



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVENUE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)
Monday, February 23, 2026
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
Jeremy Hathaway	Commissioner
Lora James	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

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. MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 22, 2025

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF SEASIDE PARKS ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation from FOSPA.

B. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION ORDINANCE

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a presentation

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

RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is for the Commissioners to discuss who will track and provide updates regarding City Council and commission meetings, and other City business.

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:
March 23, 2026
5:30 PM

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FINAL MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday December 22, 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

ABSENT: Keivanfar

Commission Morgan is participating remotely
Remote participation location for Crowne Plaza Englewood, 401 South Van Brunt St.,
Englewood, NJ, 07631, USA

Roll Call Vote to proceed

RESULTS: 3-0-0-1

AYES: Gottlieb, Kinard, Morgan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Keivanfar

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alex Miller, Council Member, thanked the Commissioners for coming out three days before Christmas

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve minutes from October 27, 2025

On motion by Commissioner Gottlieb, and second by Kinard, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission moved to approve October 27, 2025 Minutes

Roll Call Vote to proceed

RESULTS: 3, 0, 0, 1

AYES: Gottlieb, Kinard, Morgan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Keivanfar

5. BUSINESS

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

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, provided a presentation on the tracking of City business and commission meetings by Environmental Commission members. Following the presentation, it was recommended that the Commission discuss whether members are interested in volunteering or assigning responsibilities to monitor the activities and actions of the City Council, City business, and other City commissions. The purpose of this effort would be to report relevant information back to the Environmental Commission.

The Environmental Commission shall conduct public meetings and prepare recommendations to the City Council on matters related to the environment, including, but not limited to, the following, unless otherwise noted:

- A. Review and provide comments on City ordinances, policies, programs, and state mandates related to environmental regulations, environmental risks, pollution abatement, clean water, air and energy, protection of flora, fauna, and biomes, and community planning matters expressly outside the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission.
- B. Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on environmental-related issues.
- C. Identify strategic environmental goals for the City and estimate the resources necessary to achieve these goals; investigate funding opportunities to implement programs that benefit the community.
- D. Develop policies and plans to increase environmental awareness in cooperation with other public and private agencies, including school districts. (*Ord. 1067 § 3, 2019*).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

The Environmental Commission held a commission-driven discussion regarding increasing communication and engagement with City boards and commissions.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, spoke about the December 10 Planning Commission meeting regarding the Use Permit for 795 Broadway (meeting facility) and the Architectural Review for the exterior improvements and trash enclosure, concerns were raised about gull activity observed on the rooftop and at nearby surrounding businesses. The discussion focused on how to appropriately address a site with a history of gull activity, including the importance of consulting with the Audubon Society and other individuals or organizations with relevant knowledge and expertise to ensure informed and responsible guidance.

This situation serves as an example of issues that have been addressed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

On motion by Commissioner Gottlieb, and second by Kinard, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission moved to adjourn.

RESULTS: 3-0-0-1

AYES: Gottlieb, Kinard, Morgan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Keivanfar

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hancock, Committee Clerk

Emily Gottlieb, Chair



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Jeannie Reese

DATE: February 23, 2026

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF SEASIDE
PARKS ASSOCIATION**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive presentation from FOSPA.

BACKGROUND

<https://friendsofseasideparks.org/>

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.B.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Kirstin van Gend, Administrative Analyst II

DATE: February 23, 2026

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE PRIORITY
IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION ORDINANCE**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation

BACKGROUND

On October 13, 2025, the City of Seaside entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Innovations, Inc. for Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Policy Outreach, Implementation Support and Compliance Coordination services.

Staff will present an update on the outreach and compliance efforts for FY 2025-2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Professional Services Agreement
 2. PIP4 Outreach Material
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**CITY OF SEASIDE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR
PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION
POLICY OUTREACH, IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT AND
COMPLIANCE COORDINATION**

This agreement is made by and between the City of Seaside (City), and Environmental Innovations, Inc. (Consultant).

- A. Engagement: The City agrees to engage the Consultant to provide as described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and, hereinafter referred to as "the Project."
- B. Relationship: The Consultant is an independent contractor and is not to be considered an agent or employee of the City.
- C. Compensation: The City shall pay consultant on a time and materials basis in accordance with the standard billing rates shown in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto, not to exceed **FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00)**
- D. Expense Reimbursement: City will reimburse for professional services and expenses at cost upon submission of receipts.
- E. Method of Payment: The City shall pay within 30 days in accordance with Consultant's Fee Schedule, attached hereto, upon receipt of a written invoice from Consultant detailing services rendered.
- F. Term: The term of this agreement shall commence on **October 1, 2025** and terminate **June 30, 2026**.
- G. Termination: This agreement may be terminated; (a) by either party at any time for failure of the other party to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement; (b) by either party upon 10 days prior written notice to the other party; or (c) upon mutual written agreement of both parties. In the event of termination, the Consultant shall stop work immediately and shall be entitled to compensation for professional fees and expense reimbursement to the date of termination and for any work necessitated by that termination.
- H. Indemnity: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless Agency and any and all of its officials, employees and agents ("Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, including legal counsel's fees and costs, caused in whole or in part by the negligent or wrongful act, error or omission of Consultant, its

Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Policy Outreach, Implementation Support
and Compliance Coordination

officers, agents, employees or subconsultants (or any agency or individual that Consultant shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of services under this agreement. Consultant's duty to indemnify and hold harmless Agency shall not extend to the Agency's sole or active negligence.

- I. **Duty to Defend:** In the event the Agency, its officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers are made a party to any action, lawsuit, or other adversarial proceeding arising from the performance of the services encompassed by this agreement, and upon demand by Agency, Consultant shall defend the Agency at Consultant's cost or at Agency's option, to reimburse Agency for its costs of defense, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in the defense of such matters to the extent the matters arise from, relate to or are caused by Consultant's negligent acts, errors or omissions. Payment by Agency is not a condition precedent to enforcement of this provision. In the event of any dispute between Consultant and Agency, as to whether liability arises from the sole or active negligence of the Agency or its officers, employees, or agents, Consultant will be obligated to pay for Agency's defense until such time as a final judgment has been entered adjudicating the Agency as solely or actively negligent. Consultant will not be entitled in the absence of such a determination to any reimbursement of defense costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and costs of litigation.

- J. **Insurance:** Consultant shall maintain prior to the beginning of and for the duration of this Agreement insurance coverage as follows;

Professional liability (errors & omissions) insurance. Consultant shall maintain professional liability insurance that covers the Services to be performed in connection with this Agreement, in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this agreement and Consultant agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the services required by this agreement.

General liability insurance. Consultant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance with coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CG 00 01, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. The policy must include contractual liability that has not been amended. Any endorsement restricting standard ISO "insured contract" language will not be accepted.

Automobile liability insurance. Consultant shall maintain automobile insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CA 00 01 covering bodily injury and property damage for all activities of the Consultant arising out of or in connection with Work to be performed under this Agreement, including coverage

for any owned, hired, non-owned or rented vehicles, in an amount not less than 1,000,000 combined single limit for each accident.

Workers' compensation insurance. Consultant shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance (Statutory Limits) and Employer's Liability Insurance (with limits of at least \$1,000,000).

Consultant shall submit to Agency, along with the certificate of insurance, a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

K. Project Management. The (Contract Manager) will represent the City for all purposes under this Agreement. Kirstin van Gend, Administrative Analyst II, is designated as the Project Manager for the City. The Project Manager will be Consultant's point of contact with respect to performance, progress and execution of the Services. The City may designate an alternate Project Manager from time to time.

L. Ownership of Work Product:

- a. Upon completion of, or in the event of termination or suspension of this Agreement, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, computer discs, and reports prepared by the Contractor under this Agreement shall become the sole property of City and may be used, reused, or otherwise disposed of by City without the permission of Contractor. With respect to computer files, Contractor shall make available to City, at City's office and upon reasonable written request by City, the necessary computer software and hardware for purposes of accessing, compiling, transferring, and printing computer files.
- b. The City agrees to hold Consultant harmless from all damages, claims, expenses, and losses arising out of any reuse of the plans, specifications, drawings, maps, models, computer files and other documents for purposes other than those described in this Agreement, unless written authorization of Consultant is first obtained.

M. Assignment

- a. The Consultant shall not assign the performance of this Agreement, nor any part thereof, nor any monies due hereunder, without prior written consent of the City. Because of the personal nature of the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement, Lacey Raak shall perform the services described in this Agreement.
- b. Lacey Raak may use assistants under his/her supervision to perform services under this Agreement. Consultant shall provide City fourteen (14) days' notice prior to the departure of Lacey Raak from Consultant's employ. Should he/she leave Consultant's employ, the City shall have the option to immediately terminate this Agreement, within three (3) days of the close of said notice period. Upon termination of this Agreement, Consultant's sole

compensation shall be payment for actual services performed up to, and including, the date of termination or as may be otherwise agreed to in writing between the City Engineer and the Consultant.

N. Conflict of Interest

- a. Consultant shall at all times avoid conflicts of interest, or the appearance of conflicts of interest, in the performance of this Contract.
- b. If City determines Consultant comes within the definition of Consultant under the Political Reform Act (Government Code §87100 et seq.) Consultant shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Agreement to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with City disclosing Consultant's and/or such other person's financial interests.

O. Miscellaneous:

- a. The entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereunder is contained in this agreement.
- b. Neither this agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder shall be assigned or delegated by the Consultant without the prior written consent of the City.
- c. This agreement shall be modified only by written agreement duly executed by the City and the Consultant.
- d. Should any of the provisions hereunder be found to be invalid, void or voidable by a court, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- e. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- f. All notices required or permitted under this agreement shall be deemed to have been given if and when deposited in the United States mail, properly stamped and addressed to the party for whom intended at such party's address listed below, or when delivered personally to such party. A party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving written notice to the other party.

Wherefore, the parties have entered into this agreement as of the later of the dates stated below.

Approved:

CONSULTANT

Dated: 9/29/25

Josephine Fleming

By: Josephine Fleming

Title: President, Environmental Innovations

Address: 307 Laguna Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dated: 10/13/2025, 2025

CITY OF SEASIDE:

Signed by:

Greg McDanel

By: 75503B00F9AA4186 Greg McDanel

Title: City Manager

Attachments: Exhibit A Scope of Work/Consultant's Proposal



EXHIBIT A
Environmental Innovations Scope of Services City of Seaside Fiscal Years 2025-26

Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Policy Outreach, Implementation Support and Compliance Coordination

Key program responsibilities, goals and deliverables include:

1. Support Plastic Pollution Prevention Ordinance Bilingual Outreach
 - Continue the outreach and follow-up that was initiated in 2021-22 and 2024-25 to support implementation of the Plastic Pollution Prevention Ordinance, ensuring awareness and compliance by all covered entities.
 - This year outreach will include 2 “collective canvassing” events where we bring in a team of outreach coordinators to blanket the city over a 1 to 2 day period. The first occurrence (Fall, 2025) will be all focused on education, the second will be on compliance (Spring, 2026).
 - In between the 2 collective canvassing days, follow-up, technical support and resource referrals will be provided.
 - Any businesses found not complying in Spring 2026 will receive a last notice letter and be referred to Code Enforcement.
2. Provide materials for distribution by city staff, including but not limited to: newsletter content, social media posts, etc. City staff would be responsible for ensuring inclusion and distribution.
3. Draft and provide a letter of notification, reminding businesses of the policy and informing them that outreach efforts will be underway throughout the year. Distributed Fall, 2025.
4. Draft Letter of Non Compliance and notice of referral to Code Enforcement for distribution by City in Spring, 2026.
5. Management and Reporting
 - Reports provided mid year and end of fiscal year summarizing the status of all goals and deliverables with City staff.
 - Tracking of all contact with businesses. Including status of compliance
6. A final report on the number of businesses reached for Plastic ordinance compliance, compliance rate and suggested next steps.

