followed regarding the election criteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

On motion by Commissioner Morgan and second by Kinnard, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission elected Emily Gottlieb as the EC Chair.

On motion by Commissioner Kinnard and second by Gottlieb, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission elected Kat Morgan as the EC Vice Chair.

Chair

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Vice Chair

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, recommended the approval of the proposed Phase 1 implementation measures of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan to the City Council. Each proposed strategy will be evaluated through the following process:

Step 1: Feasibility Studies

Step 2: Pilot Programs and Initial Implementation

Step 3: Full Implementation and Long-Term Adaptation

Phase 1 considerations include staffing resources, opportunities for public engagement and information sharing (e.g., through applications, permit processes, and similar channels), existing programs and potential modifications, implementation requirements, and budget impacts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

On motion by Commissioner Gottlieb and second by Kinnard, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission moved to approve proposed Phase 1 Implementation measures of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan to the City Council

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Eric Azriel, Associate Planner, introduced a discussion and vote on project recommendations to the EC Commission to be presented to the Neighborhood Improvement Commission (NIC). Each year, the NIC is responsible for identifying, evaluating, and recommending neighborhood improvement projects for City Council approval as part of the Annual Work Plan. These projects are funded through the Transient Occupancy Tax, totaling \$195,000. The recommended projects are submitted to City staff for further assessment based on feasibility, alignment with City Council priorities, available funding, and potential community impact. Staff then presented the NIC's recommended project list for Council review and direction.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

On a motion by Commissioner Kinnard, seconded by Commissioner Gottlieb, and carried unanimously by the following vote, the Environmental Commission approved a request to the Environmental Commission (NIC) for \$5,000 in funding for gardening equipment

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

On a motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Kinnard, and carried unanimously by the following vote, the Environmental Commission approved requesting \$4,000 from the Neighborhood Improvement Commission (NIC) for the

Herman Gull fledgling awareness and signage project at Calaveras and Broadway.

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

On a motion by Commissioner Gottlieb, seconded by Commissioner Kinnard, and carried unanimously by the following vote, the Environmental Commission approved requesting \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Improvement Commission (NIC) to support the "Green House of the Month" program.

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 0

AYES: Kinard, Morgan, Gottlieb, Keivanfar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Morgan commented on the distinctive coloring of the Herman Gull, noting their orange bills and the potential vulnerability of their population to natural disasters. While some consider the gulls a nuisance, the city has referred to its current efforts as "gull abatement." Commissioner Morgan recommended that the City instead use the term "gull management," as installing netting for fledglings would not resolve the issue but merely displace it. She suggested that the city partner with the Monterey Audubon Society and strongly consider habitat restoration as a more sustainable approach.

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

On motion by Commissioner Morgan and second by Gottlieb, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental 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, Chair



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Senior Planner

DATE: December 22, 2025

SUBJECT: DISCUSS TRACKING OF CITY BUSINESS AND COMMISSION MEETINGS BY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this item is to provide the Environmental Commission with information resources regarding City Council and commission meetings, and other City business.

BACKGROUND

The duties of the Environmental Commission are as follows: Seaside Municipal Code 2.19.030 Duties. The environmental committee shall conduct public meetings and prepare recommendations to the city council on matters regarding the environment to include, without limitation, unless otherwise noted: A. Review and comment on city ordinances, policies and programs and state mandates related to environmental regulations, risks and pollution abatement, clean water, air and energy, flora, fauna and biome protection and community planning topics expressly beyond the realm of the planning commission. B. Serve in an advisory capacity to the city council, commissions, committees, and boards on related issues. C. Identify strategic environmental goals for the city and estimate resources needed to accomplish these goals; investigate funding to implement programs to benefit the community. D. Develop policies and plans for increasing environmental awareness in cooperation with other public and private agencies to include school districts. (Ord. 1067 § 3, 2019).

The following are the current City commission and City Council meeting times:

City Council/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 5:00 pm

Art and History Commission
2nd Tuesday at 5:45 pm

Community Development Advisory Commission
4th Thursday at 6:00 pm

Commission on Jobs, Opportunities & Businesses in Seaside
2nd Monday at 4:00 pm

Environmental Commission
4th Monday at 5:30 pm

Homeless Commission
1st Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Neighborhood Improvement Commission
1st Tuesday at 5 pm

Planning Commission
2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6 pm

Recreation and Parks Commission
3rd Monday at 5:30 pm

Traffic Advisory Commission
3rd Tuesday at 5 pm (as needed)

Community Safety Advisory Commission
3rd Wednesday at 5:45 pm

Seaside Housing Collaborative Board of Directors
3rd Wednesday at 10:00 am

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None

