



FINAL MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Thursday, May 23, 2019
6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Murray, Hare, Allen, Molina, Cunningham and Mancini

Absent: Fittro

3. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER LYNDIA CUNNINGHAM AND THANK AND RECOGNIZE ALESSANDRO TANI FOR HIS TIME AND SERVICE TO THE COMMITTEE**

Welcome new committee member Lynda Cunningham and recognize Alessandro Tani for his service to the Committee.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Due to schedules of presenter and City staff the agenda needed to be reordered.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ashley Hessing and Jesus Martinez: live near Planned Parenthood, in the parking lot they have observed parents and two toddlers sleeping. Would like to know what can be done, have reported to a number of agencies. Hare responded and shared the mission of committee and City working on the homeless issues in Seaside.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

Motion: Murray, Second: Mancini, Unanimous

7. **PRESENTATION**

A. **PRESENTATION FROM "THE GATHERING FOR WOMEN"**

Presentation from Kate Daniels with The Gathering for Women: Shared services offered in program and answered questions from committee members.

8. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **RECOMMEND AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF ORDINANCE: CAMPING AND SLEEPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND THE ADDITION OF ORDINANCE: STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF CITY PROPERTY AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

Camping Ordinance: Recommendation to send to City Council amended ordinance as written without identifying a specific location within the City for sleeping; this means if no shelter beds are available, sleeping will be allowed on any public City-owned property (again as currently written). The Homeless Committee recommended the ordinance be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Neighborhood Improvement Program Commission for input.

Public Comment: Diane Nealson: Concerned about the area at Canyon Del Rey and Fremont, safety, native plants - area no longer maintained, people feel unsafe approaching the area, lots of debris and carts, if ordinance approved there should be specific areas to sleep. Jessie Perez: asked if information went out to the homeless community. Jesus Martinez: Grew up in the community, didn't think this would be safe, find other areas other than parks such as Fort Ord - homeless should be accountable for garbage left behind, concerned with what the City will look like in the future. Gloria Stearns: asked if this has been shared with other committees and commissions.

Approved; Motion: Hare, Second: Molina / Passed: 4-2 (Mancini, Cunningham).

Storage of Personal Property on City Property: Recommendation to send to City Council as written.

Public Comment: Ashley Hessing: asked what happens to property located on private property. Becky Johnson: homeless have quite a bit of property we need to re-think the concept of homeless having too much stuff, storage is important. Storage lockers may help, Salvation Army offers lockers daily. Jesus Martinez: asked what happens to bulky items too big to store.

Motion: Murray, Second: Allen, Unanimous.

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE

After some discussion, name changed to: ***Seaside Homeless Commission***.

Motion: Murray, Second: Allen, Unanimous.

C. DISCUSSION OF THE SPENDING OF FUNDS

After much discussion for use of \$10,000 in City budgeted funds, final ideas were: SAFE Place, Gathering for Women, SAFE Parking Program, Food Pantry or Bank. The SAFE Parking program will need funds for infrastructure. \$10,000 to SAFE Parking program for infrastructure.

Motion: Cunningham, Second: Molina / Passed: 5 Abstain: 1 (Mancini)

9. DISCUSSION

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MONTEREY COUNTY "SAFE PARKING" PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF SEASIDE

Staff member Gloria Stearns gave update on use permit for the SAFE Parking program, some needs are: screening for trash enclosures and portable restrooms. Pastor Lusk provided a list of services that would be available to the users of the parking program.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Murray: all meetings are important, but tonight there was a great amount of input and decision making from the Committee. Allen: Youth Homeless Meeting May 28th 10:30 to 12:00 1441 Shilling Place in Salinas. Molina: disappointed that name change happened without her input.

11. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Dempsey, Committee Clerk


Jessica Hare, Chair