Budget Table FY 2024 -25

Item	Amount
Outreach and Engagement; Business Support, Technical Assistance	\$10,000
Content Development for Outreach and Compliance Support	\$5,000
Annual Total	\$15,000

Payment Terms: Payment to be provided upon receipt of invoice.

Thank You - We Look Forward to Working With You!

Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Ordinance Guide for Retail Businesses



Seaside is dedicated to our community and the natural resources upon which we all rely. Single-use items litter our streets and make their way to waterways, harming ecosystems. Their production and disposal contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, which disproportionately harm communities of color.

In response to these concerns the City of Seaside approved the Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Ordinance (PIP4) on August 5, 2021 which goes into effect on March 1, 2022. The new regulations apply to the following businesses and activities in the City of Seaside: retail and service establishments, care providers conducting business in the city, and all events and activities in public spaces and parks.

What does this new law mean for my retail business?

Litter pickup

- Businesses are required to collect litter from their adjacent parking lots and sidewalks daily during operating hours.



Balloons

- No business or nonprofit organization shall use balloons for the promotion of business activities or special events.
- Any business selling balloons shall display and/or provide city approved or provided information to customers purchasing balloons on the environmental impacts of balloons and the prohibition on balloons in Seaside’s public parks and public lands.



Polystyrene

The sale of single-use or limited-use polystyrene foam products is prohibited within the City. Single-use or limited-use polystyrene foam products include:

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| • Plates | • Coolers |
| • Cups | • Packaging |
| • Bowls | • Fishing equipment |
| • Trays (or similar items) | |



Single-use plastic

No retail establishment, service establishment or care provider shall provide non-compostable single-use plastic bags, cartons, boxes, containers or accessories at the point of sale to customers. Single-use plastic products include:

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| • Plates | • Straws |
| • Cutlery | • "Clamshell" take-out containers |
| • Cups | • Plastic-lined hot beverage cups |
| • Lids | • Plastic bags |



Need Help?

Reach out to the City's outreach team to help you understand these changes and what the requirements are for your business in order to comply with the new law. You can also find more information and resources on our website.

Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Ordinance Guide for Restaurants



Seaside is dedicated to our community and the natural resources upon which we all rely. Single-use items litter our streets and make their way to waterways, harming ecosystems. Their production and disposal contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, which disproportionately harm communities of color.

In response to these concerns the City of Seaside approved the Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Ordinance (PIP4) on August 5, 2021 which becomes effective on March 1, 2022. The new regulations apply to service establishments in the City of Seaside.

What does this new law mean for my restaurant?

Litter pickup

- Businesses are required to collect litter from their adjacent parking lots and sidewalks daily during operating hours.



Prioritize Using Reusable Foodware

- Using reusable instead of disposable foodware is recommended and encouraged.
- Use reusables made from metal, ceramic, and glass for dine-in.
- Encourage consumers to bring their own reusable to-go containers. State Health Code allows businesses to accept customers' reusable containers brought in for take-out or to-go, following procedures to isolate the container from the food-preparation area and sanitize the surface with which it came into contact.

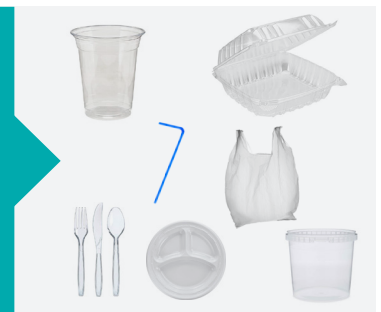


No Single-use plastic

Service estab. shall not provide non-compostable single-use plastic bags, cartons, boxes, containers or accessories at the point of sale to customers.

