

**CITY OF SEADRIFT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
POTENTIALLY DEFUNDING  
MUNICIPAL POLICE AND/OR  
ABOLISHING THE MUNICIPAL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The City of Seadrift will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 4, 2023 beginning at 6:00PM in City Hall at 501 S. Main Street. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to seek public input and gauge the consensus on whether or not to defund the municipal police and/or abolish the municipal police department regarding numerous complainants suggesting that the city should defund and/or abolish the municipal police department and turn over the enforcement of law within the city to county and state law enforcement agencies.

Speakers will be required to sign up to speak and will be allowed to speak A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES – whether FOR or AGAINST the suggested defunding and/or abolishment of municipal police. Elected Public Officials whether City, County, State or Federal will be given priority to speak within the 3-minute allowance.

Individuals living within the City Limits and those that operate businesses within the City Limits and those that may have second homes within the City Limits but do not live in the City will also be given priority to speak in lieu of those living and operating businesses outside the City Limits. ONLY IF time permits those living outside the City Limits or operating businesses outside the city limits MAY be given an opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the defunding and/or abolishment.

The FOR and AGAINST comments will be considered by City Council at a future date for any further action – There will be no action taken in the Regular Council Meeting that will follow this Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be conducted in English.

The City of Seadrift will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending the public hearing. Requests from persons needing special accommodation such as for language interpreters, or requests for other special communication needs should be made at least 48 hours before the public hearing, not including Saturday/Sunday. Contact the City Secretary by coming in City Hall OR call (361)785-2251 for accommodation requests with the City Secretary.