

June 2, 2008
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Common Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Bain, Henning, Obteshka, Henson, Patrick, Bertuleit, and Sabanskas. Patrick arrived late

Staff attending was as follows: City Manager O'Neal, City Recorder Hawker, City Attorney Firestone, Community Development Director Bassingthwaite, Public Works Director Ritzman, Finance Director Riessbeck, and Police Chief Miranda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of minutes from the City Council work session and regular meeting of May 19, 2008;
- B. OLCC application for new outlet, Newport Café, 534 North Coast Highway.

MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Bertuleit, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bertuleit reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Airport Committee. He noted that there is more helicopter activity, and the committee discussed the impact on local residents and fly patterns. Bus lines, trails, shuttle, and parking were also discussed. He reported that the airport has a government contract for fueling federal government aircraft. The Connect Oregon II grant awards will be made at the end of this month. The committee will present a fuel requirement recommendation.

Patrick reported on South Beach Urban Renewal Task Force meeting. The group concurs that the district should be extended and is working on project phasing.

Obteshka reported on a recent meeting of the Library Board. Staff is attending conferences and training. There is a modest increase in library usage. The privacy and confidentiality policies are being updated, and the Summer Reading Club is underway.

Bain reported that he, Ritzman, and Allen Brown attended a recent CWACT meeting. There was an update on the Connect Oregon II grant process. The Highway 20 project has been restarted, and will be supervised by ODOT engineers rather than the contractor.

Bain reported that another successful Newport Marathon was held on Saturday, and that the Newport Cubs baseball team won the state 4A championship.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Report of the City Manager. O'Neal reported that an Urban Renewal Agency public hearing would be held on the budget at 7:00 P.M., on Monday, June 30, here in this room. It will be brief and amend the budget as approved.

O'Neal reported that concrete work is being done throughout the city. Some unnecessary curb cuts were closed on 9th Street, creating additional parking, and work is underway at the Nye Beach Turnaround.

O'Neal reported that the City Center Newport Association had been awarded an RBEG grant of \$7,000, from the USDA. It will be used for design of the pocket park at Highway 101 and Hurbert Street. He reported that CCNA is eligible for grant funding as a 501(c.) (3.) non-profit corporation.

Bassingthwaite requested Council consideration of a six-month extension to the TGM grant, beyond the expiration date of June 30, 2008. MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Bertuleit, to authorize staff to negotiate a six-month extension to the IGA with ODOT on the TGM grant. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Firestone noted that Council had previously discussed the fact that the city has had loan funds for low-income housing rehabilitation. He reported that the staff is recommending donating the accumulated proceeds to Community Housing Services. Staff will contact CSC regarding the development of a press release. MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Bertuleit, to authorize the transfer of monies and the authorization for an agreement. It was noted that the first round of money must be used in Newport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Huster addressed Council regarding his suggestion on the use of transient room tax revenue for events/activities to enhance tourism. He stated that his proposal does not conflict with anything that the DNC is doing. He noted that the intent is to try to find ways to appeal to a broader range of tourists through additional activities. He encouraged additional funds for groups and events, and suggested that there might be a number of willing volunteers to develop activities or events. It was suggested that these events should be designed to keep people here for more than one night, and be multi-day or evening activities. Bain suggested forwarding this suggestion to the DNC. Obteshka noted that he sees this as separate from the DNC and Chamber of Commerce. O'Neal reported that this idea requires a look from the policy perspective, for if it designed for three neighborhood groups, what would prevent the jazz group, for example, from asking for funding, or the Chamber for the Seafood and Wine Festival, or SeaFest, or Loyalty Days. O'Neal suggested asking the DNC to look at a process to determine what structure could be put in place. If another committee were established, it would have to work with the DNC for appropriate advertising. He noted that the Council could spend a lot of time deciding who is worthy of the money. Bain recommended that it be forwarded through staff to the DNC for evaluation. MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Bertuleit, to forward Huster's recommendation to the DNC for recommendations. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Lon Brusselback stated that he applauds Don Huster for thinking outside the box. He recommended letting the creative minds in those neighborhoods take a stab at it. He noted that on the positive side is that the City Council not letting loose of reins, but would still have control over the money, and could always deny or recommend improvements to a proposal. O'Neal noted that staff would obtain examples through professional listservs.

Eileen Obtshka agreed with Huster's comments. She noted that some of these issues arose from the event banner hanging fees. She added that in addition to staging more events, failure to place signs/banners on poles is a wasted opportunity. It was suggested that the Nye Beach Merchants want more events. She recommended that the event finances be handled by the city, noting that it would help businesses by bringing more events here.

Mayor's Report. Bain reported that an application for the Planning Commission had been included in the packet. Patrick inquired as to whether it was in the electronic packet.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of requests regarding the 2008 Nye Beach Clambake and Seafood Barbeque. O'Neal reported that the packet contains a request from Eileen Obtshka for city cooperation with the Nye Beach Clambake and Seafood Barbeque to be held on July 5. MOTION was made by Henning, seconded by Sabanskas, to approve the request from the Nye Beach Merchant's Association for the placement of three slider board signs at the "Welcome to Newport" signs, closure of the Nye Beach turnaround parking lot during the event, 15 street barricades provided by the city, and the closure of two parking spaces on the northeast corner of the turnaround parking lot. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Resolution No. 3440 approving a DLCD Coastal Grant for fiscal year 08-09. MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Henning, to adopt Resolution No. 3440, as presented. Bassingthwaite reported that his has been done annually, but this is the first year that formal approval from the Council has been required. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 1959 - Revisions to Chapter 9.10 of the Newport Municipal Code – Work in Right-of-Way, and Chapter 9.14 – Encroachment Permits. Firestone explained the revisions to the Municipal Code. He reported that any work done in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way or encroachment permit. MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Patrick, to read Ordinance No. 1959 by title only and place for final passage. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. Voting aye on the adoption of Ordinance No. 1959 were Bertuleit, Obtshka, Henning, Henson, Patrick, Sabanskas, and Bain.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete McKeeman, CCNA president, voiced support for Don Huster's proposal. He noted that there are many ideas that could bring people here, and all these events/groups

could use seed money. He reported that the USDA RBEG grant for design of the pocket park at Highway 101 and Hurbert Street was approved.

It was noted that this matter would be brought to the Council at the first meeting in July.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

It was reported that the Recycling Report had been received, and the city was found to comply with all requirements.

Bain reported that he had received an invitation to a demobilization ceremony from the Oregon National Guard. It will be held on June 11, at 2:00 P.M., at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Albany. Pat Dodson, a city employee, will be returning from his second tour in Iraq.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

William D. Bain, Mayor