

CITY OF LINCOLN CITY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

July 13, 2020, 6:00 PM

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APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 27, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dick Anderson	Mayor	Present	6:00 PM
Judy Casper	Councilor Ward 3	Present	6:00 PM
Diana Hinton	Councilor Ward 1	Present	6:00 PM
Riley Hoagland	Councilor Ward 2	Present	6:00 PM
Diane Kusz	Councilor Ward 2	Present	6:00 PM
Rick Mark	Councilor Ward 3	Present	6:00 PM
Mitch Parsons	Councilor Ward 1	Present	6:00 PM

Staff present: Ron Chandler, City Manager; Richard Appicello, City Attorney; AnneMarie Skinner, Planning Director; Jerry Palmer, Chief of Police; David Broderick, Lieutenant, Lincoln City Police; Debbie Bridges, Finance Director; Alison Robertson, Urban Renewal and Economic Development Director; Jodi Mescher, Economic Development Coordinator; David Twigg, I.T. Support Specialist.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was skipped because this meeting was held remotely.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular Meeting – Minutes of Work Session – March 16, 2020 10:30 AM

2. Regular Meeting – Minutes of Special Meeting – June 29, 2020 10:00 AM

3. Oregon Liquor Control Commission- Application for On and Off Premises License- Pub Fish & Chips

MOTION:	To Approve the Consent Agenda
MOVER:	Mitch Parsons, Councilor Ward 1
SECONDER:	Rick Mark, Councilor Ward 3
AYES:	Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed

E. COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

None.

F. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Chandler read a summary of public comments. These are attached to these minutes.

G. PRESENTATIONS

H. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. Public Hearing: ORDINANCE 2020-18- SW Bard Road LID

Mr. Appicello advised that this is the final step in the LID process and the final assessment. The improvement has been constructed and it cost less than estimated. The assessments on benefited property owners will be less.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Robert Thomas, Bard Rd, Lincoln City: Has lived on Bard Road for 30 years. Wanted sewer on Bard Road and talked to Public Works about 15 years ago. He feels this final estimate wasn't handled correctly due to the extra development at Olivia Beach. Mr. Thomas discussed the economic impact of the pandemic on people's ability to pay the final assessment and said he would like the assessment postponed for 6 months.

Mr. Appicello recommended that Council complete 1st reading of the associated ordinance tonight and then do 2nd reading on the 27th of July. This allows Mr. Appicello and Public Works to discuss potential deferral of costs.

MOTION:	Motion to close the Public Hearing- Ordinance 2020-18
MOVER:	Rick Mark, Councilor Ward 3
SECONDER:	Diana Hinton, Councilor Ward 1
AYES:	Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed

5. ZOA 2020-01 Procedures - an ordinance amendment to organize land use permits and applications into procedure types of Type I, II, III, or IV with associated application forms and checklists; add a table showing each permit and application with its associated number

AnneMarie Skinner advised that this item would re-organize land use procedures into four types. 1: Ministerial, handled by staff; 2: Administrative, more subjective matters still handled by staff, with a public notice being required; 3: Quasi-judicial, requiring a public hearing; 4: Legislative.

The Planning Commission recommended Council approve this item.

MOTION:	Motion to Close the Public Hearing and the Record for ZOA 2020-01
MOVER:	Rick Mark, Councilor Ward 3
SECONDER:	Mitch Parsons, Councilor Ward 1
AYES:	Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed

J. ORDINANCES

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, AMENDING THE LINCOLN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17 (ZONING); AMENDING ALL OF CHAPTER 17.20 (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-M) ZONE); AMENDING: CHAPTER 17.24 (PROFESSIONAL CAMPUS (PC) ZONE), SECTION 17.24.020 (F.); CHAPTER 17.28 (RECREATION-COMMERCIAL (GC) ZONE), SECTION 17.28.040 (F.); CHAPTER 17.32 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) ZONE), SECTION 17.32.040 (K.) AND 17.32.110 (E.); CHAPTER 17.34 (NELSCOTT PLAN (NP) DISTRICT), SECTION 17.34.060, TABLE 17.34.060.B; CHAPTER 17.45 (TAFT VILLAGE CORE (TVC) ZONE), SECTION 17.45.040, TABLE TVC LAND USE ACTIVITY; CHAPTER 17.52 (SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS), SECTION 17.52.210(E).(2.) AND AMENDING ALL OF CHAPTER 17.74 (COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS)

MOTION:	Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2020-10, with approved changes (see below motion)
MOVER:	Mitch Parsons, Councilor Ward 1
SECONDER:	Judy Casper, Councilor Ward 3
AYES:	Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed by Roll Call Vote

7. MOTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 2020-10: MOTION TO REMOVE THE SECOND SENTENCE ON PAGE 86 PERTAINING TO BRIGHT COLORS

PRE-MOTION DISCUSSION

Discussion took place about language referring to bright colors. Councilor Hinton suggested removing a sentence stating that brighter colors are acceptable. Councilor Mark expressed concern at striking the sentence regarding brighter colors. Councilor Kusz asked for a definition of brighter colors. Councilor Parsons asked for a definition and said he was currently for keeping the language as written. Councilor Hoagland also wanted a definition.

Mr. Appicello confirmed that "bright colors" are not "luminescent, sparkling, neon and day-glo". These are prohibited, except for neon signs when permitted by the sign codes.

MOTION:	Remove the second sentence on p86 of Ordinance 2020-10 pertaining to bright colors
MOVER:	Diana Hinton, Councilor Ward 1
SECONDER:	Judy Casper, Councilor Ward 3
AYES:	Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz
NAYS:	Mark, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed by Roll Call Vote

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY AMENDING THE LINCOLN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17 (ZONING), CHAPTER 17.72 (SIGN REGULATIONS), AMENDING AND UPDATING CITY SIGN REGULATIONS REMOVING PROVISIONS FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS AND PLACING THEM IN CHAPTER 9.34

AnneMarie Skinner explained that this ordinance will give all commercial areas in Lincoln City a level playing field regarding signs. Also added is a definition of the term "glare" and text regarding "glare" being prohibited.

Council gave unanimous consent to set Second Reading to July 27, 2020.

MOTION:	Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-14
MOVER:	Mitch Parsons, Councilor Ward 1
SECONDER:	Riley Hoagland, Councilor Ward 2
AYES:	Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed by Roll Call Vote

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY AMENDING THE LINCOLN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17 (ZONING), CHAPTER 17.76 (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS), REPLACING EXISTING PROCEDURES WITH A NEW UNIFORM PROCEDURAL CHAPTER 17.76 (PROCEDURES), ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.77 (APPLICATIONS), MODIFYING, CONSOLIDATING, RELOCATING OR REMOVING OTHER PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR A MORE EFFICIENT REVIEW PROCESS

Richard Appicello was asked how these changes would apply to projects already approved under the existing Chapter 17.76 code. Mr. Appicello said he would answer that question at or before the next meeting.

Council gave unanimous consent to have Second Reading of this Ordinance on July 27.

MOTION:	Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-15
MOVER:	Riley Hoagland, Councilor Ward 2
SECONDER:	Diana Hinton, Councilor Ward 1
AYES:	Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed by Roll Call Vote

10. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LINCOLN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17, (ZONING), AMENDING NUMEROUS CHAPTERS TO CONSOLIDATE AND ORGANIZE LANDSCAPING AND OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

Councilor Hinton noticed a clerical error on page 463 of the packet (actually page 462). It appears that dwellings over 1,000 square feet should have 2 parking spaces but the 2 has been struck out. AnneMarie Skinner confirmed the "2" should not be struck out.

Councilor Hinton noticed a typo- "spacee" instead of "space" on page 462.

Councilor Hinton also said that the word "pearls" on page 469 of the packet should be changed to business districts. AnneMarie Skinner confirmed that change should be made.

Richard Appicello said he would make these changes for the second reading on July 27, 2020.

Council gave unanimous consent to hold second reading on July 27.

MOTION: Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-13
MOVER: Judy Casper, Councilor Ward 3
SECONDER: Diane Kusz, Councilor Ward 2
AYES: Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT: Passed by Roll Call Vote

11. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY AMENDING THE LINCOLN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17 (ZONING), CHAPTER 17.08 (DEFINITIONS), AMENDING AND UPDATING CITY DEFINITIONS BASED ON CHANGES PROPOSED IN THREE OTHER ORDINANCES 2020-10, 2020-13, and 2020-14

Councilor Casper asked about day care centers. AnneMarie Skinner said that staff were going to check the state's definition of day care center and incorporate it. AnneMarie Skinner confirmed that a day care home doesn't require any special permits from the City other than an occupation tax permit. Day care homes are regulated by the state, not the City.

Councilor Hinton noticed that "pearls" were defined on page 525. Ms. Skinner said that pearls are still referenced in Title 17 so the definition has a purpose.

Council gave unanimous consent to have 2nd reading of this ordinance on July 27.

MOTION: Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-17
MOVER: Mitch Parsons, Councilor Ward 1
SECONDER: Rick Mark, Councilor Ward 3
AYES: Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT: Passed by Roll Call Vote

12. ORDINANCE 2020-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS THE "SW BARD ROAD SANITARY SEWER LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT" SAID LID FORMED BY RESOLUTION 2019-26; FIXING AND SPREADING SAID FINAL ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS AGAINST BENEFITTED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Mr. Appicello would like to set second reading for July 27. Mr. Appicello wants to state during Second Reading that deferral for potential units is available.

Mayor Anderson notes the cost of this assessment is \$42,000 less than estimated.

Councilor Mark asked if this project would lead to Bard Road getting paved. Mayor Anderson said that the citizens of Bard Road would be welcome to form another LID for paving if they wished.

Council gave unanimous consent to have second reading of this ordinance on July 27.

MOTION: Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-18
MOVER: Judy Casper, Councilor Ward 3
SECONDER: Riley Hoagland, Councilor Ward 2
AYES: Anderson, Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Kusz, Mark, Parsons
RESULT: Passed by Roll Call Vote

K. RESOLUTIONS

L. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

13. FINAL ORDER 2020-2: CPA & ZC 2020-01 Scrutton, et al zone change

MOTION:	Motion to approve Final Order 2020-02
MOVER:	Judy Casper, Councilor Ward 3
SECONDER:	Diana Hinton, Councilor Ward 1
AYES:	Casper, Hinton, Hoagland, Mark
NAYS:	Anderson, Kusz, Parsons
RESULT:	Passed by Roll Call Vote

14. Economic Development: New Tools for Housing

Jodi Mescher and Alison Robertson presented a PowerPoint. Ms. Mescher said that Lincoln City needs 1,649 new housing units over the next 20 years. Councilor Mark asked if there was sufficient land to build these units. Ms. Robertson said the Housing Needs Assessment included a Building Lands inventory, and she recalls that inventory showed Lincoln City has plenty of land available for housing.

