



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
986 HILBY AVENUE (SEAHORSE ROOM)
Monday, April 13, 2026
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION

Benjamin Strickland	Chair
Leslie Mugan	Vice Chair
Lynda Cunningham	Commissioner
Joseph Ruffin III	Commissioner
Kathy Hughes	Commissioner
Chance Freeman	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. PRESENTATIONS

A. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM JO ANN GESNER, TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION (TM) PRACTITIONER WITH MONTEREY TM CENTER

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will receive a presentation from Jo Ann Gesner, Transcendental Meditation (TM) Practitioner with the Monterey TM Center. She will share about their organization's partnership with the David Lynch Foundation that teaches Transcendental Meditation to those struggling with homelessness to help them heal and improve all aspects of their lives and life situations.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 4, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as presented in the agenda packet.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS OPTION FOR SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETINGS START TIME TO CHANGE FROM 5:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will discuss changing the start time of the Seaside Homeless Commission meeting from 5:30 PM to 5:00 PM to accommodate commissioners' schedules for reinforcement of establishing quorum to effectively conduct business in meetings.

B. REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND CONFIRM CHANGES USING NEW TEMPLATE TO DEVELOP FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will confirm previously reviewed mission, goals, and accomplishments in relation to their 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Work Plan using a new work plan development template to support the development of their 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Work Plan.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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5:30 PM

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FINAL MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Council Chamber
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION

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

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2026, Regular meeting.

RESULT: 4-0-0-2

AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ruffin, Freeman

ACTION: Approved

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028

The Commission discussed option to allocate funds and ways the funds can be allocated. The commission recommended an "Option 4" for public service to fund the first two programs what they asked for an distribute to the rest equally. The

Public Facility and Infrastructures keep as it was presented by city staff, and allocate the remaining balance to program administration, using proportional funding adjustments and specific project exemptions to handle any changes in the final CDBG allocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mel Mason, Reyna Vasquez, Jessica Allen

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the proposed fund allocation as outlined.

RESULT: 4-0-0-2

AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ruffin, Freeman

ACTION: Passed

B. COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION BETWEEN SEASIDE CITY MANAGER, GREG MCDANEL AND SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION

The commission discussed the relationship with City Leadership and the City Manager. They agreed to create a better communication channel to ensure recommendations lead to real actions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C. REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND IDENTIFY CHANGES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN

The commission discussed updating the mission statement to focus on advising and supporting city initiatives. They made edits to reflect on what the commission wants to focus on and work on.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Mugan and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the FY 2026-2027 Annual Work plan as amended during the meeting.

RESULT: 4-0-0-2

AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ruffin, Freeman

ACTION: Passed

**D. DISCUSS OPTION FOR SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETINGS
START TIME TO CHANGE FROM 5:30 PM TO 5:00 PM**

The commission discussed concerns regarding a 5:00pm start time. It was noted that many members are finishing their professional workday at 5pm, and transitioning to the meeting would be a difficult due to peak traffic conditions. The commission will table item for next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners provided reports.

Commissioner Strickland: Was nominated for who's who he believes he got it but for now would just say nominated until he is certain.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff provided report.

Derrick: Remind Commissioners about completing and submitting their 700 form.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk

Ben Strickland, Commission Chair



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 7.A.

TO: Homeless Committee

BY: Derrick Elder, Family & Community Support Practitioner

DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: DISCUSS OPTION FOR SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETINGS START TIME TO CHANGE FROM 5:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

RECOMMENDATION

Commissioners will discuss changing the start time of the Seaside Homeless Commission meeting from 5:30 PM to 5:00 PM to accommodate commissioners' schedules for reinforcement of establishing quorum to effectively conduct business in meetings.

BACKGROUND

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None

Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:

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Greg McDanel, City Manager



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 7.B.

