

April 3, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ROLL CALL

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

Staff in attendance was Spencer Nebel, City Manager; Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director; Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director; Library Director Smith, and Jason Malloy, Interim Police Chief.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council, staff, and the audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Roumagoux requested that the agenda be amended to include Item 7.B, consideration of letters regarding HB 2907 and SB 850. MOTION was made by Swanson, and seconded by Saelens, to approve the amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Roumagoux requested an excused absence from the Budget Committee meeting of April 25, and the City Council meeting of May 1.

Allen requested an excused absence from the April 17 work session, and possibly the evening meeting.

Saelens requested an excused absence from the May 1 Council meeting.

Swanson requested an excused absence from the June 5 Council meeting.

MOTION was made by Engler, seconded by Sawyer, to excuse Roumagoux from the April 25 Budget Committee meeting and the May 1 City Council meeting; Allen from the April 17 work session and possibly the regular City Council meeting; Saelens from the May 1, City Council meeting; and Swanson from the June 5 City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation - April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Roumagoux proclaimed the month of April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the City of Newport. Malloy accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation - April as National Library Month. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Roumagoux proclaimed April as National Library Month in the City of Newport. Library Director Ted Smith and Library Foundation Member, Patti Littlehales, accepted the

proclamation. Littlehales invited everyone to participate in the 12th annual Newport Reads program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

1. Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 20, 2017;
2. Approval of minutes from the work session of March 20, 2017;
3. Approval of minutes of the joint work session with the 60+ Advisory Committee of March 6, 2017;
4. Approval of minutes of the joint work session with the Lincoln County Commissioners of February 22, 2017;
5. Approval of minutes of the work session of February 21, 2017;
6. Approval of minutes of the joint work session with the Port of Newport of February 17, 2017;
7. Approval of minutes of the joint meeting of the City Council, Audit Committee, and Urban Renewal Agency of February 6, 2017;
8. Request to excuse the City Manager from attending the January 16, 2018 City Council meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for Comment on County Measure 21-177 which Prohibits Aerial Pesticide Spraying and Creates Rights of Local Citizens. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that at the March 20 City Council meeting, Council received public comments from Rex Capri and Ken Brown requesting that Council join other organizations to oppose Measure 21-177, an initiative that: "Prohibits Aerial Pesticide Spraying and Creates Rights of Local Citizens." He stated that the ballot question that citizens will be asked to vote on reads, "should voters enact an ordinance prohibiting corporations from aerial spraying of pesticides, and create rights to natural communities and eco-systems?"

Nebel reported that prior to considering taking a position on this measure, Council wanted to give the community an opportunity to comment to Council on the matter. He stated that while Council can take a position on Measure 21-177 if it wishes, staff is prohibited by election law from preparing position papers on state or local measures for Council to act upon.

Roumagoux opened the public hearing on Measure 21-177 at 6:17 P.M. She reported that she had received, prior to 4:30 P.M. today, correspondence from the following: Sandra Yardley, Janet Johnson, Jay Robinson, Wallace Kaufman, Dave Silen, Fawn Custer, Alan Fujishin, Linda Bogart, Tom and Meridee Wiley, Nancy Boersma, Bill Brawley, Carol Van Strum, Jane Newton, Annabelle Morgan, Deanna Dyksterhuis, and J. East.

Roumagoux reported that she received several written requests to speak, and that speakers would be called on in the order the requests were received. She stated that each

speaker would have three minutes; speakers may not yield their time to others; and suggested that if agreeing with a previous speaker, noting agreement would be sufficient.

Allen reported that the Lincoln County Voters Pamphlet is posted on the Lincoln County Clerks website with all the statements from both sides. He stated that he would like to include in the record, and excerpt from the Voters Pamphlet that includes pages 4 - 23. He noted that this excerpt includes the ballot measure, the explanatory statement, ordinance, and comments from those in support of and opposition to the measure.

