



A G E N D A
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVENUE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)
Monday, April 27, 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
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. APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 24, 2026

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PRESENTATION FROM THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MONTEREY COUNTY (LAURA MURPHY) REGARDING GRIZZLY CORPS FELLOWSHIPS AND CLIMATE CORPS.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING TREE PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDATION: RECEIVE AND CONSIDER INFORMATION

C. ANNUAL WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION: Review, discuss, and provide direction to staff on the goals and objectives to include in the Annual Work Plan.

D. BUDGET DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION: DISCUSS REMAINING BUDGET AND VOTE ON SPENDING

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:

May 25, 2026

5:30 PM

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FINAL MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday March 23, 2026
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gottlieb called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

PRESENT: Gottlieb, Hathaway, James, Kinard
ABSENT: Morgan

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from February 23, 2026

On motion by Chair Gottlieb, and second by Kinard, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission moved to approve February 23, 2026 minutes

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 1

AYES: Gottlieb, Hathaway, James, Kinard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morgan

5. BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION ON PARK EQUITY

RECOMMENDATION: Review, discuss, and provide direction to staff on the goals and objectives to include in the Annual Work Plan.

Lacey Raak, gave a presentation on the Overview on Park Equity: Parks and Open Space Access in Seaside

- **Wealth & Proximity:**
Single-family neighborhoods are wealthier and closer to parks/open spaces.
- **Benefits of Parks:**
 - Promote physical & mental health.
 - Provide economic benefits (direct & indirect).
 - All Seaside parks are located in single-family residential areas.
- **Challenges in Central Seaside:**
 - Densely populated, high traffic, limited access to green space (Ex: Seagrove apartments).
 - High need for parks in areas like Terrace West, Terrace East, and Olympia, with residents often more than ½ mile from a park.
- **Current Multi-Family Developments:**
 - No park space included in current/planned multi-family projects, worsening access in already dense areas.
- **Seaside's Park Needs by 2040:**
 - Additional 150 acres needed to maintain 12 acres/1,000 residents.
 - Seaside East parks will not address central area access issues.
 - Buildout of Seaside East will add 120 acres, but primarily in "upper Seaside," not central areas.
- **Current Park Accessibility:**
 - Many residents, particularly in dense neighborhoods, have limited park access.
 - Areas to improve: 1130 Broadway Ave (oak trees), 1203 Broadway Ave (visibility), Terrace & Sonoma (steep slope, existing housing).
- **Improving Access:**
 - Consider new green spaces, repurpose unused spaces, enhance bike/pedestrian connections.
- **General Plan Update:**
 - Park space focus in Seaside East; other areas need consideration.

Recent City Purchases & Investments

- **Recent Purchases:**
 - Sonoma (basketball court): \$2,000
 - 1579 & 1583 Del Monte: \$1.15M
 - 490 Broadway/1590 Del Monte (parking lot): \$1.09M
- **New Park Space Recommendations:**
 - Explore options for new parks: pocket parks, parklets, etc.

Proposed Project: PGE Nature Positive Innovation Grant

- **Goal:**
Nature-based solutions for underserved business & mixed-use areas in Seaside.
- **Benefits:**
 - Increased access to parks and nature.
 - Supports sustainable business practices via the California Green Business

Network.

- **Partners:**
 - City of Seaside, Big Sur Land Trust, Community Partnership for Youth, Monterey County Business Council, California Green Business Network, Friends of Seaside Parks.
 - **Budget:**
 - \$100,000 request for project.
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Next Steps

- **Identify Additional Park Locations:**
 - Focus on areas lacking green space.
 - Integrate into Parks & Rec Plan, Climate Action Plan, and General Plan.
- **Pursue Funding:**
 - Explore grant opportunities (e.g., PGE Nature Positive Innovation Grant).
 - Allocate budget for park space expansion in 2024.
- **Resolution of Support:**
 - Co-sign a resolution supporting park space expansion in key areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

No motion was made, and no vote was taken. Discussion only.

B. ANNUAL WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION: Review, discuss, and provide direction to staff on the goals and objectives to include in the Annual Work Plan.

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, provided an update on the Annual Work Plan discussion with the Commissioners and encouraged the Commissioners to elicit ideas and have a discussion.

2.19.030 Duties

The Environmental Committee shall hold public meetings and provide recommendations to the City Council on environmental matters, including, but not limited to:

A. Review and Comment: Evaluate city ordinances, policies, programs, and state mandates related to environmental regulations, pollution control, clean water, air, energy, and the protection of flora, fauna, and biomes, as well as community planning topics outside the scope of the Planning Commission.

B. Advisory Role: Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on environmental issues.

C. Strategic Environmental Goals: Identify key environmental goals for the city, assess the resources needed to achieve them, and seek funding opportunities to implement programs that benefit the community.

D. Environmental Awareness: Develop policies and plans to increase

environmental awareness in collaboration with public and private agencies, including school districts. (Ord. 1067 § 3, 2019).

- **Final Meeting:** One more meeting will be held to finalize the plan, including the time between meetings.
- **Slides:** A few slides are prepared, primarily featuring images from the Council's Strategic Plan and the CAAP.

Climate Vulnerability, Adaptation, & Resilience (Park and Recreation Master Plan)

Regional climate change models predict rising temperatures along the Central Coast over the next century, with the most significant increases occurring inland.

Additionally, coastal wave events combined with rising sea levels will increase coastal flooding, making the region more vulnerable.

To address these challenges, the city will focus on:

- Enhancing native vegetation and planting more trees
- Reducing energy and water consumption
- Using more sustainable materials in park construction

Efforts to improve livability include linking multimodal transportation options to an expanding trail network and connecting parks to transit and other community hubs, which will help reduce vehicular trips.

Climate adaptation strategies may also involve:

- Reviewing tree species diversity for greater resilience
- Establishing cooling stations to protect community health during extreme weather events

CAAP Implementation Item: Phase I

City Council provided \$4,500 in FY24/25 to FOSPA

45 native and fruit trees and 180 tree-like shrubs have been purchased and planted across FOSPA sponsored parks

Approximately \$2,700 remains

Commissioner Engagement:

- Commissioners are encouraged to lead the discussion among themselves, rather than staff driving it.
- Staff will provide an introduction, and then Commissioners should engage with one another and explore the topic.
- If needed, Commissioners can call staff to share their prepared materials, but this should be kept to a minimum.
- Staff's role is to support, not influence. The annual work plan's goals and objectives must align with other established goals and objectives.

Summary of Commissioners' Discussion and Key Recommendations

The Commissioners had an extensive discussion and shared various ideas and recommendations.

- Commissioner Kinard proposed replacing the first goal with the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan as the top priority or the first workplan goal. He also emphasized the importance of implementing green building practices.
- Chair Gottlieb highlighted the need to continue supporting Parks and Green

Spaces while maintaining Habitat protection as a priority, especially initiatives like pollinator protection and tree preservation.

- Commissioner Hathaway suggested integrating community support into habitat initiatives and incorporating an active transportation goal. He noted the challenges posed by Seaside's hilly terrain and recommended exploring the implementation of electric bikes as part of this initiative.
- Commissioner James raised the question of what kind of spaces and amenities the Commission needs in new developments. She stressed the importance of ensuring that new developments, like the Main Gate project, include adequate green spaces and suggested prioritizing densely populated areas. She also asked if the last goal in the 2023 plan remains a priority and what the Commission's thoughts are on that.

The group unanimously agreed on the importance of being present at City events and advocating for more sustainable practices.

Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, informed the group that Engineering will host a Broadway East meeting on 3/24/2026 to discuss the revitalization project and encouraged Commissioners to attend and advocate for the Environmental Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

On motion by Commissioner Gottlieb, and second by Kinard, and carried by the following vote, the Environmental Commission moved to approve to continuing the discussion of Item B to the next meeting and commissioners come with various goals they are advocating for.

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 1

AYES: Gottlieb, Hathaway, James, Kinard,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morgan

C. DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN SEASIDE'S 15TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026, FROM 1:00-4:00PM

Discussion on 15th Annual Earth Day Celebration and EC Budget

The Commissioners discussed various suggestions and ideas for the upcoming 15th Annual Earth Day Celebration.

- Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, shared that the EC budget has \$3,500 available to be used by May 2026 or it will need to be encumbered. She also noted that the Tree Giveaway is open until June 2026.
- Some of the ideas proposed included:
 - Reminding the public about the Tree Giveaway
 - Promoting the Plastic Ordinance

- Creating a one-page flyer or QR code linking to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
- Raising awareness of the Environmental Commission
- Hosting a raffle for the Tree Giveaway
- Organizing a "Spin the Wheel" game where participants can win prizes for answering Seaside-related questions
- Giving away succulents
- Offering a Rainwater and Cistern Guide
- Commissioner Hathaway asked if there was any remaining inventory from previous Environmental Commission events. Beth Rocha, Senior Planner, responded that she has a few pollinator habitat books and kits, though they may not be suitable for giveaways.
- All Commissioners agreed on the importance of establishing a consistent brand identity for the Commission, including a banner featuring the City of Seaside logo and the EC name.
- The group emphasized the need to focus the budget on items that the Commission can reuse (such as banners or educational materials) rather than consumable items.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

On a motion by Commissioner Gottlieb, and seconded by Commissioner Hathaway, and carried unanimously by the following vote, the Environmental Commission approved to limit spending to no more than \$2,000.

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 1

AYES: Gottlieb, Hathaway, James, Kinard,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morgan

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner James attended the City Council meeting where both KB Bakewell Homes and Shea Homes presented their proposals. The city ultimately decided to move forward with KB Bakewell, which has made significant contributions to the community, including the creation of green spaces—something Shea Homes has not prioritized (e.g., The Enclave). Chair Gottlieb followed up with Jeanne from FOSPA and shared a slide outlining upcoming FOSPA events. Commissioner Kinard was unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting due to its cancellation. Additionally, there were no updates relevant to the Environmental Commission from the Community Safety Commission. The Traffic Advisory Commission had one part involving a matter related to parking and the street sweeper.

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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

RESULTS: 4, 0, 0, 1

AYES: Gottlieb, Hathaway, James, Kinard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morgan

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: April 27, 2026

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF MONTEREY COUNTY (LAURA MURPHY) REGARDING GRIZZLY CORPS FELLOWSHIPS AND CLIMATE CORPS.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive presentation.

BACKGROUND

<https://www.grizzlycorps.org/why-grizzlycorps>

ATTACHMENTS

None



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.B.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Senior Planner

DATE: April 27, 2026

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION REGARDING TREE PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND CONSIDER INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

This information is intended to inform the Commission on potential opportunities for tree plantings in parks not actively maintained by staff or FOSPA. If interested, the commission could include this body of work in their annual work plan and dedicate budget towards tree purchases.

ATTACHMENTS

None



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.C.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Senior Planner

DATE: April 27, 2026

SUBJECT: ANNUAL WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

Review, discuss, and provide direction to staff on the goals and objectives to include in the Annual Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

Annual Work Plans are completed by commissions and reviewed by City Council.

The proposed objectives and goals shall be achievable and aligned with the City Council's direction via the Council's Strategic Plan:
<https://www.ci.seaside.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/16594/Q2-City-Of-Seaside-City-Council-Strategic-Plan-2025-26>

The Duties and Objectives of the Environmental Commission are:
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 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)

2.19.040 Objectives.

A. The environmental committee shall meet not less than six times per year.

B. The environmental committee shall monitor the city’s progress in complying with principles established in Resolution 17-47.

C. The environmental committee shall prepare an annual recommended work plan to the city council not later than three months in advance of each fiscal year. (Ord. [1067](#) § 3, 2019)

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Work Plan Template
 - 2. Work Plan Instructions
 - 3. 2023 Final Work Plan
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[COMMISSION NAME] FY26/27 WORKPLAN



Commissioner Name, Chairperson

Commissioner Name

Commissioner Name

Commissioner Name

Commissioner Name

Commissioner Name

Commissioner Name

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.

