

April 20, 2009
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, Kilbride, Patrick, Obteshka, McConnell, and Bertuleit were present. Brusselback was excused.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation – Field of Honor and Medal Ceremonies 2009. Bain proclaimed the week of April 29 – May 3, 2009, as a week of celebration in honor of our veterans. Linda Kilbride accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation – Older Americans Month – May 2009. Bain proclaimed the month of May, 2009 as Older Americans Month in the City of Newport. Brad Nudd spoke on behalf of older Americans and offered suggestions that would aid senior citizens, including white paint on the Bayfront crosswalks.

Proclamation – Youth Week – May 2009. Bain proclaimed the first week in May as Elks National Youth Week in Newport.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of City Council minutes from the work session, executive session, and regular meeting of April 6, 2009, and special meeting and executive session of April 13, 2009.
- B. Fire and Police Department monthly reports for March 2009.
- C. Listing of Claims paid for March 2009.

MOTION was made by Patrick, seconded by McConnell, to approve the consent calendar to include the minutes amended at the noon work session. The motion carried in a voice vote with Kilbride abstaining from voting on the minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting, as he was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Wave energy and ocean planning presentation by David Allen, Ocean Policy Advisory Council and Kaety Hildenbrand, Oregon SeaGrant. Allen distributed a roster of the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council, and a copy of Executive Order No. 08-07. He updated Council on wave energy and ocean planning activities. Hildenbrand updated Council on SeaGrant activities. They requested Council provide input on important issues and draft a letter containing same.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Kilbride reported on a recent meeting of the Library Foundation, where the speaker was the granddaughter of the author of "Stubborn Twig."

Bertuleit reported on a recent meeting of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee. Issues discussed included the sidewalk in South Beach, ten locations for bike route signs, and the status of bicycle path signs from the state.

McConnell reported on a recent meeting of the Destination Newport Committee. The media plan for next year was discussed, including outdoor signage and print media. Patrick asked whether SeaPort has contacted Grady Britton regarding marketing. It was reported that the next Air Consortium meeting would be held on April 30 @ 9:30 A.M., and SeaPort's marketing plan is on the agenda. Patrick asked whether SeaPort would report on the sustainability of the service.

Obtshka reported that he had attended Schrader's town hall meeting.

Obtshka reported on the Ernest Bloch birthday celebration. The current owner of the Bloch house has agreed to rent the facility for the celebration.

Obtshka reported on a recent meeting of the Library Board. He reviewed Library programming and statistics.

Obtshka reported that he had accepted an appointment to the Lincoln County Sustainability Committee. He noted that Lincoln City representatives had made a presentation regarding carbon neutrality.

Obtshka reported on a recent meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee. Issues discussed included the establishment of building use fees, a recently obtained energy efficient lighting grant; the Older Americans Month luncheon on May 5; and field trips.

Firestone reported on a recent meeting of the Georgia-Pacific task force. The task force reviewed the draft agreement, except for big issues. There are two meetings left, and the April 29 meeting will include presentations by the economist from EcoNW, and the appraiser. A wrap-up meeting will be held on May 13, where the group will work on developing a recommendation for Council consideration.

Proclamation – Earth Day. Bain proclaimed Wednesday, April 22, 2009, as Earth Day in the City of Newport.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Nudd, representing the Committee of 88, read a proclamation, regarding the anchor of the saints.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1978 amending the Comprehensive Plan Public Facilities Section and adopting a 2008 Water System Master Plan from File 1-CP-09. Bassingthwaite reviewed Ordinance No. 1978. MOTION was made by Patrick, seconded by McConnell, to read Ordinance No. 1978, amending Ordinance No. 1621 (as amended) of the City of Newport, Oregon, to amend the Public Facilities Section of the City of Newport Comprehensive Plan: 1990-2010, by title only, and place for final passage. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. Shaddox read the title of Ordinance No. 1978. Voting aye on the adoption of Ordinance No. 1978 were Bertuleit, Bain, Patrick, Obteshka, Kilbride, and McConnell.

Consideration of Resolution No. 3464 adjusting system development charges. Bassingthwaite explained Resolution No. 3464. MOTION was made by McConnell, seconded by Bertuleit, to adopt Resolution No. 3464 establishing the current Water SDC at \$1,632 per EDU. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Report by solid waste franchisee, Thompson's Sanitary, and consideration of request for solid waste fee adjustment. Rob Thompson and Ken Riley presented the annual report and rate study of Thompson's Sanitary. They responded to Council questions. MOTION was made by Kilbride, seconded by Obteshka, to adopt Resolution No. 3465, amending the rates to be charged for solid waste collection. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. MOTION was made by McConnell, seconded by Kilbride to require Thompson's Sanitary Service to submit a mid-year report to the city addressing whether the operating ratio is anticipated to be within the operating ratio range of 85% to 91%. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Nye Beach Merchants Association – Special Events Fee Waiver application – Clam Bake. Obteshka reported that he is active in the Nye Beach Merchants Association., but that he would not receive any direct benefit from this application if approved. Firestone reported that there is an explicit exemption for charitable organizations, and that a public official can participate in decisions that would benefit a charitable organization. Eileen Obteshka appeared on behalf of the NBMA request. She requested a fee waiver for the use of 15 street barricades, and the placement of three slider boards in the “Welcome to Newport” signs. She reported that NBMA may request a tourism promotion grant for this event. MOTION was made by McConnell, seconded by Bertuleit, to approve the special event fee waiver request for the Newport Clam Bake and Seafood Barbecue. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

City Center Newport Association – Tourism Grant application – Art Deco August. Pete McKeeman appeared on behalf of the request. A discussion ensued regarding marketing and tracking participation. MOTION was made by Obteshka, seconded by McConnell, to approve the tourism marketing grant fund application, submitted by the City Center Newport Association, Inc., for assistance with staging and marketing a month-long Art Deco event, in the amount of \$7,500. The motion carried in a voice vote with Kilbride voting no.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Report of the City Manager. Miranda briefed Council on a state-wide emergency planning effort. He reported that a state-wide disaster drill will be held at the end of this week and next week. The hospital will also be holding a drill on April 28 at the Armory.

Shaddox noted that the Thompson Sanitary annual presentation is a good way to ensure that users are not hit with big jumps. He noted that Council asked exactly the right questions on equipment.

Shaddox noted that the parks SDC's are lower than possible, and he will be asking Council for a policy decision on this. Bassingthwaite noted that SDC's are driven by projects.

Report of the City Attorney. Firestone reported that the Oregon State Police took action relating to gaming tables in the city. He added that the state police had advised him and O'Neal, some months ago, that they were looking at some social gaming related issues in the city, but that he had expected to be contacted before the state took action. That communication did not occur, and some of the gaming tables are temporarily out of service. Additional information will be provided when it is available.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

William D. Bain, Mayor