Council gave consensus to add the Facade Improvement Loan Program, Energy Efficiency Loan Program, Pre-Development Assistance Program, and Infrastructure Assistance Program to residential properties. Council also gave consensus to add a Mixed-Use Housing Loan Program and a Workforce Housing Loan Program.

During discussion of eligibility criteria, Mayor Anderson asked that, for income qualifying purposes, the word "applicant" be added since, during the Urban Renewal Agency meeting, the Agency wanted to make sure that renter occupants could benefit from these tools.

Councilor Mark asked if a refined version of this presentation would be given in the near future. Ms. Mescher said that, based on feedback heard tonight, tools would be brought back to Council for review.

Council wants to offer these incentives to all types of housing, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

Council wants to offer these programs to owner-occupied houses and renter-occupied houses.

Council is willing to accept applications from non-profits and from for-profit, private property owners.

Mayor Anderson said he's happy that we are subsidizing projects for people with incomes between 80 and 120% of the median. He notes that there aren't any projects subsidizing housing for people making more than 80% of median income. Council agreed with Mayor Anderson.

Ms. Robertson said she will also bring back ideas regarding energy efficiency loans (such as replacing all toilets in an apartment complex with low-flow toilets) back to City Council.

15. Urban Renewal District and Property Taxes

Mr. Chandler explained how Urban Renewal Property Tax works. Your overall tax bill does not increase with Urban Renewal. However, the allocations to your local City will change since some of your tax will go to the Urban Renewal district. People outside the Urban Renewal district in the City will also see an allocation of their City taxes going to the Urban Renewal district.

When an Urban Renewal District is created, its Tax Assessed Value is frozen at the time of its creation. An Urban Renewal Agency raises revenue in subsequent years from growth above the set Tax Assessed Amount. This is known as the "Increment".

In order to preserve the tax equity of the Increment, Urban Renewal agencies apply the division of increased property taxes within the district and outside the district.

16. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Chandler asked Council if he could discuss COVID-19 and the 4th of July.

Mr. Chandler advised that, effective 7/15/2020, Oregon's face covering requirement expands to include outdoor public spaces when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained. Also, indoor gatherings of more than 10 people will be prohibited. Businesses and churches are exempt from the indoor gathering rule.

Mr. Chandler reported that Oregon had more COVID-19 cases last week than in the entire month of May. The last time Oregon reported less than 100 cases was over a month ago. Half of all Oregon cases are in people under the age of 40. 2 Oregonians in their 30's have died with COVID-19 to date.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners voted to extend the 24 hour holding period for short term lodging until August 18 for unincorporated Lincoln County and Yachats.

Mr. Chandler noted the lack of a 4th of July event due to COVID-19 led to a different 4th of July in Lincoln City. There were less people in the Taft area and more in north Lincoln City. Mr. Chandler is gathering information on July 4 tourism and will present the information to Council in the next few days.

Mr. Chandler reported on police presence and activity around Lincoln City on the 4th of July.

Mr. Chandler asked for City Council to discuss expectations. Every year the City has done more to try and control the use of illegal and legal fireworks. The City has expanded its education campaign. The Police Department has issued citations this year as well as confiscating fireworks. The City is using Polaris off-road vehicles to patrol the beach. Mr. Chandler asked what the City Council expects regarding dealing with fireworks? Mr. Chandler says that, if the Council's goal is to have no fireworks on the beach, the City doesn't have the manpower to stop all fireworks on the beach. Mr. Chandler would like to see the state assist since the beach is state property and the laws prohibiting legal fireworks on the beach are state laws.

Mayor Anderson noted that he had talked to Mayors up and down the coast and the consensus was the entire coast was inundated this year with illegal fireworks.

Councilor Hinton said she spoke with Commissioner Jacobson from Lincoln County today and Commissioner Jacobson asked if Councilor Hinton would ask Council about reducing the indoor gathering limit from 25 to 10. Councilor Hinton also said Lincoln County has an excellent new COVID resource page on their website.

Councilor Hinton asked if the City had applied for any additional COVID funding? Debbie Bridges said that the City is watching for additional funding opportunities.

Mayor Anderson said the City has COVID information on its website as well.

Councilor Casper said that face shields are good alternatives to face coverings for people with a medical condition.

M. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

City Attorney Appicello discussed the need to either schedule a Planning Commission meeting or have City Council call up a decision that the Planning Commission made at their last meeting.

Mr. Chandler said he would talk with Planning Commission chair Patti Kroen about having a Planning Commission meeting this month (Tuesday July 21).

N. ACTIONS, IF ANY, BASED ON WORK SESSION OR EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional comments were emailed to Mr. Chandler. No members of the public were in the Council Chambers.

P. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Anderson and Council congratulated Councilor Mark on his recent marriage.

Councilor Hinton, Councilor Hoagland, and Mayor Anderson thanked departing Planning Director AnneMarie Skinner for her service.

Councilor Parsons expressed cautious optimism about Lincoln County's COVID-19 numbers.

Councilor Mark said he was pleased with the general compliance with face coverings in the grocery stores. With regard to fireworks enforcement, Councilor Mark asked how many extra law enforcement officers would we need? Councilor Mark also suggested concentrating police presence in areas that are most impacted, such as Roads End.

Councilor Hoagland discussed a citizen concern regarding a new sidewalk at SE 19th St. There's concern that drivers won't see pedestrians crossing there. Could we have strong signage or look at this situation again?

Q. ADJOURNMENT

DICK ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CATHY STEERE, CITY RECORDER

Ronald Chandler

From: Cassandra Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 7:53 PM
To: Public Comment; City Council
Subject: Mask Education for Tourists

Hello,

My name is Cassandra Anderson and I am a registered nurse at the hospital in Newport. I have lived in Lincoln City for over 30 years. I graduated from Taft High school and was in the 3rd nursing class to graduate from Oregon Coast Community College.

I have noticed a drastically higher amount of people wearing masks in Newport grocery stores in comparison to Lincoln City. Is it possible to get a sign from ODOT to inform all of the visitors that masks are required in all public areas indoors? Newport has a sign like this and it appears to be helping (when you observe people in public).

Thank you for your consideration as additional reminders appear to be necessary.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Anderson
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Laurel Barton
Subject: RE: Can an restaurant enforce the mask law?

Dear Mrs. Barton:

Thank you for your emails. I'll make sure a copy of this email is sent to all of the City Council.

Sincerely yours,
Ron Chandler

From: Laurel Barton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Diana Hinton <dhinton@lincolncity.org>
Cc: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Re: Can an restaurant enforce the mask law?

Thanks, Diana (and Ron). I like the idea of positive reinforcement like "I wear because I care." Business owners should be forced to comply for the good of their employees and to prevent another Pacific Seafoods or Newport McDonald's situation.

I won't go back to a place that doesn't enforce the rule and will let them know why.

On Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 11:30 AM Diana Hinton <dhinton@lincolncity.org> wrote:

Hi Laurel,

Yes, and the baristas can call OSHA to make a complaint. I believe the complaint would be against the business owner. This is a very difficult thing to enforce and that is why it took so long to be put into place.

I've cc'd Ron Chandler as I think we, Council, and city staff will have to talk more about enforcement/strong education for all businesses. The businesses have a right to not serve customers without a mask but it is up to them.

When we had to start wearing seatbelts we learned the phrase 'click it or ticket'. Maybe we need one for masks. One I've heard was 'mask it or casket', but that's a little harsh.

Thank you for your email. If you have any suggestions, please send them our way.

Diana

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From: Laurel Barton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Diana Hinton
Subject: Can an restaurant enforce the mask law?

Diana,

I just came from Pacific Grind and there were *many* customers without masks. I chastised a few as I am fed up with ignorance. The barista thanked me and said they are *not allowed to say anything to the customers!* Shouldn't the restaurant be required to re-enforce the rule, i.e., say " I cannot serve you if you won't wear a mask?"

Thanks!

Laurel

Laurel Barton

[REDACTED]
*Available on Amazon: ["Walking in Italy's Val Gardena"](#)
and ["Walking in Switzerland's Berner Oberland"](#)*

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Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: lincolncocallcenter@co.lincoln.or.us
Subject: RE: Masks not being enforced at Safeway

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your email. I'm forwarding your email to the Lincoln County Health and Human Services call center who is receiving these complaints. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,



Ron Chandler
CITY MANAGER

City of Lincoln City
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E: rchandler@lincolncity.org | W: LincolnCity.org

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Ronald Chandler <rchandler@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Masks not being enforced at Safeway

Just got back from Safeway in Lincoln City. Wow so many people must have a medical reason for not wearing masks. Some lady not wearing a came right up next to me to ask a question. Clearly Safeway is not bothering to enforce the mask requirement. I can understand a person here or there that might have a medical condition not wearing one but the were several not wearing masks, using the self checkout with no sanitation between customers and no social distancing. I visited at 5pm today.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Constance Wentz
Cc: lincolncocallcenter@co.lincoln.or.us
Subject: RE: Mask Mandate

Dear Mrs. Wentz:

Thank you for your email. The Lincoln County Health and Human Services has set up a call center to receive and look into complaints about the masks and other COVID-19 issues. I'm sending this email to the call center for their review and action. Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely yours,
Ron Chandler
CITY MANAGER

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-----Original Message-----

From: Constance Wentz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Mask Mandate

Dear Mr Chandler,

Both myself and my husband have been residents of Lincoln City since 1976. I am very proud of our City for taking immediate steps in closing down our City at the onset of the Virus with only one exception, Safeway. Safeway refuses to monitor the people who go in and out of their doors. Even during the hours that they have supposedly set aside as Senior and At Risk hours.

