



## **A G E N D A**

CITY OF SEASIDE  
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING  
440 HARCOURT AVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)  
Wednesday, August 5, 2026  
5:15 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION**

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| Benjamin Strickland | Chair        |
| Leslie Mugan        | Vice Chair   |
| Lynda Cunningham    | Commissioner |
| Joseph Ruffin III   | Commissioner |
| Kathleen 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**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 1, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. CHALLENGE COIN SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT AND COMMISSION DIRECTION**

**B. YOUTH FOCUS AND HOLIDAY DONATION SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT AND COMMISSION DIRECTION**

**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**

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:  
September 2, 2026  
5:15 p.m.

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**FINAL MINUTES**  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:15PM.

**2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION**

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

ABSENT: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Holt, Peter Kaiser, Michael Enriquez

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 3, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**

*On motion by Commissioner Freeman and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2026 regular meeting.*

*RESULT: 6-0-0-0*

*AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

***ACTION: APPROVED***

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. DISCUSSION OF CHALLENGE COIN SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Commission discussed the formation of the 2026 Challenge Coin Subcommittee and reviewed the success of last year's challenge coin initiative. Members considered recognizing the contributions of Pastor Kenneth Murray and Professor Seth Pollock by incorporating their names into the challenge coin, contingent upon family approval. The Commission agreed that the subcommittee would explore design modifications and present recommendations at a future meeting. The Commission approved the formation of the Challenge Coin Subcommittee and appointed Commissioners Ruffin and Freeman as members.

The subcommittee will continue working on the design and request-for-proposal process for the 2026 challenge coin

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

*On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Freeman and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to redesigning the challenge coins and recognizing Pastor Kenneth Raye Murray and Professor Seth Pollack on the redesigned challenge coins.*

*RESULT: 6-0-0-0*

*AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

***ACTION: Passed***

*On motion by Chair Strickland and second by Vice Chair Mugan and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to creating a Challenge Coin Subcommittee consisting of Commissioner Ruffin and Commissioner Freeman.*

*RESULT: 6-0-0-0*

*AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

***ACTION: Passed***

**B. DISCUSSION OF YOUTH FOCUS AND HOLIDAY DONATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Commission discussed the Youth Focus and Holiday Donation Subcommittee and agreed to continue its efforts to support youth through initiatives such as school supplies, backpacks, and gift cards. Chair Strickland was appointed to join Commissioners Ruffin and Hughes on the subcommittee. Members reviewed last year's partnership with MPUSD and other community organizations to distribute donations and discussed coordinating with those organizations again this year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Kaiser**

*On motion by Chair Strickland and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to adding Chair Strickland to the subcommittee.*

*RESULT: 6-0-0-0*

*AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Ruffin, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

***ACTION: Passed***

## **6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners provided reports.

**Commissioner Hughes:** potential future collaboration with the Neighborhood Improvement Commission on community projects, including updates on the solar charging picnic table initiative

**Commissioner Ruffin:** reported on the successful Juneteenth celebration at Laguna Grande Park and announced the City's upcoming 50-year time capsule opening,

The Commission approved placing an inaugural Homeless Commission challenge coin in the new time capsule.

*On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Ruffin and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to adding a challenge coin to the time capsule to be open in 2076.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT: Michael Enriquez**

**Commissioner Freeman:** Notice most of the commission say the pledge of allegiance and would like for the commission to start.

**Vice Chair Mugan:** Refresh Start is partnering with Reverend Lusk to provide mobile shower services every Wednesday and will volunteer and come back with her update.

**Chair Strickland:** Launch of his new small business, Bengal Badges.

## **7. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Staff provided report.

**City Manager McDanel:** the City's 50-year time capsule event would have the opportunity to record video messages for inclusion in the new time capsule

staff also offered to research the California Homeless Hiring Tax Credit and determine whether the City's legislative platform would allow the City Council to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Commission.

*On motion by Chair Strickland and second by Commissioner Freeman and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to The Commission*

approved a motion encouraging the City Council to submit a support letter if consistent with the City's legislative platform.

**Public Comment:** Michael Enriquez

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:56PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk**

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**Ben Strickland, Commission Chair**