ANNUAL WORK PLANS

This is a standard template for use by Boards and Commissions in completing their annual Work Plans. Work Plans are based on a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. Work Plans are to be completed by each Board and Commission and approved at a regular Board or Commission meeting no later than April 1 of each year. The Office of the City Clerk will then transmit the Work Plans to the City Council for approval in May.

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WHEN COMPLETING THE WORK PLAN:

Cover Sheet (Page 1)

This area should include the name of the Board or Commission, the timeframe covered by the Work Plan (i.e. Fiscal Year 2022, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023), members' names, Chairperson's name, and vacancies as of April 1. Do not list Commissioner addresses or phone numbers on the Work Plan. This page will need to be updated each year.

Mission Statement (Page 2)

This area of the Work Plan should clearly state the mission of the Board or Commission. The mission may be extracted from the enabling legislation (i.e. Ordinance, Board action, Resolution) that formed the Board or Commission or may be a purpose statement approved by the Board or Commission and derived from the enabling legislation. This section may also contain the roles and responsibilities of the Board or Commission. This page may not need to be updated each year.

Historical Background (Page 2)

This area should provide the reader with some historical information about the Board or Commission (i.e. when it was formed, issues of focus in years' past, significant outcomes of work by the Board or Commission). NOTE: Accomplishments from the previous year should not be discussed here – there is another area on the Work Plan where this is done. This page may not need to be updated each year.

Fiscal Year Work Plan (Page 3)

This area should provide the goals/objectives (no more than five) of the Work Plan, the activities planned to accomplish the goals, the priority ranking of each goal and the timeline anticipated to accomplish the goal. This page will need to be updated each year.

Prior Year Accomplishments (Page 4)

This area should address the prior year Work Plan accomplishments including each goal/objective, activities that supported the successful completion of the goal and the status of the goal. The status column should inform the reader whether the goal was a) completed, b) not started and why, c) in process and expected completion date, or d) eliminated and why. This page will need to be updated each year.

Ongoing Projects (Page 5)

This area provides the Board or Commission with an opportunity to inform the reader of ongoing projects that the Board or Commission is continuing to work on. This page may not need to be updated each year.

*Environmental Commission
Annual Work Plan*

Looking Ahead: FY 2023-2024

Reviewing Accomplishments: FY 2022-2023

Kristin Molle: Chair

Michelle Overmeyer: Vice Chair

Miguel Alvarado

Mariana Del Valle

Emily Gottlieb

Laura Murphy

Vacant

Vacant

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Mission Statement

The Environmental Commission investigates and advocates sound environmental policy and action in the areas of air quality, water quality, energy and waste management, flora and fauna protection and community planning.

General Duties

The Environmental Commission shall conduct public hearings and prepare recommendations to the City Council on matters regarding the environment to include without limitation unless otherwise noted:

- Draft, review and comment on City ordinances, policies and programs and state mandates related to: air and energy; flora, fauna and biome protection; environmental justice; and community planning topics expressly beyond the realm of the Planning Commission (The Planning Commission typically approves/denies resolutions to the City Council re. proposed ordinances. Also, they are a discretionary body that can issue Use Permits, variances, and a few other "exceptions" to Title 17: Zoning.)
- Serve in advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on related issues.
- Identify strategic environmental goals for the City and estimate resources needed to accomplish these goals, including investigating funding for programs that will benefit the community.
- Develop policies and plans for increasing environmental awareness and stewardship, in cooperation with other public and private agencies including school districts.

Responsibilities

The Environmental Commission shall:

- Meet not less than six times a year, with subcommittee work occurring during off-meeting months; and
- Monitor the City's progress and comply with principles established in Resolution 17-47; and
- Prepare an annual recommended work plan to the City Council no later than three months in advance of each fiscal year; and
- Work collaboratively with community partners to promote continued progress towards achieving Seaside's environmental goals and responsibilities; and
- Increase staffing or volunteer capacity to support the work of the Environmental Commission.

Fiscal Year Work Plan

1. Support Effective Implementation of the Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Policy (PIP4), with outreach conducted by Environmental Innovations

- a. Follow up with every food facility at least a second time to provide compliance assistance
- b. Met district managers for fast food restaurants and chains
- c. Switched at least one disposable item with a reusable item for 8 restaurants
- d. Met with retail shop managers to stop selling Styrofoam
- e. Included funding to initiate outreach and engagement, the consultant team has provided great value and effective implementation efforts
- f. Collaboration with stakeholders (non-profit, business)
- g. Outreach was culturally appropriate and included Spanish translation

2. Support an Active Transportation Network

- a. Recommend to City Council to support or oppose related State legislation specific to active transportation
- b. Continue to advocate for the City to adopt the Draft General Plan including recommendations to implement bus and bike lanes, road diets and an active transportation plan
- c. Support efforts for the City's Climate Action or Sustainability Plan
- d. Support developing dynamic pricing plan for parking in the Broadway corridor as a pilot program
- e. Encourage the development of a first mile/last mile transportation plan that includes adoption of docked and dockless e-bike and micro mobility solutions at key activity nodes

3. Planning and Infrastructure

- a. Collaborate with city staff in development of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan
- b. Provide comments during the review periods for Environmental Impact Reports for City projects and relevant projects for neighboring jurisdictions and as needed following staff presentations.
- c. Review and comments on relevant water conservation, utilization and infrastructure, including water pollution prevention projects and proposals

4. Habitat (Flora, fauna and biome protection)

- a. Pollinator Protection

- i. Increase education and awareness of pollinator habitats in various Seaside parks cared for by members of the Environmental Commission, Friends of Seaside Parks Association, and Sustainable Seaside.
 - ii. Continue to meet the obligations of Seaside’s designation as a BEE CITY USA Affiliate and prepare for filing a renewal application.
- b. Trees
 - i. Clarify roles and responsibilities of the EC and the Parks and Rec Commission, working with them to support trees within our community.
 - ii. Review and update existing tree policies to better support community and habitat health.
 - iii. Research historic tree cover and explore potential justice and equity considerations.

5. Directly Connect the Work of the Environmental Commission to People

- a. Engage thoughtfully with People of Color that demographically represent our community.
- b. Collaborate with other committees and commission to align efforts and improve communication and collaboration

6. Integrate Sustainability into Existing Events

Subcommittees: (TBD)

Administrative Considerations:

- Request a meeting with all community/commissions to share work plans and identify areas of mutual interest or collaboration
- Have EC members attend meetings of other commissions/committees
- Anticipate and prepare for grant opportunities with staff

Background and Progress:

In 2018, the City Council approved the creation of the Environmental Committee. Once the committee was fully formed, their duties and responsibilities approved, the city proposed an ordinance to codify the committee, including the creation, composition, term and duties into the Municipal Code in perpetuity. The draft ordinance was introduced at the May 2, 2019 Regular City Council meeting and there was concern that more input was needed from the Commissions directly regarding the expansion as well as the naming of the commissions. The proposed draft was passed to print at the October 17, 2019 City

Council meeting and the Environmental Committee became the Environmental Commission.

During 2022-2023, the Environmental Commission made progress and achievements related to the following:

- PIP4 business outreach conducted by Environmental Innovations
 - o Incorporated some adjustments for COVID
 - o Included funding to initiate outreach and engagement, the consultant team has provided great value and effective implementation efforts
 - o Collaboration with stakeholders (non-profit, business,)
 - o Outreach was culturally appropriate and included Spanish translation

- Saturday Park Work Days
 - o Provided incredible value for both habitat improvement and community building.
 - o Collaboration with Blue Zones
 - o City Support from Facilities
 - o Continuing to meet Bee City requirements



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.D.

TO: Environmental Committee
BY: Beth Rocha, Senior Planner
DATE: April 27, 2026
SUBJECT: BUDGET DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSS REMAINING BUDGET AND VOTE ON SPENDING

BACKGROUND

The last day the EC can incur an expense, is 6/30/26, which we can pay after 6/30/2026. If the EC engages in a contract, then the City can retain the amount for the full amount of the contract in the budget until the contract expires.

- Candy/Chocolate- \$24.48
- Banner-\$280.50
- Wheel-\$43.06
- Tomato plants-petty cash-\$20.00
- Tomato plants-\$30.00

Total Spent: \$398.04

Balance: \$3,101.96

ATTACHMENTS

None