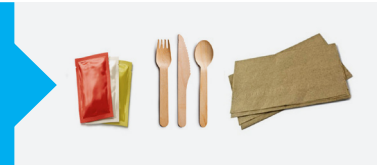
Single-use plastic products include:

- Plates
- Utensils
- Cups
- Lids
- Straws
- "Clamshell" take-out containers
- Plastic-lined hot beverage cups
- Plastic bags



Accessories by request only

Single-use accessories including condiment packages, utensils and napkins, can only be provided when requested by the customer.



Use certified compostable products or recyclable non-plastic products for disposable foodware

All disposable food service ware must be certified compostable products, or recyclable non-plastic products. This includes but is not limited to:

- Plates
- Napkins
- Straws
- Cups
- Bottles
- Lids
- Utensils
- Bowls
- Stirrers
- Beverage plugs
- Trays
- Hinged or lidded containers

Business must provide separate compost and recycling collection bins to customers and ensure proper collection by the designated waste hauler.



Need Help?

Reach out to the City's outreach team to help you understand these changes and what the requirements are for your business in order to comply with the new law. You can also find more information and resources on our website.



Frequently Asked Questions for Businesses

Single-use Plastic Products and Priority-impact Plastic Pollution Ordinance

1. What disposable food service ware items are prohibited?



No retail establishment, service establishment or care provider shall provide non-compostable single-use plastic bags, cartons, boxes, or containers at the point of sale to customers. This includes food service ware such as plates, cutlery, cups, lids, straws and “clamshell” take-out packages. This further includes hot beverage cups lined with non-compostable plastic.

All plastic straws, including PLA/bioplastic are prohibited. Exceptions shall be made to the consumer self-identifying as needing a PLA/bioplastic or plastic straw, whereupon it should be provided to the consumer upon request.

2. What are the restrictions on giving customers single-use accessories or condiment packages?



No retail establishment, service establishment or care provider shall provide single-use accessories — including condiment packages, utensils and napkins — unless requested (or affirmed) by the customer. When condiments are part of table service they must be provided to customers in containers over ten (10) ounces, or in reusable packaging.

3. What types of food-service ware products are accepted?



All food providers within the city utilizing disposable food service ware shall use certified compostable products, or recyclable non-plastic products. This includes but is not limited to plates, napkins, straws, cups, bottles, lids, utensils, bowls, stirrers, beverage plugs, trays and hinged or lidded containers. Non-plastic single-use products shall be allowed only if they are currently accepted for composting or recycling by the designated waste hauler and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District.

All City facilities utilizing disposable food service ware shall use products that are certified compostable.

To learn more and/or to find certified compostable food-service ware products that meet ordinance requirements visit this site. <https://bpiworld.org/>

4. Can customers bring in their own reusable containers for take-out or to-go food?



Where possible, priority consideration should be given for reuse over single-use compostable or recyclable products. In accordance with State Health Code, businesses may accept customers' reusable containers brought in for take-out or to-go, following procedures to isolate the container from the food-preparation area and sanitize the surface with which it came into contact.

5. Where can businesses purchase acceptable compostable foodware?

Check with your preferred local vendor to see if they carry these products. If not, encourage your vendor to carry them. Remember to ask for the BPI Compostable logo. To find other certified compostable food-service ware products that meet ordinance requirements visit <https://bpiworld.org/>

6. Where should compostable packaging be disposed of?

Business establishments providing compostable or non-plastic recyclable materials shall provide separate compost and recycling collection bins to customers and ensure proper collection by the designated waste hauler.

7. What can we provide customers instead of plastic bags?

Customers can bring their own bags. Single-use paper bags are allowed under the ordinance. Single-use paper bags provided to customers shall contain a minimum of 75% percent post-consumer recycled fiber and must be recyclable or compostable. Retail establishments shall indicate on the customer transaction receipt the number of paper carryout bags provided, and the total amount charged.

Bags used to protect items such as meat, produce, wet items from on-site deli counters or on-site preparation and storage, or for any carry- out protection, should be made of compliant compostable materials or be a reusable item provided by the customer.

8. What are the limitations on using balloons?



No business or nonprofit organization shall use balloons for the promotion of business activities or special events. This includes but is not limited to: restaurants, car dealerships, community events organized by or on behalf of the City or other entity. Balloons shall be prohibited in and on all public parks or public land, whether that use is public or private, required to be permitted or is an allowed unpermitted use.

Any business selling balloons shall display and/or provide City-compliant, standardized information to customers purchasing balloons on the environmental impacts of balloons and the prohibition on balloons in Seaside's public parks and public lands.

9. What are the bans on polystyrene (known as “Styrofoam”) products?



The sale of single-use or limited-use polystyrene foam products is prohibited within the City. The use of single-use or limited-use polystyrene foam products is prohibited in all public spaces, including beaches and parks. Single-use or limited-use polystyrene foam products includes any plate, cup, bowl, tray or similar item intended for disposal after a single use, as well as coolers, packaging and fishing equipment that is used for a limited duration and/or has the potential to break into smaller pieces after short periods of use.

10. What are the restrictions for permitted special events?

Vendors, contractors, special events promoters, and sub-vendors, while performing under contract or permit with the City are prohibited from providing single-use plastic or polystyrene products to customers at the point of sale or point of distribution. City-sponsored events shall prohibit the sale or distribution of plastic water bottles. City contractors and special events promoters utilizing disposable food service ware shall use certified compostable products or recyclable non-plastic products while performing under a city contract or permit. Balloons shall be prohibited in and on all public parks or public land, whether that use is public or private, required to be permitted or is an allowed unpermitted use.

City-sponsored events shall prohibit the sale or distribution of plastic water bottles. Events held at City-operated facilities that have Water Filling Stations, for which a permit or fee waiver has been issued, are prohibited from using single-use plastic cups and bottled water.

11. Are there any exemptions to the ordinance?

Medical devices, medical products, prescription drugs, and the packaging used for these products, which require approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration, licensed manufacturing facilities, and goods prepared and packaged off-site.

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS!

Balloons are prohibited in the City of Seaside at all public parks and public land. You are not allowed to use balloons at beaches, parks, or any public spaces in the City.



¡ATENCIÓN CLIENTES!

Los globos están prohibidos en la Ciudad de Seaside en todos los parques públicos y terrenos públicos. No está permitido usar globos en las playas, parques o espacios públicos de la ciudad.

WHY ARE BALLOONS PROHIBITED? ¿POR QUÉ ESTÁN PROHIBIDOS LOS GLOBOS?



Balloons harm wildlife when ingested by marine animals.

Los globos dañan la vida silvestre cuando son ingeridos por animales marinos.



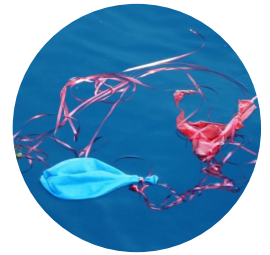
Balloons biodegrade slowly and leach harmful chemicals.

Los globos se biodegradan lentamente y filtran sustancias químicas nocivas.



Balloons contribute to plastic pollution and litter.

Los globos contribuyen a la contaminación plástica y la basura.



Plastic closures and string can get tangled around wildlife.

Los cierres de plástico y las cuerdas pueden enredarse con la vida silvestre.

The City of Seaside is committed to reducing harmful waste to protect our City and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Avoid purchasing balloons and choose more environmentally preferable options for your celebrations such as reusable banners, streamers, or flags.

La Ciudad de Seaside se compromete a reducir los desechos nocivos para proteger nuestra Ciudad y el Santuario Marino Nacional de la Bahía de Monterey. Evite comprar globos y elija opciones más ecológicas para sus celebraciones, como pancartas, serpentinas o banderas reutilizables.



CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTÁCTENOS PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN:

environmental@ci.seaside.ca.us
plasticfreeseaside.org



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.C.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Senior Planner

DATE: February 23, 2026

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

RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this item is for the Commissioners to discuss who will track and provide updates 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

