

April 4, 2011
Noon
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Councilors present: McConnell, Beemer, Brusselback, Allen, Sawyer, Bertuleit, and Roumagoux.

Staff present: Voetberg and Hawker.

1. McConnell noted that the agenda would be rearranged as follows:
 - A. Interview Budget Committee applicants;
 - B. Defined Benefit Pension Update;
 - C. Geologic hazards discussion; and if time permits,
 - D. City Manager evaluation process discussion.
2. The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Budget Committee:
 - A. Oly Olson;
 - B. Charlotte Paulsen; and
 - C. Dave Teem.
3. David Dougherty distributed a plan study of the Newport Employees' Retirement Plan. Particularly, he reviewed the defined benefit plan and how it would be affected by various potential changes such as a hard freeze, soft freeze, etc. Voetberg asked how staff should follow-up on this discussion. Marshall asked whether there are other public comparisons with freezing the defined benefit. Voetberg agreed to bring the matter back to Council as a discussion item. Allen suggested discussing this matter in an executive session with the city's labor negotiator.
4. Tokos made a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the history of the proposed geologic hazards code. In attendance to hear this discussion were Dennis Bartoldus, Bonnie Saxton, Bob Ward, and Rod Croteau. Tokos asked Council how it would like to proceed on this issue. Allen declared an actual conflict of interest because the firm he is associated with of counsel represents property owners who have an interest in this issue, and as long as he is associated with the firm, he will have an actual conflict of interest. He added that when his status changes, he will decide whether to participate in discussing the matter. He recused himself. Tokos presented the background and an overview of the proposed geologic hazard code, including the numbers of meetings and public hearings that have been held on the matter. He highlighted the proposed changes and possible next steps. He noted that doing nothing is problematic. He agreed to check the comprehensive plan regarding questions on erosion control. Ward stated that the DOGAMI maps are the worst case. Tokos was asked to place this PowerPoint on the city's website. Roumagoux suggested doing nothing and working on the comprehensive plan. Beemer suggested continuing deliberations. Sawyer suggested keeping the matter open and requesting a legal opinion from the city attorney. Brusselback suggested reopening the matter. Allen stated that he would be able to participate in this discussion by the

next meeting. Bertuleit noted that leaving the matter open would be fine. McConnell noted that this issue would be reopened formally no later than the next meeting, and hearing dates could be set at the April 18, 2011 City Council meeting.

5. McConnell noted that information from the webinar regarding city manager evaluations had been distributed to the City Council.
6. McConnell reminded Council that a work session and the goal setting session would be held Friday beginning at 8:30 A.M. Issues to be discussed at the work session include Council Rules and the city manager evaluation process.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.