

# Seaside budget approved as city looks to the future

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SEASIDE — Teamwork, strong revenues and a road construction project nearing completion led to unanimous approval of the Seaside budget at Seaside's City Council meeting Monday night.

The budget calls for expenditures of about \$18.7 million, an almost 20 percent reduction from this fiscal year's budget of almost \$23 million.

The decrease comes from the near completion of a North Holladay Drive reconstruction process as crews finish curbs and paving before power crews install underground utilities. Construction crews will vacate some areas by the July 4 holiday to accommodate parade visitors, Public Works Director Dale McDowell said, although the parade route has been altered because of the construction.

With North Holladay Drive renovations complete, the city could address other building needs, City Manager Mark Winstanley said after the meeting. These include construction of the Avenue U bridge and a proposed renovation of Holladay between First Avenue and Avenue A.

The city is in the design phase to replace the Avenue U Bridge, at an anticipated cost of about \$3.5 million.

"We'd love to get some money from the Oregon Department of Transportation to help us with that bridge," Winstanley said.

The next phase of the Holladay Drive renovation has yet to be scoped, but it is a much smaller area. "We expect that will be much more affordable,"

he said. "The North Holladay project was a huge project and we're not going to be doing anything like that for a few years."

If a proposed \$15 million Seaside Civic and Convention Center renovation is approved, the budget could be adjusted to get the project up and running before the end of this fiscal year, Winstanley said.

The city could also play a role in the development of a new Seaside High School campus, he added. If district voters approve a bond to relocate geographically at-risk schools, the city would need to provide water and sewer systems on the new site, proposed for an 80-acre parcel on a hillside immediately south of Seaside Heights Elementary School.

"We're not to that point," Winstanley said. "The school district needs to see if they can get out and get their levy passed, and if they do we will certainly be happy to work with them."

Because the city's revenue sources were good, he said, ending fund balances are up, "which is a good thing. We're not running quite as tight as we have in past years."

City personnel act as a team, councilors and staff said, in which everyone fills a particular role.

"We have very good department heads," Winstanley told councilors. "They all do an excellent job and we're very lucky to have them."

"Organizations really excel when all the right people are on the right seats in the bus and it's really running smoothly," Councilor Jay Barber added. "I give large credit to Mark for hiring the right people and supporting them, so good job."

# NW Natural says initiative will cause 2 percent rate hike

## Initiative could act like sales tax on consumers

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

Northwest Natural estimates it faces an \$11 million to \$14 million annual tax hike if a controversial corporate sales tax measure wins voter approval in November.

Recouping that cost would likely entail raising customers' natural gas utility rates by at least 2 percent, after five rate decreases in the last several years, a company spokeswoman said Friday.

The gas company's estimates follow an analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office in May that showed Initiative Petition 28 would act largely as a sales tax on consumers. A middle-income family could see an increase in costs of about \$600 per year, according to the report.

If passed, the measure would impose on certain corporations an additional 2.5 percent tax on sales greater than \$25 million in Oregon.

Revenue from Initiative Petition 28 could infuse state coffers with about \$3 billion a year, stabilizing the state bud-

get and growing public sector jobs by nearly 18,000 in the next five years.

Backers of the tax measure are pushing for that revenue to go toward education, senior services and health care.

Northwest Natural's estimates illustrate how the tax could impact businesses and consumers.

The Legislative Revenue Office estimated that the tax would "dampen" the economy by slowing job growth in the private sector by 38,200.

tomers in Oregon, now pays about \$6 million per year in state corporate taxes, said Melissa Moore, a company spokeswoman. Under IP 28, the company's corporate taxes could double or triple to up to \$20 million, Moore said.

The estimated 2-percent gas rate hike from the initiative petition accounts only for the additional cost in corporate taxes. Northwest Natural also anticipates additional indirect costs to its operations such as an increase in the

it's a regressive tax that will increase costs to our residential and business customers."

A Better Oregon, the union-backed nonprofit campaigning for the measure, said Northwest Natural's numbers are inaccurate.

"Northwest Natural paid only \$24,000 in state income taxes in 2014, a tiny percent of the \$100 million in profits it made that year," said Katherine Driessen, a spokeswoman for A Better Oregon. "So not only can the company pay more in taxes, it absolutely should."