TO: Homeless Committee

BY: Derrick Elder, Family & Community Support Practitioner

DATE: April 13, 2026

**SUBJECT: REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 HOMELESS COMMISSION
WORK PLAN AND CONFIRM CHANGES USING NEW TEMPLATE
TO DEVELOP FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 HOMELESS
COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION

Commissioners will confirm previously reviewed mission, goals, and accomplishments in relation to their 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Work Plan using a new work plan development template to support the development of their 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact at this time. The commission will explore requesting funding for expected expenditures to complete projects related to meeting their work plan objectives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY 2025-2026 Work Plan
 2. Homeless Commission Accomplishments FY 2025-2026
 3. Board_Commission_Work_Plan_Template
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Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:

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Greg McDanel, City Manager



**City of Seaside
Homeless
Commission**

**Annual Work Plan
FY 2025-2026**

**Adopted by the Commission
April 2, 2025**

Commission Members

Benjamin Strickland – Chair

Leslie Mugan – Vice Chair

Lynda Cunningham - Commissioner

Kathy Hughes - Commissioner

Joseph Ruffin III - Commissioner

Chance Freeman - Commissioner

Vacancy

Staff Liaison – Derrick Elder, Family & Community Support Practitioner

Liaison Assistant – Denise Mejia, Family & Community Support Technician

Mission Statement

To plan, advocate, support and collaborate with those affected by homelessness and the organizations that serve them and the public as a whole.

Historic Background

The Seaside City Council created the Homeless Commission on November 2, 2017. The Commission will have completed its seventh full year as of November 2, 2024.

General duties of the Homeless Commission

The Commission on the Status of Homelessness shall have the power, and it shall be the duty of the commission to make recommendations to the City Council and to advise the Council in the following matters:

- Monitor and assist the City's and County's progress in implementing needed homeless services and facilities, and other poverty mitigation programs;
- Identify strategic goals for the City and estimate resources needed to accomplish these goals; investigate funding to implement programs to benefit the homeless community.
- Identify partnerships with County, City and other community programs that achieve the goals of ending or preventing homelessness in the City of Seaside.

Responsibilities

The commission on the status of homelessness shall:

- Hold public meetings on matters related to homelessness;
- Investigate best and contemporary practices with regard to eliminating and preventing homelessness;
- Serve in advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on related issues;

- Prepare an annual report to the City Council on progress and effectiveness of various programs and policies.
- Ensure regular maintenance of homeless commission resources on the City website.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan

A. Cultivate a “Housing First” culture which includes bold and innovative ideas and activities:

- Identify additional City properties to utilize as transitional housing
- Advocate for rental assistance programs
- Advocate for viable emergency housing programs and emergency temporary housing
- In the event of a vacancy, ensure a member of the City Staff is appointed as the Homeless Commission Liaison
- Collaborate with the City of Seaside Family and Community Support Program Staff whose job duties include address housing and homelessness

B. Engage, amplify and collaborate with organizations that work with our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness:

- Identify, participate and collaborate with food programs that serve the community
- Amplify support and improve current safe parking programs in the community through partnerships

- Engage, collaborate and participate with Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) programs that serve at risk and homeless youth
- Identify and collaborate with agencies that provide supportive services for young children
- Identify, participate and collaborate with organizations that service pets of the unhoused
- Increase awareness of homelessness solutions and outreach by participating in a public outreach campaign. Examples include:
 - Speak at School Assemblies
 - Neighboring City Council Meetings
 - School Board Meetings

C. Invite all voices to the table and in our conversations; especially our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness:

- Receive regular updates from local organizations that serve those at risk of homelessness to include but not limited to:
 - Casa De Noche Buena Family Center
 - Gathering for Women
 - Salvation Army
 - I-Help for Women and Men
 - Coalition of Homeless Service Providers
- Partner with the City of Seaside Family and Community Support Program to host community forums where neighbors can share their ideas for addressing housing and homelessness
- Partner with City of Seaside staff and commissions to collaborate on endeavors to assist the unhoused

D. Investigate options to provide additional services to the unhoused to include but not limited to:

- Lockers for storage of personal items
- Device charging station/Portable Battery
- Mobile hygiene station

E. Investigate options to secure funding through the City of Seaside Boards and Commissions, and any appropriate channels to satisfy needs of the work plan to include but not limited to:

- Explore possibility of City allocating a percentage of Transient Occupancy Tax and Short-term Rentals Revenue to Homeless Commission Budget
- Submit proposal(s) to Neighborhood Improvement Commission to seek funding for specific projects and programs

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Homeless Commission Accomplishments:

- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "All-IN" to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "CHS – Safe Place" to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Casa De Noche Buena Family Shelter" to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Epicenter" to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**

- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Salvation Army – Fredericksen House" to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Pass the Word Ministry" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Outreach Unlimited (I-HELP)" to support their efforts to transport and shelter unhoused women and men during the holidays**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Refresh Start" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "Veteran's Transition Center" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Ministry" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "World Outreach Services" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "Al & Friends" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$8,000 in funds to "Stepping Stones Outreach Inc." to support their Food Insecurity Program**
- **Provided \$2,500 in funds to "Pass the Word Ministry" to support their Food Insecurity Program**
- **Provided \$2,500 in funds to "World Outreach Services" to support their Food Insecurity Program**
- **Provided \$2,000 in funds to "Al & Friends" to support their Food Insecurity Program**

Expected Expenditures for Projects and Programs - Budget Request

***Work Plan Part B - Engage, amplify and collaborate with organizations that work with our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness**

\$15,000 a year - City of Seaside food insecurity programs

\$5,000 - Holiday Donations to local homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits

\$5,000 – Donations to local youth-focused, homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits

\$5,000 – Funding for one-time and emergency expenses to support local homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits

***Work Plan Part C - Invite all voices to the table and in our conversations; especially our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness:**

\$1,000 - Support / Facilitate a minimum of one community homeless outreach forum (advertising costs etc.)

\$1,000 - Support misc. needs of Homeless Commission community engagement (challenge coins, nametags, etc.)

***Work Plan Part D - Investigate options to provide additional services to the unhoused to include:**

Total: \$32,000

Homeless Commission Accomplishments FY 2025/2026

- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Ministry” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization
- Provided \$1,200 in funds to “Community Human Services - Safe Place” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization
- Provided \$800 in funds to “Community Human Services - Safe Passages” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization
- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Community Partnership for Youth” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization
- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Salvation Army - Angel Giving Tree Program” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization
- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Casa De Noche Buena Family Shelter” to support the needs of their residents during the holidays
- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Salvation Army” to support offering meals to vulnerable community members during the holidays
- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Ministry” to support the needs of vulnerable community members during the holidays
- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “MPUSD Family Resource Center” to support the needs of vulnerable community members during the holidays
- Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Community Partnership for Youth” to support the needs of vulnerable community members during the holidays
- Provided \$9,000 in funds to “Stepping Stones Outreach Inc.” to support their Food Insecurity Program
- Provided \$4,000 in funds to “MPUSD Family Resource Center” to support their Food Insecurity Program
- Provided \$2,000 in funds to “Gathering for Women” to support their Food Insecurity Program
- Held ceremony to distribute “Challenge Coins” to community and county partners to affirm efforts to help unhoused and vulnerable community members in Seaside
- Homeless Commission served as “Community Development Advisory Committee” for FY 2026-2028 “Community Development Block Grant” funds



[COMMISSION NAME] FY26/27 WORKPLAN



Commissioner Name, Chairperson

Commissioner Name

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Page 2 – Mission Statement

Mission Statement:

Instructions: Clearly state the mission of the Board or Commission. This may come from the enabling ordinance, resolution, or governing legislation. You may also include roles and responsibilities. This section typically does not change each year.

Historical Background

Background Information:

Instructions: Provide brief historical information about the Board or Commission (formation date, areas of focus, and significant accomplishments over time). Do NOT include prior year accomplishments here.

Page 3 – Fiscal Year Work Plan

Goal / Objective	Activities / Actions	Priority	Timeline
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Instructions: Identify no more than five goals or objectives for the fiscal year. Include the activities needed to accomplish each goal, priority ranking, and estimated timeline.

Page 4 – Prior Year Accomplishments

Goal / Objective

Activities Completed

Status

Status should indicate whether the goal was:

- Completed
- Not Started (include reason)
- In Process (include anticipated completion date)
- Eliminated (include reason)

Page 5 – Ongoing Projects

Project Name:

Description:

Status / Notes:

Instructions: Use this section to identify projects that continue across multiple fiscal years.
This section may not require updates each year unless projects change.