



CITY OF SEASIDE
CITY COUNCIL

FINAL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Thursday, July 6, 2017
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rubio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

PRESENT: Alexander, Campbell, Jones, Pacheco, Rubio

ABSENT: None

3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Elder Sims provided the invocation. Council Member Pacheco led the pledge of allegiance.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes were requested.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Rubio invited comments from the public.

- Sue Hawthorne requested to reconsider the issue of fireworks in the city indicating that it was not just a one day event. She hopes there is an alternative for fundraising groups to earn money for their causes and suggested the City consider an arrangement for a fireworks buy back. We are tolerant of fireworks, safe and sane, but the tolerance has been abused by people all over the region at the detriment of Seaside citizens. She requested consideration of alternatives.
- (Name, with accent) spoke to fireworks activity until 1 am, and did not call 911 as they were overburdened. Suggested setting up a hotline for calls made for fireworks separate from calls made for real emergencies. He indicated fireworks make lots of noise, cause fires and is a safety issue and suggested considering a ban on fireworks within the City of Seaside.
- Paul Wolf requested an after action report to the public as to the staffing of public safety trying to deter illegal fireworks and if any other illegal activities occurred while Police were handling fireworks related issues.
- Bruce Hunt spoke to calling Seaside Police Department receiving a definition of "safe and sane" fireworks and indicated he personally witnessed numerous illegal fireworks and believes that he actually heard gunshots. He encouraged the Council to join other Cities for a total prohibition of fireworks as they are creating a situation that is not safe.
- Helen Rucker knows that the City Council, as Seaside residents, knows what happened over the holiday and believes this holiday was worse than previous. She expressed that this was the first time she felt unsafe living in Seaside and that although she supports the organizations that sell the safe and sane fireworks and know that their organizations benefit the community, she thinks that eliminating fireworks will not stop everyone but it will help the quality of life of our residents dramatically. She was terrified to lock the door that if her house caught on fire, she would not be able to get out. She requested finding an alternative.

Francois Avery from the Art and History Commission announced the new exhibit installed this week, "Arts as Healing, Juvenile Justice and Beyond". The reception will be on Friday, June 14th from 7 to 8:30 PM. The exhibit will be showing until the 30th of August and can be viewed during normal business hours.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. PRESENTATION FROM THE SEASIDE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION DONATION OF \$1,000 TO THE DEL MONTE MANOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Seaside Public Safety Managers Association Representatives presented the Del Monte Manor Playground Association with a \$1,000 donation to help fund the playground equipment replacement. Division Chief Blaha spoke to the playground equipment which was donated by the City of Seaside over 30 years ago. The Playground Association thanked the community, the Fire and Police departments for their support and believes that the support signifies an investment in a thriving Seaside community. This will help make our community healthier, safer and better. They indicated that there is a Go fund me account which can be accessed through www.gofundme.com/dmmplayground.

B. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIDE PARADE ON EVENT OUTCOMES

Tyler Williamson and Committee thanked the City Council for all those that participated in the inaugural Pride Parade on June 17th. It was a successful event and they provide a reflection of a community oriented event. There were over 700 participants and had 3,168 Facebook reaches. They gave a special thanks to Seaside City Council to take this on as an action item and grant a fee waiver for the event. Seaside PD was also thanked for creating a safe space to gather. They thanked the Oldemeyer staff for their support as well. It was deliberately kid and family friendly, multicultural, and was opened by a prayer and had a dozen of clergy in attendance. They all graciously thanked the Council for all the support and believe it helped build a better, more supportive community.

C. PRESENTATION OF THE JUNE 2017 HOUSE OF THE MONTH AWARD

Mayor Rubio and Neighborhood Improvement Program Coordinator Ramona Oleta-Reed presented the House of the Month award for June 2017 on Grenada Street.

D. PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER AWARD

Mayor Rubio and Ramona Oleta-Reed presented the Business of the Quarter award to the Boys and Girls Club of Seaside. Marlene Trotter and Brian, grounds keeper, were presented and accepted the award. She also spoke to the CDBG Grant that helps maintain the City. Mayor Rubio spoke to the long standing relationship with the City of Seaside and the Boys and Girls Club.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Rubio invited comments on the Consent Calendar. Items C & D were pulled for consideration by Felix Bachofner. He requested clarification on the Election turn out figures. City Clerk Milton-Rerig requested these items be continued to the end of the meeting to be able to fully

Mayor Rubio invited comments from the public and had no requests to speak.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Alexander and seconded by Council Member Dave Pacheco and passed by the following vote the City Council Approved The item as presented and passed Resolution 17-46.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Alexander
SECONDER:	Council Member Dave Pacheco
AYES:	Ralph Rubio, Dennis Alexander, Jason Campbell, Dave Pacheco, Kayla Jones
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

E. CONSIDER APPROVING A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE SAND MINING OPERATIONS ALONG SOUTHERN MONTEREY BAY

Action: Authorized

F. APPROVE A RESOLUTION MOVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING TO THE THIRD MONDAY AT 5:30 PM.

Action: Approved and Adopted Resolution 17-47

G. ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND COMMITTING TO THE PRINCIPALS EMBEDDED WITHIN THE U.S. MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Action: Approved and Adopted Resolution 17-47

9. PUBLIC HEARING

A. AMENDING SEASIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.44, PERSONNEL REGULATIONS, TO THE CODIFY THE CITY'S ESTABLISHED PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND CURRENT PRACTICES AND UPDATING CHAPTERS 3 REVENUE AND FINANCE AND CHAPTER 5 BUSINESS LICENSE AND REGULATIONS CORRECTING ERRORS, OMISSIONS AND LEGAL CONFLICTS IDENTIFIED DURING MUNICIPAL CODE CODIFICATION AND UPDATING INCONSISTENCIES WITH CURRENT LEGISLATION OR ORGANIZATIONAL BEST PRACTICES

City Clerk Milton-Rerig presented the report indicating this was the next step in finalizing the codification of the Municipal Code. She indicated that conflicts and errors were identified through the process as well as policies have changed so the proposed modifications will correct all errors, omissions and conflicts and bring the code up to date with existing organizational policies. Ms. Milton-Rerig answered questions from the Council.

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On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and seconded by Council Member Pacheco and passed by the following roll call vote, the City Council approved the first reading of the draft ordinance as presented.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Alexander

stay on as a Commissioner he does not want to unseat them. Turnover on a commission is bad for continuity and historical reference and spoke in favor of keeping Commissioners for multiple terms. He spoke in support of varying the Council Subcommittee appointment to be more inclusive of Council Member Participation.

Mr. Campbell spoke in support of more Council Member participation and suggested consideration of Council Member Liaisons to the committees who would be responsible for the recruitment for that Commission. Council Member Pacheco spoke to the use of social media to promote and in support of Council Member rotations for the subcommittee. Council Member Jones restated her concern regarding who is interviewing and making recommendations for who is appointed and that she supports modification of the Council sub-committee on a rotating basis so each member would be availed the opportunity to be in the process. The Council agreed to modify the process and formalize it in the handbook to modify the makeup of the Council Subcommittee to consist of the Mayor and one Council Member representative, who would rotate after each appointment recommendation, in order of the roll call.

11. MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Council Member Campbell reported the MRF facility at the Waste Management District is a month behind schedule but will be open by the end of the year and will increase the capacity of recycling. Council Member Pacheco reported that MST will reduce fares for 50% for the Paratransit RIDES program and that TAMC announced Holman Highway roundabout will be completed by September 1. The lights on Canyon Del Rey are working after 3 months and reminded the City Manager of his request to discuss solutions for fireworks by September. Finally he reminded residents that Sunday Blues begins July 9th. Council Member Jones attended the MC Pride Parade and was happy to see colleagues participating and went to Santa Cruz Veterans Alliance Dispensary and encouraged her colleagues to also visit.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander indicated that he went to Washington DC for Association for Defense Communities and it was eye opening for existing and former defense communities. The next day, he attended the AMBAG awards banquet and Seaside received award for reducing community wide greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by adopting energy efficiency projects 20%. Received emails for the fireworks response, criticizing the PD and disagreed that there was not a good enough effort. That was 20 calls per hour, 2 calls per minute and they were going from call to call to call and gave them high praise.

Mayor Rubio thanked his Council Members for covering for him while he was ill. He reported that the Water Management District approved their annual budget with a healthy reserve and there are no plans for rationing at this time because there is more supply than demand. This is not a normal situation, we are still in extreme conservation and encouraged the public to please share that message. We need to have water projects to increase our water supply to benefit our community going forward.

Council Member Jones request a study session on increasing the minimum wage in Seaside at the July 20th meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Lesley Milton-Rerig, City Clerk


Ralph Rubio, Mayor