She noted that the Oregon Public Utility Commission would have to approve any rate increases, and that Northwest Natural could deduct part of the state corporate tax from their federal taxes.

"This is yet another example of huge corporations using scare tactics to avoid funding our schools and critical services," she said.

The Public Utility Commission has to approve any utility rate hikes, but tax increases are one reason that the commission would consider granting a rate jump, said Michael Dougherty, PUC's chief operations officer.

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spokeswoman, A Better Oregon

Another report by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis found that the average company subject to the tax could see their corporate taxes skyrocket from \$200,000 to \$2.2 million per year.

Northwest Natural, which serves about 640,000 cus-

prices of pipes, valves, vehicles and insurance. Those costs could drive up rates further, Moore said.

"We support education and social services, but we don't see this as the way to do it," Moore said. "We are opposed to IP 28 because

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# TV LISTINGS

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TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING													JUNE 28			
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30			
2	KATU	2	KATU News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Black-ish	Uncle Buck (N)	Uncle Buck (N)	To Tell the Truth "Brooks Wheelan" (N)	KATU News at 11	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel			
5	KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Middle	Black-ish	Uncle Buck (N)	Uncle Buck (N)	To Tell the Truth "Brooks Wheelan" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel			
6	KING	5	NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Swimming Olympic Trials	America-Talent "Auditions" Variety acts of all types audition to win \$1 million. (N)	Zoo "The Day of the Beast" (SP) 1/2 (N)	Zoo "Caraque" Pt. 2 of 2 (N)	KIRO News	(:35) S. Colbert				
7	KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Lockdown"	Zoo "The Day of the Beast" (SP) 1/2 (N)	Zoo "Caraque" Pt. 2 of 2 (N)	KIRO News	(:35) S. Colbert					
9	KGW	3	KGW News at 6:00 p.m.	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "The Darkness and the Light"	Containment "A Time to be Born" (N)	KGW News at 10	(:35) Two 1/2 Men	(:05) Two 1/2 Men	(:35) King of Hill				
10	KOPB	10	Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Genealogy Roadsh "Los Angeles" (N)	Hotel Hell "Brick Hotel" (N)	The Greeks "The Good Strife" (N)	Frontline "Policing the Police" (N)	Independent Lens "Limited Partnership"						
12	KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News	Family Feud	Family Feud	Hotel Hell "Brick Hotel" (N)	Coupled "Chemistry Project" (N)	10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray						
13	KPDX	13	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Walking Dead "Coda"	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	Modern Family					
14	KCPQ	14	Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Hotel Hell "Brick Hotel" (N)	Coupled "Chemistry Project" (N)	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	Modern Family						
20	TBS	20	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends					
22	KZJO	22	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends			
29	ESPN	29	(5:00) NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament (L)			SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
30	ESPN2	30	SportsCenter		WNBA Basketball Dallas Wings at Los Angeles Sparks (L)		Game Shakers	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Jalen & Jacoby	NFL Live			
31	NICK	31	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends			
32	DISN	32	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Jessie	Austin & Ally	*** Meet the Robinsons (07) Angela Bassett.	(:40) Jessie	(:05) Stuck Middle	Liv and Maddie	Backstage	K.C. Undercover				
34	FAM	34	Guilt		Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	"Bedlam" (N)	Dead of Summer "Patience" (P) (N)	Guilt	The 700 Club						
35	FMC	35	(5:00) The Watch	(:55) *** The Watch	(2012, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jonah Hill.	Ben Stiller.	(:45) FXM Presents	*** Weekend at Bernie's (89) Andrew McCarthy.	McCarthy.	(:50) FXM Presents	Weekend at Bernie's Andrew McCarthy.					