Jon Wehage, representing Stimson Lumber Company, spoke in opposition to the measure. He stated that he is an OSU trained forester and that decades of science and research have been invested in making the application of aerial pesticides precise, efficient and safe.

Joe Steere, a small farm owner with timber holdings on lower Siletz, and employee of Miami Corporation, a timber company, spoke in opposition to the measure. He stated that aerial pesticide applications in forests are very precise. He added that the chemicals and procedures utilized are thoroughly vetted and a tool for the success of farmers and timber growers.

Dennis Bishop spoke in opposition to the measure. He stated that more science is needed to determine the impact on water, air, soils, and abandonment procedures. He added that the measure is overly broad and risky.

Mark Gourley, representing Starker Forests, spoke in opposition to the measure. He distributed two handouts related to forestry. He reviewed his work as chair of the Oregon State University Vegetation Management Research Cooperative.

Alan Fujishin, representing Gibson Farms, spoke in opposition to the measure. He stated that by outlawing a vital tool that responsible land managers use to protect the watersheds from noxious weeds, invasive insects, and fungal pests, it would ultimately damage the economy, ecology, and public safety in the county.

Seth Barnes, representing the Oregon Forest and Industries Council, spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that he is a forester working for a trade association representing private timberland owners in the state. He stated that without the use of herbicides, forests would be riddled with brush patches created by invasive species.

Ron Goulet, a small rancher and timber farmer, spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that there are no documented cases of cancer being caused by herbicides. He stated that this measure would harm the timber industry.

Tim Miller, president of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau, and a third generation Lincoln County resident and timber owner, spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that when he sprays, it is because he needs to. He stated that the ordinance does not define aerial, and is flawed in other areas.

Rennie Ferris, nurseryman, landscaper, and licensed commercial applicator, spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that businesses similar to his require a full range of tools, and this measure would diminish necessary tools.

Debra Fant, representing Citizens for a Healthy County, spoke in support of the measure. She showed a video that focused on volatilization of pesticide vapors; clear-cuts near water sources; and buffers.

Sheila Swinford, representing the Central Oregon Coast NOW, spoke in support of the measure. She reported that the spray kills every broad leafed plant, and that invasive plants return better than native plants. She stated that spraying influences the entire cycle

of life. She noted that Oregon has lax forestry practices, and is not as well protected as Idaho, Washington, and California.

Peggy Brewster spoke in support of the measure. She was unable to show the YouTube video, "Lincoln County Watersheds at Risk."

Jerry Robbins, M.D., spoke in support of the measure. He reported that he understands the medical consequences of exposure to herbicides. He drew a parallel, of the dangers of aerial spraying, to that of second hand cigarette smoke.

Maria Sause, representing Citizens for a Healthy County, spoke in support of the measure. She reported that there are real exposure issues related to the spraying of toxic herbicides on forests.

Rio Davidson, representing Citizens for a Healthy County, spoke in support of the measure. He cited anecdotal examples of people who have been negatively affected by the aerial spraying of pesticides and herbicides.

Rex Capri spoke in opposition to the measure. He stated that the measure is an attack on the timber industry, and is poorly crafted allowing for vigilantism and potential litigation.

Gregg Dunn, owner of Pro-Pest Solutions, spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that he is concerned about how the ordinance is written and the broad application it would have to every type of spraying. He expressed concern regarding the possibility of vigilantism if the measure passes.

Susan Swift spoke in support of the measure. She reported that she is opposed to aerial spraying, and noted that Oregon has smaller buffers than other states. She added that streams and communities are unprotected from aerial spraying.

Bob Langley spoke in support of the measure. He reported that he is concerned about the health and safety of people.

Matt Faulconer, representing Pest Tech, Inc., spoke in opposition to the measure. He reviewed the benefits of pest control, and the potential enforcement of the ordinance. He added that misuse of spraying techniques is associated with consumers rather than professional applicators.