Today was the first day of the Governors order for ALL to wear masks in public places here in Lincoln County. My husband and I drove around Lincoln City to see how that order was being held up. All but Safeway were complying the new Mandate. We sat outside for 15 minutes and watched a large amount of people of all ages walk in and out of Safeway not wearing masks. My husband went inside to see if the people were putting on masks as they entered. What he found was extremely alarming.

The 'Wear Masks' signs were not very visible, no one was at the door monitoring people going in. People were just walking in without masks and shopping without the masks. My husband asked the person at the Customer Service counter why were they not complying with the new Mandate. What he was told is that they cannot enforce the Mandate and they could not ask the people if they were in the "exempt" group. There is NO way that that many people had medical issues to exclude them from wearing masks.

I am a person who has experienced severely damaged lungs due to the H1N1 Virus in 2009. I would be one of those who would be exempt from wearing a mask. However, I do wear a mask even so. It is not difficult to do.

I realize that with HIPPA you cannot ask someone what their medical problem is, but you can ask them if there is a reason why they feel that they cannot or should not wear a mask. This Mandate needs more teeth. Why can't the State require those who fit in the "exempt" status be required to get a note from their Physician stating that they should not wear a mask due to medical reasons. That note would need to be written on a Prescription pad form signed by the

Physician. They could carry this note with them and show it if needed to prove that they had a condition that excludes them from wearing a mask.

I am happy to report that Kenny's IGA, McKay's, BiMart, and Grocery Outlet along with the Outlet Mall and Casino were following the Mask Mandate. It is just Safeway who seems to thumb their noses at the Mandate. If other business need to comply why not Safeway?

Thank you for taking the time to read about my concern. Hopefully you can take measures to make Safeway comply with the Governor's order.

Sincerely,

Constance Wentz



Ronald Chandler

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you

I desire to thank you for the Economic Relief Program. It allows me to bring back both my part time staff and keep my store open. The grant has gifted me a huge sigh of relief after being closed for the 2 months which usually kicks off the tourist season. I am very grateful for your program and how the city is being here for the local businesses in Lincoln City during this interesting time.

Again, I am truly grateful for your support which has given me comfort in staying open and rehiring my staff back. I feel this is a win win for all of us.

May the Goddess of Happiness be with you

Claire Hagen
Sapphire Center
[REDACTED]

Ronald Chandler

From: David Jamieson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Roads End, July 4th Holiday Weekend Fireworks, ideas ...

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

First I'd like to extend a thank you for your ongoing work regarding the extremely challenging issue of illegal fireworks. I was involved in at least one of the fireworks committee meetings that City Manager Ron Chandler hosted. I appreciate the open dialog and search for solutions.

I'd also like to express my gratitude to the Lincoln City Police Department for their ongoing efforts to reduce the severity of illegal fireworks by stationing an ATV in Roads End, bringing in officers from Toledo and confiscating (and ticketing) illegal fireworks from "bad actors."

Sadly, while the LCPD did everything they could (prior to being called away by the Inn at Spanish Head nightmare) they are over-matched by the sheer volume of activity. It's a serious game of "whack a mole." The LCPD force would have to grow 10 or 20 fold to effectively manage the illegal activity both on the beach and in the neighborhoods. That is very unlikely to happen.

I think it's come to the point where three things must happen:

1. Some concerted effort to address the source of illegal fireworks in Oregon, WA State and Idaho in particular. How does the general public get its hands on commercial grade skyrockets, explosives, and other similar products. Those should only be sold to licensed people/companies for the purpose of holding legal fireworks shows like at Taft, Devil's Lake, etc. There is a supply chain at work and it needs disrupting!
2. A re-thinking of (legal) Oregon fireworks in Lincoln City - I'd support a community event held at a safe location where people could bring their kids and set off Oregon approved fireworks. Make it a community event (given Coronavirus abates or course). Remove them from the neighborhoods entirely. This would only be somewhat effective of course but would set the tone for ...
3. A zero tolerance for fireworks in Lincoln City neighborhoods and on the beach. With some form of pre-printed ticket the police can quickly hand out to offenders coupled with taking a cell phone snapshot of their ID. And confiscating everything of course. But they must be able to move faster ... not spending 20 minutes with each offender. Take a picture of their ID, hand them a ticket, take the fireworks away. On a sliding scale of "egregiousness" of course for practical purposes

I understand that like a long freight train, slowing this down (let alone stopping it altogether), takes time. I also understand the importance of tourism to LC's revenue stream. But healthy tourism does NOT equal illegal activity. And that's what we have now ... a reputation as a good place to go to set off illegal fireworks over the holiday.

Thanks for reading.

Best,

David Jamieson



"Stay Home, Save Lives"

Ronald Chandler

From: Russell Karow [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Diana Hinton; Russell Karow
Subject: ideas on dealing with illegal fireworks

Lincoln City Council Members and Staff Regarding illegal fireworks on the beach in Roads End

- To truly address the issue of illegal fireworks use in Lincoln City, we need to change culture. To do this, we need enforcement. Education about the law is not working.
- The act of enforcement directly on the beach does not work and likely cannot realistically be made to work.
- Sporting events can check bags for not allowed items; concert goers can be screened for contraband; those entering a government building can be asked to pass a security check. There must be regulations that allows for authorized personnel to check for illegal items prior to entry to public facilities and events. Who has the authority to grant permission for such?
- If permission can be obtained, for a year or two, hire security guards (we do not think it is appropriate or safe for citizens to do this) to check people entering the beach. Have signage up and down the roads leading to each entry that bags will be checked and illegal materials confiscated. There should be no confusion about expectations. The Roads End Improvement Association could be asked to cost share with the city on this experiment and we think would agree to do so. Roads End is a logical place to experiment as beach access could be fairly easily controlled.
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- People with illegal materials could still directly enter the beach from homes with access, but enforcement on the beach should be simplified.
- In a two to three-year period, the message should get out that Roads End is not a place to set of illegal fireworks – culture change. If this process proves workable in Roads End, it could be used in other areas of the community.

Another idea is to research how other beach communities are dealing with illegal fireworks. We cannot be alone in dealing with this issue.

Albert Einstein said, “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” It seems time to try something different.

Respectfully,
Russ and Marla Karow
Second home owners in Roads End for 20 years

Ronald Chandler

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Ronald Chandler; Jerry Palmer
Subject: Monday July 13 City Council session

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Respectfully,

Cindy Thompson
Elaine Walsh
Lincoln City, OR

Ronald Chandler

From: Nikki Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Officer Gregg

We had a lovely young woman come to our door on Friday having left an abusive relationship. She needed a place to stay and because of my husbands immune issues I was not able to accommodate her so I called the shelter, full so I called the back line of the police department to see if they had any ideas. She wanted to talk with them and asked that an officer come. Officer Rigg came and spoke to her gave her a hug and drove her to lodging. I want To commend him for his kindness.

Nikki and Richard Hayes

Sent from my iPhone

Ronald Chandler

From: Annette Guido [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Public Comment; Dick Anderson; Ronald Chandler; Diana Hinton; Riley Hoagland; Diane Kusz; Judy Casper; Rick Mark; Mitch Parsons
Subject: fireworks concerns

Dear Mayor Anderson, City Councilors and City Manager Chandler,

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I look forward to hearing some creative thinking and effective actions from all of you and from our police chief and officers addressing this risky behavior and stand ready to support and assist in any way possible.

Thanks,
Annette Guido, MD
[REDACTED]

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Illegal Fireworks
Attachments: Fireworks.docx

-----Original Message-----

From: Patti Kroen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Ronald Chandler <rhandler@lincolncity.org>; Dick Anderson <anderson@lincolncity.org>; Diana Hinton <dhinton@lincolncity.org>; Riley Hoagland <rhoagland@lincolncity.org>; Judy Casper <jcasper@lincolncity.org>; Mitch Parsons <mparsons@lincolncity.org>; Diane Kusz <dkusz@lincolncity.org>; Rick Mark <rmark@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Illegal Fireworks

Greetings,

Thanks in advance for taking the time to read our letter in preparation for your discussion at Monday's council meeting.

Cheers, Patti and Paul Kroen

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Do not mistake activity for achievement.
John Wooden

To: Ron Chandler, Mayor Anderson, City Councilors, and Chief Palmer

RE: Annual Illegal Fireworks in Roads End

11 July 2020

Greetings:

Once again, our neighborhood was turned into a dangerous war zone for many hours on several nights over the 4th of July weekend. In fact, we had another display of illegal fireworks set off at 2:00am the morning of Saturday July 11th, marking a full week of such activity. We recall our City Manager indicating that education was one of the fundamental approaches the city would take to curb illegal fireworks activity in the city and we had hoped that the new signs installed at each beach entrance, along with the additional signs placed at various locations in the neighborhood, would educate visitors. Unfortunately, our true expectations were met when it proved to be wholly ineffective at lessening the illegal activity. I believe we have now firmly established a culture in this community where illegal fireworks are tolerated and the lawless visitors feel no threat of consequences for their actions.

Our neighborhood was absolutely packed with tourists. We called in several instances where VRD capacity was well over the licensed number allowed, with extra cars parked blocking streets and driveways of permanent residents. We watched revelers pack up their explosives and head to the beach. Once on the beach in the dark, it becomes almost impossible for the police to catch these folks in the act. Even from our elevated vantage point, it is difficult to identify where on the beach the rockets are originating. We felt the frustration that the police must have been feeling.

However, we did witness illegal activity that we could pinpoint. In the VRD directly across the street from our home, the visitors decided it would be a good idea to light commercial-grade fireworks from the home's old wooden deck. When the police responded to our call, we watched from our window as the officer talked to the individual but did not bother to go see where he was shooting them from, nor issue any sort of ticket. Once the officer left, they waited 30 minutes and resumed their activities. By this time, the incident at Spanish Head had drawn several of the officers from our neighborhood and no one came back to see them again. We did not call the police back, understanding the futility of such an exercise. The police were simply overwhelmed and unable to stop the mayhem. Numerous calls to the management company went unanswered.

We live in a dangerous natural environment and along with tsunami and earthquake hazards, fire is a huge issue for this neighborhood. I believe we were lucky this year that a fire was not started or property damaged. But it is only a matter of time. In addition to the illegal fireworks rocketing from the deck of the VRD, one family decided to light an entire family pack of legal fireworks (fountains, etc.) in the grass of a vacant lot behind our house. If this year was as dry as last year, we would have had a grass fire.

So, here are our suggestions for next year:

1. Ban the sale of all fireworks (legal and otherwise) in the city. Emphasize the negative impacts to wildlife, forest habitats, veterans with PTSD, wildfire hazards, our beaches and the protected ocean environment.
2. Close the beaches at dusk on July 4th until 7am July 5th. Ticket anyone found on the beach during that closure. This would make it easier for the police – if you are on the beach, it results in a ticket.
3. Hold the VRD management companies and owners responsible for illegal behavior in their rentals. First offense earns a fine, second offense and you lose your license. This goes for not only illegal fireworks but occupancy violations, excess illegally parked cars, and noise violations.
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5. Since the city is so dependent on tourism and those tourists are primarily staying in VRDs, re-direct some money to hire and maintain adequate city staff to oversee the VRDs. Current staffing is simply not adequate to appropriately deal with the myriad of issues associated with absentee owners and Internet-based management. Relying on resident neighbors to monitor behavior and report violations is not fair to the residents of our city and transfers responsibilities from the management companies and owners to our residents. Given the absentee nature of VRD management via Internet, this is simply unfair and clearly not working.

It is unfortunate that we now live in an environment where disrespect for each other and the law has become commonplace. Lincoln City has quickly earned a reputation as the place to go if you want to behave however you want without consequences. The incident at Spanish Head and the fact that these individuals were not new to our city drives that point home and drives the type of tourist we want away. We understand the city depends on tourism but we think it is time we ask ourselves exactly which tourists we want to encourage to come here and we proactively seek ways to make that happen.

Thanks,

Patti and Paul Kroen

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Public Comment; City Council
Subject: RE: Monday July 13 City Council session

Dear Cindy and Elaine:

Thank you for your email. I'm forwarding it to the City Council and will make sure that it is added to the record for tonight's meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Ron Chandler
CITY MANAGER

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@lincolncity.org>
Cc: Ronald Chandler <rchandler@lincolncity.org>; Jerry Palmer <jpalmer@lincolncity.org>
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Cindy Thompson
Elaine Walsh
Lincoln City, OR

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Janet Knipe; Dick Anderson; Diana Hinton; Mitch Parsons; Diane Kusz; Judy Casper; Rick Mark; Riley Hoagland; Jerry Palmer; Randy Weaver
Cc: Public Comment
Subject: RE: Monday, July 13 City Council Fireworks Discussion

Dear Janet:

Thank you for your email. I will make sure this included in the record during tonight's meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Ron Chandler
CITY MANAGER

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From: Janet Knipe [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Dick Anderson <anderson@lincolncity.org>; Diana Hinton <dhinton@lincolncity.org>; Mitch Parsons <mparsons@lincolncity.org>; Diane Kusz <dkusz@lincolncity.org>; Judy Casper <jcasper@lincolncity.org>; Rick Mark <rmark@lincolncity.org>; Riley Hoagland <rhoagland@lincolncity.org>; Ronald Chandler <rchandler@lincolncity.org>; Jerry Palmer <jpalmer@lincolncity.org>; Randy Weaver <rweaver@lincolncity.org>
Subject: Monday, July 13 City Council Fireworks Discussion

July 12, 2020

Dear Mayor Anderson, Members of the City Council, City Manager Chandler, Police Chief Palmer and Sgt. Weaver:

On July 11, the Roads End Improvement Association (REIA) held our July membership meeting which was attended by 29 people. After the business portion of the meeting, we had an open forum about our members' experiences over the last week regarding fireworks in Roads End. We felt that as a neighborhood association we needed to give our members an opportunity to have their voices heard and to share their feedback with Lincoln City officials.

Our community continues to be very frustrated by what we unanimously thought was an out of control situation with fireworks on the beaches and the neighborhood. We appreciate the deployment of additional officers and ATVs, but they were again overmatched, especially when most were called away to deal with the horrific incident at the Inn at

Spanish Head. But even without that, this year's approach was not working. Quoted below is a sampling of the comments made on the fireworks disaster:

Overarching comments:

- "It was a war zone all week including and through 2:00 am this morning."
- "It was the worst I've experienced in 15 years."
- "It was a war zone. I can see some fireworks until 10 pm, but after that, it's unacceptable."
- "I've called the police every night for the last 6 nights and know the police are overwhelmed with calls. There is now a lawless culture with groups of people coming here thinking they can do anything they want and nothing will happen to them."
- "The change between this year and two years ago was like night and day and this is just unacceptable."
- "The noise was overwhelming."
- "Can supply chain for fireworks be disrupted? Those who are buying are not part of our community."
- "There are fire and safety issues – there were commercial grade fireworks being set off of a deck on 70th."

Public Education Campaign:

- "We participated in the fireworks committee convened by City Manager Ron Chandler and it is clear now that the education campaign has not worked. It is not an education issue – these people come here with the intention to shoot off fireworks."
- "REIA put out 6 additional signs about illegal fireworks produced by the city and they did not work. In fact, one was stolen from the corner of Port Lane and Logan Road."
- "I saw people walking right by these signs carrying their fireworks to the beach."
- "Even if we were doing more education, the people ignored it."

Police Presence:

- "They police cannot manage this situation."
- "The police seemed frantic. They need to rethink their approach- they must step up with a new direction."
- "We need to look at ideas of enforcement – it is scary for people if police departments cannot enforce the laws."
- "Enforcement has been lax."
- "How many citations were issued? How many pounds of fireworks were confiscated?"
- "What would encourage better enforcement?"

VRDs:

- "Do all of the VRDs have an understanding of the noise ordinances in the city? The city has the right to renew or deny all of the VRD licenses; we should petition the city to not renew or fine them."
- "There is such a rudeness and arrogance with the renters we have come in contact with this summer. They seem unconcerned and like they don't know that people live here. Reaching out to the VRD community is essential."
- "Some VRDers are fine, others are "bad actors" have no respect for the neighborhood."
- "The onus of responsibility is on VRD ownership and management and they have not been receptive in the past. We need to identify which – and where the VRDs are and there need to be consequences for them. They need to know they are not seen in a positive light and that they will/can attract a different kind of renter."

Possible Solutions

- "There should be an extra notice in the VRD materials explaining that fireworks are illegal."
- "Require VRD owners to post in their dwelling and on their webpages for Roads End houses that fireworks are not allowed and the illegal fireworks will be confiscated or fines issued."

- “Send all of the VRD owners a notice that the problems with fireworks have gotten to such a bad point; give them a warning; if problems persist the following year, they should be told they will not be able to rent.”
- “Work with the Governor and Oregon State Parks and close the beach from 7 pm – 7 am on July 4-5th.”
- “Close all of the parking lots and beach access points like they were earlier during sheltering in place”.
- “Control/stop sales of all fireworks (legal/illegal).”
- “The police could issue a pre-printed ticket.”
- “Change the court system so violators can just be given a ticket, so the police don’t need to show up in court.”
- “We need to reach out to second home owners about their guests.”
- “We need to have someone at each access point and large signs in VRDs telling them about fines for fireworks.”
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Our members feel strongly that we need to change the culture that now exists in Lincoln City and specifically Roads End with respect to fireworks. Individual police officers, regardless of how determined, cannot fight the overwhelming number of violators. To change the culture, you must have enforcement. With proper enforcement, in a year or two, the message should get out that Roads End is not a place to set off illegal fireworks. This situation is only getting worse and we implore city officials to use this citizen input to craft a different strategy going forward and we would be happy to help. Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Knipe, President

Roads End Improvement Association

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Janet Knipe

12 July 2020

RE: Illegal Fireworks Roads End July 2020

I am addressing each of you in hopes at least one of you will read this message.

Clearly this year was the worst ever for illegal fireworks at 69th and Logan Road, from July 2 to July 11th.

We expected July 4th to be loud with celebrations, but certainly not 2 nights before and 7 nights after. Based on the number of out-of-state license plates on Logan Road and the streets off that corridor, one could hazard a guess that non-Oregonians contributed significantly to this problem.

Could policing the beach accesses detect and confiscate any fireworks before they actually reach the beach.

Judith and William Flynn
Homeowners

Ronald Chandler

From: Ronald Chandler
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Annette Guido; Public Comment; Dick Anderson; Diana Hinton; Riley Hoagland; Diane Kusz; Judy Casper; Rick Mark; Mitch Parsons
Cc: Public Comment
Subject: RE: fireworks concerns

Dear Mrs. Guido:

Thank you for your email. The City Council will discuss the July 4th events and the fireworks. You can access tonight's meeting through the City's web page at www.lincolncity.org or on channel 4 on Spectrum. I'll make sure your comments are added to the record for tonight's meeting.

Sincerely yours,
Ron Chandler

-----Original Message-----

From: Annette Guido [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@lincolncity.org>; Dick Anderson <anderson@lincolncity.org>; Ronald Chandler <rchandler@lincolncity.org>; Diana Hinton <dhinton@lincolncity.org>; Riley Hoagland <rhoagland@lincolncity.org>; Diane Kusz <dkusz@lincolncity.org>; Judy Casper <jcasper@lincolncity.org>; Rick Mark <rmark@lincolncity.org>; Mitch Parsons <mparsons@lincolncity.org>
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Annette Guido, MD



Ronald Chandler

From: Jill Townsend [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Mitch Parsons; Diana Hinton; Rick Mark; Ronald Chandler; Dick Anderson; Riley Hoagland; Judy Casper; Diane Kusz
Subject: A proposed solution to the problem of illegal fireworks in Lincoln City

Fireworks are a problem in Lincoln City, not only on the 4th of July, but many nights throughout the summer and even in the winter. It sounds like bombs are going off all around us and the explosions terrify dogs and birds and animals as well as people. This year was the worst it has ever been - practically non stop sound of explosions for hours several nights in a row.

Today, July 12th, the beach was covered with trash - candy wrappers, drink containers, and spent fireworks. We picked up 3 bags of trash near just one beach access.

I have a suggestion to prevent fireworks in our town:

Assess a fee to all short term rentals - VRDs and hotels and motels and camp grounds - a fee sufficient to hire enough enforcement and bomb sniffing dogs to prevent illegal fireworks. Then have the enforcement and bomb sniffing dogs walk through neighborhoods and beaches to find and take the fireworks so that they don't go off.

Once the specially hired fireworks enforcers have identified the offenders the Lincoln City Police could choose to issue citations.

Sincerely,

Jill Townsend