36	LIFE	36	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms: Dance and Chat	Gold Medal Families (P) (N)	Gold Medal Families (N)	Gold Medal Families (N)	Dance Moms						
38	ROOT	38	Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)		Post-game	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Seattle Mariners								
39	FS1	39	Boxing Premier Champions (L)		Fox Sports Live	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Best I Heard (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports	Speak for Yourself					
43	SPIKE	43	Movie	*** Tommy Boy (1995, Comedy) David Spade, Bo Derek, Chris Farley.			I Am Chris Farley The life of comedian Chris Farley.				Tommy Boy (1995, Comedy) Chris Farley.					
44	COM	44	(:20) Futurama	(:50) Futurama	(:20) Futurama	(:50) Tosh.0	(:25) Tosh.0 "BK Chicken Fries"	(:55) Tosh.0	Tosh.0 (N)	Nikki Glaser (N)	The Daily Show (N)	Nightly Show (N)				
45	HIST	45	CountCars "Mo' Parts Mo' Problems"	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	CountCars 1/2	CountCars 2/2	Top Gear "Cuba" (N)	(:05) Counting Cars	(:35) Counting Cars	(:05) Counting Cars	(:35) Counting Cars				
46	A&E	46	The First 48	The First 48	"Caught in the Middle"	*** Taken (2008, Thriller) Famke Janssen, Leland Orser, Liam Neeson.		*** Walking Tall (04) Johnny Knoxville, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.								
47	TLC	47	My Giant Life "Tall Freak"	Little Peo. "Marriage Do's and Don'ts"	L.P. "Little People, Big Goals" (N)	Little People "Big Island or Bust!" (N)	My Giant Life (N)	Little People "Big Island or Bust!"								
48	DISC	48	Return of the Great White Serial Killer	The Return of the Monster Mako	Jaws of the "Sharktopedia Edition" (N)	Wrath of a Great (N)	Air Jaws: Night Stalker (N)	Shark Dark (N)	Wrath of a Great							
49	NGEO	49	Airport Security: Colombia	America's Wild Spaces	America's National Parks	Airport Security: Colombia	Airport Security: Colombia	Airport Security: Colombia	Airport Security: Colombia							
50	TNT	50	(4:00) Bad Boys II	*** National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Adventure) Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Nicolas Cage.			Animal Kingdom "Dead to Me" (N)	Law & Order "Burn Card"								
51	AMC	51	(4:00) Man on Fire Denzel Washington.	*** Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (2011, Action) Jude Law, Jared Harris, Robert Downey Jr..			Feed the Beast "Gimme a T" (N)	Feed the Beast "Gimme a T"								
52	USA	52	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Girl Dishonored"	Law&Order: SVU "Beast's Obsession"	Law&Order: SVU "Post-Mortem Blues"	Law&Order: SVU "Parent's Nightmare"	*** The Incredible Hulk (2008, Action) Liv Tyler, Tim Roth, Edward Norton.	"Chopped" Military Vets"								
53	FOOD	53	Chopped "For Sake's Sake"	Chopped "Walk on the Whelk Side"	Chopped Junior "The Big Stink" (N)	Chopped "Ready For Redemption"	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Fixer	Three Generations, One Fixer"						
54	HGTV	54	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper			
56	FX	56	(5:30) *** Rise of the Planet of the Apes (11) Andy Serkis, James Franco.	*** Avatar (2009, Fantasy) Sam Worthington, Giovanni Ribisi, Zoe Saldana.			CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report			
57	CNN	57	CNN Special Report	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly			
58	FNC	58	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly			
61	CNBC	61	Shark Tank	West Texas "The Golden Nuggets" (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			
63	BRAV	63	Below Deck "Who's Got Game?"	H.Wives "When the Ship Hits the Fan"	The Real Housewives	Below Deck: Mediterranean (N)	Below Deck: Mediterranean	WatchWhat (N)	Southern Charm							
64	TCM	64	(5:00) Parent Trap (61) Hayley Mills.	(:15) Band Concert   (:40) Clock Cleanse	Waking Sleeping Beauty	(:45) FlowersTrees	Old King Cole (/:15) Walt Disney	(:15) Hot Lead and Cold Feet Jim Dale.	(:15) The 13th: Part 2 (81) Amy Steel.							
65	SYFY	65	(5:00) Freddy vs. Jason Robert Englund.	The Mechanic (2011, Action) Ben Foster, A. Edward Sutherland, Jason Statham.			*** Faster (2010, Action) Billy Bob Thornton, Maggie Grace, Dwayne Johnson.									
162	RFD	162	(5:30) Cattlemen	American Harvest	Horse. "Rescue Horse Rehabilitation"	Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen	American Harvest	Product Showcase					

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