Ken Brown, representing the Port of Newport, spoke in opposition to the measure. He distributed a handout indicating official opposition to the measure by the Port of Newport and Lincoln County. He asked Council to consider joining the Port and County in opposing this measure.

Geri Kern spoke in support of the measure. She reported that the Forest Protection Act does not protect people, and that the timber industry is strong and powerful, and changed the Forest Practices Act to benefit the foresters. She stated that Oregon has the smallest buffers of any of the western states.

Bill Barnes, golf course superintendent at Salishan, spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association opposed the measure, as does he personally.

Walter Chuck, Port of Newport Commissioner speaking as a private citizen, spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that he is concerned with the measures vague descriptions, wordage, unintended consequences, impact on other industries, and the direct action clause.

Gary Lahman spoke in opposition to the measure. He reported that he believes this issue can be dealt with at the state level, and prefers that it be handled by the state.

Bill Montgomery, retired water treatment plant operator from Toledo, spoke in support of the measure. He reported that he owns 20 acres of timber conservation property, and discussed monitoring of source water and contaminants.

Having no additional comment, Roumagoux closed the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.

Allen stated that city staff cannot get involved in this matter, noting that it is left to Council to determine what, if any, action it wishes to take. He added that he has prepared a resolution template, which he read into the record, in the event Council wishes to adopt a resolution.

Sawyer reported that there is spraying in the national forests, but it is on the roadways rather than the vegetation.

Saelens reported that it is helpful to hear the positions of citizens, and that the public hearing, from his perspective, has been valuable.

Swanson reported that she does not plan to speak about aerial spraying, but rather how poorly the measure is written. She expressed concerns about ecosystems having rights; vigilantism; and the overly broad approach of the ordinance. She noted that this is something the state or federal government should be handling, and added that she does not support the measure.

Roumagoux thanked all the hearing participants. She stated that she cannot support this measure due to the way it is written. She noted that she is particularly concerned with the direction action component of the measure.

Goebel thanked all the participants for coming. He stated that he is not going to talk about aerial spraying or chemicals, and that he is against the measure for the same reasons as Swanson and Roumagoux.

Engler reported that she is not in favor of Council taking a stand on the measure. She stated that spraying close to towns and watersheds has an impact on everyone. She added that accidents happen, and she has full faith in the courts to deal with legal issues that might arise.

Allen reported that he is glad that Council heard from the community. He stated that in his view, he thinks the measure is poorly written and overly broad which creates valid concerns as to the scope of the measure's impact. He noted that the drafter had an opportunity to define the terms when the measure was being prepared. He added that definitions are lacking in the ordinance which would have to be interpreted by the courts. He stated that there are a lot of unintended consequences deep in the language, adding that resources would be expended litigating the measure. He reported that, if the measure passes, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners should amend the ordinance by clarifying definitions and other components.

A discussion ensued regarding resolution language, and Council agreed upon the following language:

"The Newport City Council opposes Ballot Measure 21-177. Valid concerns have been raised to certain language and lack of definitions in Measure 21-177 and the scope of the measure's impact. The Newport City Council shares in those concerns and supports the statements in the Lincoln County Voters' Pamphlet from other local jurisdictions and local elected officials, including those submitted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, the Lincoln County Sheriff, the Newport and Toledo Port Commissions, and the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District."

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Resolution No. 3772, a resolution concerning Ballot Measure 21-177. The motion carried in a voice vote with Engler voting no.

COMMUNICATIONS

Authorizing a Letter of Support to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Preservation, and Modernization for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Completion Project. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that Roumagoux has been approached by Mayor Andrews of the City of Newberg requesting support from the coast for the completion of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Project. He stated that once complete, the bypass will reduce travel time between the Portland area and the coast via Highway 18 to Newport.

MOTION was made by Engler, seconded by Saelens, to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter on behalf of the City Council to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Preservation, and Modernization supporting the completion of the Newberg - Dundee Bypass. Allen asked that, under the Mayor's signature, "on behalf of the Newport City Council," be added. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Consideration of Letters from the City of Newport Regarding HB 2907 and SB 850. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that two legislative issues have arisen which Council may wish to address. He stated that one is SB 850 which would provide authority to DOGAMI to prohibit construction of certain facilities in tsunami inundation zones without the possibility of a land use appeal. He added that there is concern regarding how this would impact the Marine Studies Initiative. He noted that it is in the city's interest to authorize a letter in opposition to SB 850. It was added that Dr. Cowen had sent an e-mail related to this bill, and copies had been provided to Council.

MOTION was made by Engler, seconded by Allen, to support the draft letter related to SB 850 and authorize the Mayor to sign it. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Nebel reported that HB 2907 is a bill that corrects a flaw in the building code statutes that prevents local jurisdictions from hiring third-party contractors with specialized building inspector certifications. He noted that the adoption of HB 2907 would benefit the city.

MOTION was made by Engler, seconded by Allen, to support the draft letter related to HB 2907 and authorize the Mayor to sign it. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Council-Initiated Street Vacation for a Portion of SE Ferry Slip Road. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that in 1991, SE Ferry Slip Road was realigned to facilitate construction of the Oregon Coast Aquarium. He stated that at the time of the realignment, survey work did not tie the right-of-way of the relocated road with any clearly defined right-of-way, and as a result, sections of SE Ferry Slip Road fall outside of the platted right-of-way on city-owned land, and sections of the original right-of-way fall outside of what is required to maintain a proper right-of-way for Ferry Slip Road.

Nebel reported that the Oregon Coast Aquarium is planning to redevelop the property that it owns adjacent to Ferry Slip Road. He stated that by redefining the right-of-way to correspond with the existing road alignment, the Aquarium will have fewer constraints to deal with in the redevelopment of this property.

Nebel reported that in 2008, the Council established policies to determine when the city can initiate a street vacation. He stated that this request is consistent with those policies.

Nebel reported that if Council initiates this street vacation, public hearings will be scheduled before the Planning Commission and Council prior to either body making a recommendation, or a decision, on the vacation. He stated that the benefiting property owner is responsible for the fees.

MOTION was made by Swanson, seconded by Saelens, to initiate street vacation proceedings, and targeted right-of-way dedications for portions of SE Ferry Slip Road to create an eighty (80) foot right-of-way corridor through this area, with a surplus right-of-way outside of this corridor being vacated with the Oregon Coast Aquarium paying the filing fee of \$780, and the associated surveying costs. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Authorization of a Letter from the City Council Expressing Appreciation to ODOT for the US 20 Pioneer Mountain to Eddyville Project. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that a letter has been drafted for Council's review and signature thanking ODOT for their commitment and perseverance in completing the new section of US 20 between Eddyville and Pioneer Mountain. He stated that the letter expresses appreciation for the ODOT staff in working with local community stakeholders to minimize disruptions to Newport businesses from the periodic highway closures to facilitate this project.

MOTION was made by Saelens, seconded by Engler, that a letter be authorized to be sent from the City Council to ODOT expressing appreciation for the completion of the US Highway 20 Pioneer Mountain to Eddyville Project. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Consideration of Funding the Lincoln Community Land Trust - Final Year of Funding under the Current Memorandum of Understanding. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that on March 6, 2017, Council discussed how to proceed with the city's involvement with the Lincoln Community Land Trust (LCLT). He stated that this followed a February 21, 2017 Council work session with representatives from the LCLT to discuss the status of the final payment which is part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Newport, Lincoln City, and Lincoln County. He added that during the presentation, it was indicated that the LCLT is shifting gears in developing affordable housing through the purchase and renovation of existing homes. He noted that this will be done through down-payment assistance, with a cap on what the house could be sold for based on a percentage increase over the subsidized purchase price after the down-payment assistance has been applied to that property. He stated that this would keep this property affordable in the long term.

