

April 20, 2015  
5:30 P.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met in a work session on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Allen, Sawyer, Engler, Saelens, Busby, and Roumagoux were present.

Staff present was Acting City Manager (Library Director) Smith and City Recorder Hawker, Municipal Judge Pridgeon, and Court Clerk Breves.

MOTION was made by Saelens, seconded by Allen, to excuse Councilor Swanson and City Manager Nebel from tonight's meetings. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

### **REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE JEFFREY PRIDGEON**

Municipal Court Judge, Jeffrey Pridgeon, updated Council on the activities of the Municipal Court over the past year. Allen asked whether nuisance abatement, such as demolition of buildings, should be the jurisdiction of the circuit court rather than the municipal court. Pridgeon noted that the circuit court would have to have its own set of procedures for handling these issues, and that the city already has procedures in its ordinances. He added that the ordinances need to be updated to allow defendants more notice and ability to participate. Pridgeon also noted that Ordinance No. 1964 authorizes the city to enforce parking in lots owned by the Port of Newport and other jurisdictions. He added that there is no onus on the other governmental entity to provide adequate signage at those lots. He stated that the issue is being handled by the Police Department. Pridgeon also discussed the handling of violations for parking in "wheel chair only" parking spots. Breves reviewed the current and proposed court software.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

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Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor