

October 20, 2008
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Bain, Obteshka, Henson, Kilbride, Patrick, Sabanskas, and Bertuleit were present.

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

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Bain introduced members of Boy Scout Troop 62 who were working on their citizenship badge.

Presentation by Caroline Bauman on the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County and long range planning. Caroline Bauman, executive director of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, presented the group's long-range plan. She reported the twelve goals of the Alliance, and noted that she will be visiting with all the communities in Lincoln County.

Presentation of Life Saving Award to Sergeant Tom Simpson. Lieutenant Teem presented a life saving award to Sergeant Tom Simpson.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of minutes of the executive session, work session, and regular meeting of October 6, 2008;
- B. Police and Fire Department monthly reports;
- C. Report of accounts paid for September 2008.

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

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Kilbride reported that he had participated in the CERT training last week and learned how to assist people into the Coast Guard helicopters. He noted that the next CERT training session begins October 28, and he urged people to become involved in this program.

Bertuleit reported on a recent meeting of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee. The committee received updates on grant projects, including the pedestrian tunnel at the north end of the city, and the sidewalk by the Coast Guard station. The committee discussed crosswalks and signage for bike paths. He noted that there is a vacancy on this committee.

Patrick reported that she had attended a reception to meet the finalists for the position of director of the Visual Arts Center.

Obtshka reported that he had attended a recent OCZMA meeting. Issues discussed included marine reserves; ocean mapping discussed, and wind power.

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Obtshka reported that the Senior Activity Center had applied for grant funding from the Spirit Mountain Casino and CDBG. If these grants are approved, the proposed center renovations could be funded without city money. The committee discussed the 2009 trips, free art classes, and the Brain Train event. He noted that there are two vacancies on the committee. He reported that there is new lighting outside the center. He suggested the city look at solar powered bollards with motion sensors for energy conservation.

Henson reported that he had represented the city at Project Homeless Connect. He noted that police and library staff also participated at this function.

Henson commended Bain for bringing the Boy Scouts to the dais to sit behind the City Council. The participating scouts included: Aaron Aronson, Kevin Morgan, Trevor Holley, Tyler Holley, and Christian Jessey.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Report of the Mayor. Bain reported that several city representatives had attended a City Hall Day roundtable during City Hall Week. He noted that the purpose of the meeting was to inform and encourage legislators to understand the priorities of the League of Oregon Cities. He reported that the LOC's top three legislative priorities are ethics reform, transportation, and infrastructure.

Bain announced a vacancy on the Airport Committee, and two vacancies on the Senior Center Advisory Committee. He asked that staff prepare a press release regarding the vacancies. Bain appointed Lori Mackey to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee. MOTION was made by Patrick, seconded by Bertuleit, to ratify the Mayor's appointment. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Report of the City Manager. O'Neal reported that the city's newly-developed beach monitoring brochure will be distributed to the Greater Newport Lodging Association, city hall, library, recreation center, senior center, and Chamber of Commerce. He noted that this brochure is specific to Newport.

O'Neal reminded Council that a reception will be held on October 30, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, to meet candidates for the position of Library Director.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of request and presentation from John Lupton regarding lighting at the Recreation Center. John Lupton and Bud Shoemake addressed Council regarding the lighting in the gyms at the recreation center. They noted that it is inadequate and discussed testing that they had conducted. They requested Council support in remedying the situation.

A discussion ensued regarding funding, tax credits, and energy audits. O'Neal reported that staff is looking at a city-wide energy audit, and that this issue could be included in that audit. He noted that staff would obtain information regarding the audit, and include funding for this project, along with lighting upgrades in the next budget.

BREAK

Bain declared a two minute break. Nathan Miller, another scout with Troop 62 was introduced as a Scout who just arrived.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Identity Theft Prevention Program/Red Flag Rules. O'Neal explained the policy and the requirement to adopt the policy, noting that it covers the requirements for local identification theft protection pursuant to state and federal requirements. He recommended Council approval. Firestone noted that the governing body has to take action to adopt the policy, but the policy can be amended in the future by the staff, and he recommended Council allow this so that response could be made quickly if necessary. MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Patrick, to adopt the identity theft prevention policy as presented, and allowing updates to the policy to be made by staff. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Consideration of type and date of hearing before the City Council on the appeal of a Planning Commission decision on File No. 2-CUP-08-A filed by Dave and Toby Graham, applicants. Bassingthwaite reported that letters had been received from the Graham's and Norman Bishop. He noted that the issues are to decide whether to hold an on the record or de novo hearing, and the date of the hearing. A discussion ensued regarding the type of hearing to hold. Henson noted that he leans toward holding an on the record hearing. Bassingthwaite noted that the applicant has said the he would like to present new evidence. Kilbride noted that he feels that in this particular appeal, the facts have been heard by Bassingthwaite individually, and he turned them down, so they appealed to the Planning Commission, and was denied by a 4-3 vote. He noted that when he reads through the comments in the packet, he does not see any particular reason to listen to this again. He stated that he thinks the hearing should be on the record and decided based on that. Bassingthwaite noted that the hearing could be held on December 1, and Council could consider the final order at the meeting of December 15. MOTION was made by Sabanskas, seconded by Patrick, to hold an on the record hearing on December 1, and consider the final order on December 15. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Further discussion of city-owned Bayfront properties. Firestone reported that there is a memo in the packet that explains options for these properties. He noted that Council could consider selling the properties; negotiating a lease for the properties; or maintaining the status quo. A discussion ensued regarding the appraised value of the properties. Obteshka noted that his preference would be a long-term lease or a land swap. Patrick agreed. Sabanskas suggested a possible sale of the number one property, and renting the number two property. MOTION was made by Patrick, seconded by Sabanskas, to direct staff to move forward on formalizing the lease for those properties. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

William D. Bain, Mayor