Nebel reported that the LCLT is requesting that the city make the final \$30,000 payment that was anticipated under the MOU. He stated that Diane Linn, executive director of Proud Ground, indicated that, including this payment, this would provide a \$90,000 balance at the end of the calendar year. He added that the LCLT is proposing to

divide these funds between Lincoln City and Newport to be reserved for the development of three homes in both cities. He noted that these funds would be used for down-payment assistance in Newport.

Nebel reported that the funding of \$30,000 per year was intended to provide administrative support to develop sustainable work-force housing in Lincoln County. He stated that because Proud Ground did not require as much financial support as hiring internal staff, these funds are available for housing.

Nebel reported that in the original proposal, the LCLT requested that for each affordable home that is developed in Newport, \$27,000 be allocated from the city's Housing Fund to be matched with \$15,000 from the LCLT to provide the down-payment assistance that will permanently reduce the price of that home. He added that Proud Ground would commit an additional \$2,000 per home to achieve affordability. He stated that the use of the city's Housing Fund would replace the need for the city to contribute property to get affordable housing.

Nebel reported that in reviewing options, the following facts should be considered:

1. The City of Newport, Lincoln City, and Lincoln County entered into an MOU that provided funding of up to \$30,000 per year for three years from Lincoln City, Lincoln County, and the City of Newport to provide base funding for administrative services to provide permanently affordable homes for working families.

2. The three-year funding was intended to be temporary funding with the LCLT's goal of self-sufficiency at the end of the funding period.

3. In an email attached to the amended MOU, LCLT indicated that if all the money is not drawn down by Proud Ground; it would be left with the jurisdictions.

4. The funding partners agreed to give a high priority to providing vacant/tax foreclosed land to the LCLT for the purpose of creating work force housing.

5. The city has made payments of \$30,000 for the first two years of the MOU. The third year payment was due for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

6. The city and the LCLT agreed to hold off on the payment of the third and final year by the city until a report was provided to the city by the LCLT which was presented to Council earlier this year.

7. As part of this report, the LCLT has approached the public partners to consider modifying the MOU by allowing the use of a portion of the partner funds paid to the Trust to be used for work force housing.

8. With the payment of the third payment, the LCLT anticipates having a \$90,000 surplus which would be divided, for workforce housing, between Newport and Lincoln City.

9. The LCLT would like to expand its model of providing workforce housing by purchasing and updating existing housing stock, and conveying the structures to the prospective homeowner, but maintaining ownership of land to reduce the cost of purchasing the house by the prospective homeowner, and keeping the property permanently affordable.

10. The LCLT is requesting that for each affordable home developed in Newport, \$27,000 be allocated from the city's Housing Fund, to be matched with \$15,000 from the LCLT to provide down-payment assistance that will permanently reduce the price of that home. Proud Ground, itself, would commit an additional \$2,000 per home to achieve affordability and goals. The use of the city's Housing Fund would replace the need for the city to contribute property to gain affordable housing.

Nebel reported that there were several options discussed at the March 6 meeting on how to proceed. He reviewed the options., including: (1.) end the city's involvement with the LCLT without making the third payment outlined in the MOU; (2.) the city could request repayment of any unexpended proceeds, paid by the city, for the administration of the LCLT; (3.) Allen suggested that the LCLT could be required to obtain up to \$30,000 in matching funds from sources other than Lincoln County or Lincoln City as a one-to-one match to all or a portion of the remaining balance of \$30,000 from Newport, and would have through the end of calendar year 2018 to obtain the matching funds. Newport would match the amount LCLT obtained, but not to exceed \$30,000; (4.) Swanson suggested the city pay the \$30,000 as provided in the MOU, but require a match for the housing units that would be established in the city on a matching basis; (5.) upon reflecting on the discussion of the March 6 meeting, Allen indicated that he could potentially support the option outlined by Swanson, but with modifications such as that the city funds be made available as a match, perhaps \$1 dollar of city funds for each \$2 of other funds, with the LCLT approaching other major employers for funding assistance; and (6.) another option would be for the LCLT to utilize the city's last payment toward the purchase of one house in Newport. While this would not have as great an impact, it would provide a return on the city's investment in the MOU.

Nebel reported that with the limitation of buildable land in the city, he believes that the concept of buying existing homes makes more sense for the city. He stated that overall, requiring addition contributions to leverage the city's Housing Fund will extend these funds and have a greater impact on workforce housing. He reviewed a comparison of the options.

Nebel reported that the revised proposal has different funding scenarios for each Newport house. He stated that the total impact to the Housing Fund for the three houses, and the third year contribution for the administration of the LCLT would be \$6,000 for house number three; \$15,000 for house number four; and \$15,000 for house number five, for a total of \$36,000 for creating permanently affordable homes, and the \$30,000 for the third year of the MOU. He noted that he believes this is a fair way to leverage the investment that the city has made to date to create affordable workforce homes through the LCLT.

Diane Linn, Executive Director of Proud Ground, addressed Council, regarding the various concepts discussed. She reported that Proud Ground is planning to put fund development efforts into Newport. She stated that the first home can be started this spring followed by two more after the start of the fiscal year.

Allen noted that it appears that the request is for a one to one match. Nebel reported that it is a one to one match on the first house. A discussion ensued regarding Lincoln County's financial participation. Linn reported that Proud Ground is trying to build two or three houses in Lincoln City at the same time, and is attempting to balance Lincoln County's commitment for both jurisdictions. She added that if additional money is found, the requirement for city money would be lessened.

Nebel explained the city's Housing Fund. He noted that there is no mechanism to provide funds without Council action. Engler urged care in how the money is spent, adding that there is a fiduciary responsibility to the city rather than to the LCLT. She added that in considering options, the recommended scope and approach may be too narrow. She suggested exploring other approaches before going along this singular path.

Goebel suggested that the city should not be in the business of financing someone's house. Nebel reported that an individual who buys a house would not be benefiting as they will not recognize typical proceeds from the sale. He added that from the standpoint of going forward, it is a decision that could help a limited number of community members in achieving property ownership.

Swanson stated that she would like to continue with the commitment. She added that she believes that going with the LCLT is akin to priming the pump. She noted that if it works, perhaps others will become involved.

Engler asked whether there is a housing needs assessment that indicates whether the LCLT model is something that people want. She stated that LCLT has produced nothing, and suggested broadening the scope.

Allen expressed concern that currently the only matching funds are from Lincoln County. He stated that he is most comfortable with a one/two match, and that he is willing to approve the final payment provided by the MOU.

Sawyer stated that this is the only plan the city has for workforce housing. He added that the city also worked with Habitat for Humanity. He noted that the city has limited resources, and any plan that could provide any workforce housing is a good start.

Goebel agreed with Engler. He stated that the city is in a vacuum with LCLT regarding what can be produced as nothing has been produced. He suggested looking at a broader base. Linn reported that Proud Ground works with many other agencies, including those noted previously by Engler.

Allen stated that he will vote against this proposal as he believes there should be a larger matching incentive such as a one to two match. He added that a one to one match is letting them off the hook, and there has been time to seek additional resources over the past few years.

MOTION was made by Swanson, seconded by Saelens, to authorize an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lincoln Community Land Trust to allow for the use of funds collected to administer the Lincoln Community Land Trust to be used for workforce housing development, and authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment. The motion carried in a voice vote with Engler, Allen, and Goebel voting no.

MOTION was made by Swanson, seconded by Saelens, to authorize the third payment from the City of Newport to the LCLT of \$30,000 from the Housing Fund. The motion carried in a voice vote with Engler, Allen, and Goebel voting no.

MOTION was made by Swanson, seconded by Saelens, to authorize the payment of \$36,000 from the city's Housing Fund to create three permanently affordable workforce housing units in the City of Newport. The motion carried in a voice vote with Engler, Allen, and Goebel voting no.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Roumagoux reported that she attended the SDC/CET Work Group meeting on March 21. She noted that she looks forward to a Council work session on this issue.

Roumagoux reported that on March 24, she attended the dedication, with Engler, Goebel, Swanson, and Saelens, the dedication of the Percent for the Arts sculpture, "Happiness Found."

Roumagoux reported that on March 25, she attended Representative Schrader's Town Hall and pulled tickets for speakers.

Roumagoux reported that she attended the first regional Mayor's meeting on March 31. She noted that this is the first of quarterly meetings that will bring the Lincoln and Benton County Mayors together.

Roumagoux reported that she attended the Port of Newport's sign dedication on April 3.

Goebel reported that Nebel provided a "meeting in a box" visioning session for the Port of Newport. He added that there was good participation, and it appears there are commonalities.

Goebel reported that he attended the regular Port of Newport Commission meeting. He stated that the Port is excited to begin work on its log staging area which it hopes to have working by fall.

Goebel reported that he participated on the Port selection panel for the Port's Director of Operations position.

Goebel reported that he attended the SDC/CET meeting with the Mayor, and got a good understanding of the issue.

Goebel reported that he attended an ethics training provided by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. He noted that Swanson, Allen, and Rich also were in attendance.

Goebel reported that he also attended the dedication of the Percent for the Arts sculpture, "Happiness Found."

Goebel reported that he was unable to attend the mid-coast water planning meeting held at the Rogue Brewery.

Goebel reported that he attended a memorial service for Marvin Uhlenhake.

Engler reported that Lincoln County demolished two houses, and appropriated two apartment buildings to house prisoners on early release. She added that the apartment buildings are now being used for offices. She stated that she hopes that Lincoln County can be a better partner.

Engler reported that she participated in an ad hoc beautification work group meeting with the contractor. She stated that four priority areas were identified, and the contractor developed preliminary plans for the South Beach roundabout; the PAC; the parking lot at Highway 101 and Angle Street; and the Nye Beach Turnaround.

Engler reported that she has been distributing lots of visioning surveys. She noted that there is a drop box at the entrance to City Hall. She added that Rachel Cotton is looking for contacts in the faith community. She added that Tokos conducted a visioning effort with the Chamber of Commerce, and will be working with Newport High School Principal, Jon Zagel, to bring a visioning exercise to the high school students.

Engler expressed concern regarding pedestrian safety at night. She suggested a discussion on the possibility of hanging safety vests along the road.

Engler requested an update on the skate park. Nebel reported that he has met with many people and is trying to schedule a meeting in the new future. He added that he has been in contact with a consultant who evaluated the facility several years ago.

Allen reported that he attended the ethics training on March 23. He added that Tammy Hedricks did a nice job.

Swanson reported that she attended a recent meeting of the city's Emergency Planning Committee. She noted that interviews have been scheduled for the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and it is hoped to have the position filled by the beginning of

June. She noted that other issues discussed include the solar eclipse, future drills, and additional cache locations.

Swanson reported that the 60+ Advisory Committee discussed the AARP Livable Communities program.

Swanson reported that she attended the Percent for the Arts dedication of “Happiness Found.”

Swanson reported that she attended a recent Sister City meeting, and that there is no youth exchange planned for this year. She added that the group will work on making this a formal city committee.

Saelens reported that he attended the VAC Steering Committee meeting on March 21, and that the group will make a presentation to Council on April 17.

Saelens reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has begun working on the tree plan. He added that beach access signs were discussed at this meeting.

Saelens reported that he attended the Percent for the Arts dedication of “Happiness Found.”

Sawyer reported that Dean Bauman's memorial will be held on June 4, at 2:00 P.M., at Bauman's airport hangar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Bishop asked that Council consider amending the city's code on vending stands in the city. He indicated that he is interested in leasing two vending spaces at the Nye Beach Turnaround, but that his concession stand exceeds the city's size limitations.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor