

April 6, 2015
6:04 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, Allen, Sawyer, Engler, Saelens, and Roumagoux were present. Swanson and Busby were excused.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, Community Development Director Tokos, Public Works Director Gross, Parks and Recreation Director Protiva, and Police Chief Miranda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marletta Noe addressed Council regarding Councilor Busby's comment that was printed in the newspaper. She noted that it was a comment that occurred at the end of a discussion related to the creation of a new urban renewal district, in which Busby noted that the city might have to make sacrifices such as not purchasing a new firetruck or cutting a police position. She stated that she wants police and fire services as they are essential to livability. Nebel reported that at this point, there are no proposed cuts or plans for cuts.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation Recognizing Artist Rick Bartow on His 40th Retrospective. Roumagoux provided background information on Rick Bartow's 40th Retrospective. She reported that she was asked to read this proclamation at the opening ceremony of the retrospective on April 17. Roumagoux reported that she has a copy of the catalog that was prepared for this retrospective, and that she will leave it in the Council office for others to review. Roumagoux read a proclamation recognizing artist Rick Bartow on his 40th retrospective: "Rick Bartow: Things You Know But Cannot Explain," that is being held at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.

Proclamation Honoring Nation Service Recognition Day. Roumagoux proclaimed April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day in the City of Newport. She encouraged residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in the city, and thanked those who give back to the community. Tony Molino accepted the resolution.

AMEND AGENDA

Nebel reported that he may need to travel to Michigan prior to completing the proposed budget. He stated that the budget calendar indicates that the budget will be distributed to the Budget Committee and public on April 20, 2015. He requested that an item be added to the agenda which would amend the date of budget distribution from April 20, 2015 to April 27, 2015. MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Saelens, to add an item to the agenda amending the budget calendar. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following:

A. Approval of City Council minutes from the March 16, 2015 regular meeting and executive session;

B. Ratification of the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Schrantz to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2016.

MOTION was made by Engler, seconded by Allen, to approve the consent calendar with the changes to the minutes as noted by Allen. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing on Making Newport Parks Smoke-Free Zones. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that at the March 16, 2015 City Council meeting, the Council scheduled a public hearing for the April 6 City Council meeting to hear public comment on a recommendation from the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to designate city parks as smoke-free zones. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommended that smoking be prohibited in the interior of all parks, including all picnic shelters and playgrounds. He added that smoking would be permitted in parking lots, on sidewalks, and the perimeter of parks. He noted that a question was raised at the March 16 City Council meeting as to how this would be enforced, and that Protiva indicated that the rules would be posted in the parks and the smoking restrictions would be handled in the same manner as other violations of parks rules, which typically are enforced by explaining the rule and asking the party to refrain from the activity that violates the rule. He stated that these types of rules are often brought to the attention of people in violation by other parks users. He noted that following any public comment, Council can provide direction as to whether language should be developed to amend Ordinance No. 1917 with provisions adding no smoking zones within the city's parks system for future review and action by the City Council.

Nebel recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing on the whether City Council should consider making Newport parks smoke-free zones.

Roumagoux opened the public hearing at 6:23 P.M. She reported that she had received an e-mail regarding the issue. She read the following e-mail, from Bill Posner, into the record: "I feel in 2015 there is enough evidence concerning the harm first and

second hand smoke can produce. Also, the trash of “butts” that are left in public areas is sometimes very disheartening. Also with the changes in marijuana laws, we would not like to see our parks turn into “doper” hangouts. We live in such a fresh clean area, and would like to keep it that way.”

Roumagoux called for public comment.

Susan Davidson stated that this is not a health issue, but rather an education issue. She reported that she has visited the entire Oregon coast, and the two places at which she has found the most trash are Seaside and Nye Beach. Sue suggested speaking with hotels, restaurants, and other organizations serving tourists about being eco-green.

Gary Lahman, a member of the Lincoln County Public Health Advisory Board, read the following into the record: “Health status data is available for Lincoln County. This information is relevant to Newport as it is the largest city in the county as well as the center of county government. In the county, the percentage of smokers over the age of 18 is 27%. This is ten percent higher than in the state overall. Approximately one-third of all pregnant women smoke. The rate of smoking in young families with children is probably higher. These data indicate a need for improvement, a need to de-normalize smoking wherever possible. I will now quote from the Lincoln County Community Health Improvement Plan, or the CHIP, released in 2014. Regarding healthy lifestyles, the plan states, “The leading causes of preventable death in the State of Oregon are tobacco use, diet, and activity patterns. Tobacco use contributes to heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes,” and other ailments. The CHIP states, “Tobacco use during pregnancy is the single most preventable cause of illness and death among mothers and infants.” Restricting tobacco use in city parks and other public places will contribute to the lessening of these problems. Parks are places for healthy activities for people, especially for young adults and mothers with children. The CHIP states as one of its policy and outcome objectives, “By December 31, 2019, increase the rate of residents who do not smoke by seven percent.” In the HCIP plan one of the stated strategies to meet this goal is to “increase the number of properties, including social service and public parks that are 100% tobacco free.” A no smoking ordinance for parks would be similar to other accepted health practices, such as seat belts, car seats, helmet laws, and restrictions on held-held cellular devices while driving. No smoking in parks would contribute to the well-being of Newport’s citizens and visitors. Lincoln County, with the help of numerous private partner agencies and individuals, expended much effort and expense to produce the Community Health Assessment in 2013 and the CHIP in 2014. It is now time to enact the recommendations in these documents and remove tobacco use from Newport’s parks. “ Lahman also submitted several documents for the record, including the Community Health Improvement Plan 2014; information related to Community Commons, a California non-profit corporations whose mission is to combine advanced research and information management technologies to serve diverse communities - focusing on facilitating community learning and human development, and promotion environmental sustainability; and a copy of the ordinance prohibiting smoking in public parks in Lincoln City.

Rachel Peterson, Health Promotion Program Manager, for the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Department, read the following statement into the record: “For more than 150 years, public health has understood the importance of maintaining a clean environment for protecting the health of the population. Today, we often take for granted the role government plays to assure potable water and sanitation systems that

prevent disease. In recent decades, it has been scientifically proven that like our physical environment, our social environment is an important factor for protecting the public's health. Tobacco is the leading cause of death and illness in Lincoln County and nationally. This is not just an issue of older adult, as 90 percent of all tobacco-users start before the age of 18. Currently, about 13 percent of Lincoln County juniors reported smoking cigarettes in a 30-day period. While this is substantially lower than the 23 percent of Lincoln County adults who smoke, it is still too many. Studies show that by restricting smoking in public places, we can: reduce the number of teenagers who start smoking; prevent young children from seeing tobacco use as an acceptable adult behavior, which leads to higher initiation as teens; reduce the frequency and number of cigarettes people smoke; and promote/support quit attempts. Reducing the visibility of tobacco has become such a highly-recognized concern that the entertainment industry has started to include tobacco use in their rating systems. For example, Disney's policy is to prohibit smoking and tobacco use in any newly-created movie rated PG-13 or under, and to include anti-tobacco public service announcements on re-released films with smoking characters. By passing a smoke-free parks ordinance, the City of Newport will not only improve the health of the physical environment through reduced second-hand smoke exposure and fewer cigarette butts where children play, but will reemphasize the same community values that prohibit public intoxication or nudity in parks. This is about role modeling healthy behaviors for our youth, community members, and visitors, and promoting our parks as healthy, safe places for every member of the community. You are not alone in promoting health through smoke-free environments. An increasing number of communities and college campuses are implementing smoking restrictions in outdoor areas, including Lincoln City parks and all OCCC campuses. The City of Newport has already made this statement by making many of its properties and Literacy Park smoke-free environments. Amending Ordinance No. 1917 to include all city-owned parks is simply an extension of work already done."

Rebecca Austen, Lincoln County Public Health Director, reported that tobacco use is the number one cause of sickness and early death in the community. She noted that one of the best ways to reduce smoking rates is to make policy changes. She urged Council to support making Newport parks smoke-free zones.

Protiva reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has been dealing with this issue for approximately six months. He stated that it is his opinion that smoking is not okay and should not be accepted as okay. He added that those opposed to banning smoking in parks would believe this action to be a taking of a right. He stated that while he disagrees with this, it could potentially exclude a family member from participating in a family event within a park. He summarized by stating that not everyone is one hundred percent in favor of this proposed prohibition.

Richard Salazar reported that this is an important issue, and stated that there is no right to smoke. He added that there is a right to have an area where there is no second hand smoke. He noted that most states have robust programs to help people quit smoking. He expressed support for the prohibition of smoking in public parks in the city.

Roumagoux closed the public hearing for Council deliberation at 6:42 P.M.

Allen asked Protiva what the basis of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee dissenting votes was since the Committee voted eight to two to support a prohibition. Protiva reported that one member is opposed to giving up any rights, and the other was

concerned that someone could be excluded from a family gathering in a park. Protiva reported that signage would cost approximately \$15 - \$20.

Allen asked whether prohibiting smoking in parks without enforcement will move the city in the right direction. Protiva noted that the prohibition would make a statement that this is not an accepted behavior, and that enforcement should come from social responsibility. Rachel Peterson stated that the issue is education rather than enforcement. She added that she would work with the parks staff to eliminate the enforcement issue, adding that her office has some money to help offset the costs of signs.

Sawyer stated that the segregation of smokers happens in everyday life, and does not believe the prohibition will be a big issue. He added that education is the greater component.

Saelens noted that once something is adopted, there is an element of peer pressure involved in enforcement.

Engler asked whether there would be a fine for violation of the ordinance, and Nebel reported that staff will bring specific recommendations to Council for review.

Allen noted that the chapter already has a penalty provision; is a civil infraction; and prohibits smoking in various areas of the city. He stated that additional locations could be added to the list, and a violation would be a civil infraction. Rich encouraged Council to include an expansive definition of smoking including the use of nicotine vapor.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Sawyer, to direct the city staff to draft language amending Ordinance No. 1917 to include the addition of City of Newport park property as no smoking zones with this restriction excluding parking lots, and public street sidewalks surrounding park properties. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the Destination Newport Committee - Recommendation to Approve a Tourism Marketing Grant for the 2015 Flippers, Feathers, and Fins 5K. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that the Destination Newport Committee has reviewed a request for a tourism marketing grant for the 2015 Flippers, Feathers, and Fins 5K. He stated that this event is being sponsored by the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and the funds requested will be used to target runners from the Willamette Valley, Portland, and Bend markets. He noted that in 2014, there were 239 participants in this fun run of which over half travel more than 50 miles to get to Newport. He added that this year, the organizers are targeting 500 participants. He reported that this is the first time that city funding will be used for advertising this event.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Saelens, to approve a tourism marketing fund grant, as recommended by the Destination Newport Committee, for assistance with marketing and advertising for the 2015 Flippers, Feathers, and Fins 5K in the amount of \$2,500. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Approval of Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program Contract for the City's Main Fire Station. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that in 2014/2015, the city

conducted a preliminary geotechnical investigation to determine the feasibility of a seismic rehabilitation of the main fire station. He stated that based on the preliminary evaluation, it appears that the fire station would be a candidate for seismic rehabilitation. He added that as a result, an application for funding was made to the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority in the amount of \$1,491,223 to proceed with a seismic rehabilitation project for the main fire station. He noted that the city is very pleased that it was awarded this grant, and that the grant will pay 100% of the cost of rehabilitating the main fire station up to the grant amount of \$1,491,223. He thanked Gross, Murphy, and the city's grant consultant for securing this grant funding.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Engler, to approve a contract with the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority for the seismic rehabilitation grant program for \$1,491,223 of funding for the seismic rehabilitation of the main Newport fire station. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon for Motor Vehicle Fuel Dealer Tax Collection. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that the city initially entered into an agreement with the State of Oregon to collect the local gas tax from dealers located within the city. He stated that the state collects this tax with the state gas taxes, and then remits the local share to the city. He noted that the changes to the original agreement include changing the termination date from October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2020, and modifications to the liability provisions of the original agreement. He added that the terms of the original agreement otherwise remain in place, and that this has been an effective way for the city to collect the local gas tax it applies to dealers in the city.

Allen asked what the average annual collection is, and Gross reported that it was approximately \$155,000 last year. Gross added that the money is used for the annual overlay program. Nebel reported that an election would be required to change the rate.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Saelens, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Motor Vehicle Fuel Dealer Tax Collection between the State of Oregon and the City of Newport, dated November 5, 2009, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Newport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Report from the City Manager on a Community Visioning Process. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that he has heard from a number of citizens that Newport is lacking a common vision to guide the community in working toward a common long-term direction, developments, initiatives, and projects that will enhance the livability and sustainability of the city. He stated that these issues go beyond the actual role of the city, and include other public and private stakeholders in the greater Newport area. He added that in reviewing this matter, he discovered that a community visioning process was completed in February 2005. He noted that the city has done a thorough job on comprehensive planning and initiated a complete review of infrastructure needs for the community.

Nebel reported that Council may want to initiate a discussion with other stakeholders about conducting a broad-based community effort to provide guidance, and create a vision that explores opportunities for a viable and growing city in the future. He stated that this type of process typically goes well beyond the city itself, and should include

other major institutional players in the community, as well as city residents. He noted that if there is concurrence about a long-term vision of where people want the city to be in 20 or 30 years, it empowers various stakeholders to work toward the long-term goals that have been accepted by the community.

Nebel reported that prior to embarking on a comprehensive visioning process, it would be very important for the City Council, along with the various stakeholders, to have a common understanding of how the vision is going to be used; not only by the city, but by the various stakeholders that would be involved in developing the vision. He added that it is also very important that a vision be developed that would transcend political changes that may occur on the Council or within other stakeholder organizations for a vision to effectively guide the community.

Nebel reported that once a community vision is adopted, it serves as a guideline for the continued processes of reviewing and adapting the city's Comprehensive Plan to make sure it is consistent with the vision. He stated that it would guide the annual goal setting process for the departments and the Council to continue moving the city toward realizing this vision.

Nebel reported that a community vision needs to be a living document that has flexibility and is easily updated. He added that a community vision should be reviewed annually by the City Council and other key stakeholders, particularly at the time of goal setting and/or budgeting for those organizations to make sure that the direction of those organizations is complementing the vision of where Newport wants to be at some point in the future. He stated that he believes that the final document should not be a highly technical document, but should convey a sense of those areas where there is community buy-in for moving the city in a forward direction. He added that over time, the Comprehensive Plan should provide the roadmap to direct the community toward those concepts that have been accepted through this process.

Nebel reported that the city has a lot of very positive things going for it. He stated that the successful effort of the community to attract the NOAA facility; the announcement last year of OSU creating an undergraduate marine studies program; OMSI establishing a coastal discovery camp in South Beach; the community's effort to retain the U.S. Coast Guard Air Facility; and other efforts show how closely this community can work together on common goals. He noted that Newport can be very proud of fostering this type of culture within the community. He added that he believes that a community vision would foster further direction and cooperation to move the community forward in other areas as well.

Nebel reported that he believes that it would be appropriate for the City Council to establish a work group to address a number of issues that he has outlined so there will be a clear understanding of what we are trying to accomplish through the visioning process, and to ensure there is buy-in from the key stakeholders toward this end. He suggested a working group be appointed which would include a couple of members from the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Port, the Planning Commission, as well as a citizen member. He stated that the charge of the working group would be to bring a report back to the City Council by July 15, 2015 that would clearly outline the expectations of a community visioning process for the city. He added that at that time, the committee could make a recommendation to the City Council regarding whether to proceed with a visioning process during the 2015/2016 fiscal year. He noted that if a recommendation is received to proceed with a visioning process, then the specific goals,

time tables, and preliminary processes could be provided to the City Council for review. He stated that this would be an ambitious project, and if done properly it would be a very exciting project for the city. He noted that the packet contains a report from ICMA on the importance of community visioning matters. Spencer recommended Carla Perry as a citizen member if the Council establishes a work group. Allen suggested that the work group have one City Council member, rather than two, and two citizen members, rather than one.

MOTION was made by Engler, seconded by Allen, that a work group be established that will be staffed by the City Manager and Community Development Director that will include one representative from the City Council, one representative from the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, one representative from the Planning Commission, one representative from the Port of Newport, one representative from OCCO, and two citizens named by the City Council, and charge that work group with providing a report and recommendation to the City Council by July 15, 2015, on whether or not to proceed with a comprehensive community visioning process during the 2015/2016 fiscal year and if the recommendation is to proceed outlining the specific goals, parameters, and processes that would be included in a community visioning process for the City of Newport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. MOTION was made by Saelens, seconded by Allen, that Engler be nominated as the City Council representative to the work group with Roumagoux as alternate. Carla Perry recommended that the initial avenue for ideas come from the community, rather than the top down. She added that there is no Hispanic, tribal, or youth representation with the current work group configuration. Nebel noted that the intent is to be as all-encompassing as possible to have meaning for the community. Allen noted that it would be helpful to have different options with associated costs for the work.

Perry stated that years ago, Council decided not to ask for the addresses of people speaking during the public comment periods for security reasons.

Authorizing a Letter of Support for Homeporting Two U.S. Coast Guard Fast Response Cutters in Newport. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that in March, the city, along with a number of other stakeholders, were notified that the U.S. Coast Guard is proposing to homeport two Fast Response Cutters (FRC) within the area of responsibility for District 13, which includes the Washington and Oregon coasts. He stated that as a result of preliminary work, the USCG has identified three potential locations for housing these vessels, including the NOAA facility in Yaquina Bay, and two locations in the Astoria area which includes the City Pier and North Tongue Point. He added that the inclusion of Newport as one of the three finalists for housing the U.S. Coast Guard cutters is in response to an earlier request that was made to various ports between Coos Bay, Oregon, and Neah Bay, Washington about potential locations for housing the vessels. He noted that an environmental assessment is currently being conducted by a consultant for the U.S. Coast Guard to evaluate these three options in detail.

Nebel reported that the packet contains information on the Fast Response Cutter. He stated that the Coast Guard will be replacing the Island Class 110 foot long patrol boats with the Fast Response Cutters, which are 154 feet in length and have a maximum speed of 28 knots. He added that each vessel will have a complement of 24 crew members per ship, and that there will be 20 administrative positions bringing the total

staffing for homeporting these two vessels to 68. He noted that the Fast Response Cutter is slated to conduct missions that include port, waterway, and coastal security, as well as fishing patrols, search and rescue, and national defense. He stated that these vessels appear to play more of a Homeland Security function than other search and rescue vessels operated by the U.S. Coast Guard. He noted that the cost for each of these vessels is reported to be \$73 million.

Nebel reported that the proposed location is consistent with the city development plans for Yaquina Bay, and the upland uses are consistent with the zoning for that site as well. He added that the site has full city services. Nebel reported that it is anticipated that a decision will be made on the homeport location by the summer of 2015, although actual occupation of the site is not scheduled until 2021.

Nebel reported that in addition to general community support, the key factor in the Yaquina Bay location will be working through the various details with NOAA and the Port of Newport to facilitate placing these cutters at this location. He noted that while there are still a number of issues that are not fully known at this time, it is important to note that the Port of Newport will have control over a final decision to house this facility on Port property, if this site is selected by the U.S. Coast Guard as the homeport for these two cutters.

Nebel reported that he believes that it is important to show community support for expanding the U.S. Coast Guard presence in the city. He added that a revised draft letter for Council review was distributed earlier this evening, and he recommended that Council authorize the letter of support.

Kevin Greenwood, General Manager of the Port of Newport, noted that the letters are as much letters of interest as they are letters of support. He added that the Port will continue to pursue the homeporting of the two ships until it does not make sense. He reported that he had received numerous letters from other organizations including: the Confederated Tribe of the Siletz Indians, the Port of Newport, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Rogue Brewery, Port of Toledo, Oregon Coast Community College, and the Lincoln County School District. He added that the Coast Guard would like to make a decision this summer regarding which site they would like to focus on.

Allen asked Greenwood whether he had received a letter of support from the Lincoln County Commissioners. Greenwood noted that he had not, and that Commissioner Thompson has some reservations. Allen noted that there were a number of concerns and reservations expressed at the recent FINE meeting. Allen asked Greenwood whether he had checked with the commercial fishing fleet as part of his outreach. Greenwood noted that he has talked with Ginny Goblirsch, and while her tone was not overly excited, her perspective was that they would not necessarily get in the way. He added that he has talked with Commissioner Thompson about it, and that he (Thompson) has lots of questions. He stated that one of questions focuses on exclusion zones around the FRC's, and whether there is an exclusion zone from which other vessels will not be allowed to get close to these vessels. Greenwood noted that Thompson also expressed concern about increased commercial fishing stops. He stated that he has a close relationship with the commercial fishing fleet which will provide an opportunity for education so that the fishermen understand the impacts. Greenwood stated that there are also questions about the quality of the jobs that would be coming with the relocation of the ships. He added that there are also concerns regarding the

impact on the housing inventory with 68 additional employees in Newport. Greenwood stated that there is also some concern regarding the perception that the cost of the FRC's would be pulling funding from the U.S.C.G. Air Facility in Newport and the 52-foot surf boats currently located here. He added that in talking with officials in Washington, D.C., it is his understanding that search and rescue funding is viewed differently than security funding. Greenwood stated that he hopes to have a letter of support from Lincoln County. He added that the homeporting of the FRC's in Newport would add value to keeping the air facility here. Nebel reminded Council that these vessels are going to go somewhere, and asked whether it is appropriate to support the vessels coming here at this time. He added that the Port has the final word. Allen stated that as a Council member, he wants to look at stakeholders, and if the fishing fleet has a concern, that is important to him, and should be acknowledged. Greenwood stated that the fishing fleet is important to the Port. He added that this is also important to NOAA. He noted that to homeport the vessels in Newport would require a sublet or a reduction of the NOAA lease. Nebel asked whether Council supports further exploration of this issue. It was suggested that an addition to the last paragraph to acknowledge the various stakeholders would be appropriate.

MOTION was made by Engler, seconded by Allen, that the city issue a letter of support, with an adjustment for a qualifier for stakeholders, for homeporting two Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutters for the U.S. Coast Guard on the south side of Yaquina Bay in NOAA Marine Operations Center - Pacific and the Port of Newport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Amendment to the Budget Calendar. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that he might need to travel to Michigan for a personal issue prior to completing the proposed budget. He noted that the budget calendar shows that the budget will be distributed to the Budget Committee and the public on April 20, 2015. He asked that this date be moved to April 27, 2015, but added that staff will endeavor to get the budget out sooner. MOTION was made by Allen, second by Engler, that the budget schedule be amended moving the date the budget is publically available from April 20, 2015 to April 27, 2015. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

The City Council, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, began meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Notice of Award for the Installation of a Granular Activated Carbon Tank at the Water Treatment Facility to James W. Fowler Company. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that earlier this fiscal year, the City Council authorized the purchase of a gravity activated carbon (GAC) vessel for the water treatment plant to improve the operating conditions at the plant. He stated that the current plant has the capacity of treating up to four million gallons, per day, of fresh drinking water. He noted that under ideal operating conditions, the GAC vessels work most efficiently at 3.2 million gallons per day. He added that any water that is produced over the capacity of the GAC vessels is either bypassed, which reduces water quality, or is run through the vessels significantly reducing carbon life. He noted that the water plant was initially designed for

three vessels, but one vessel was eliminated as part of the cost reduction strategy during the initial construction of the plant.

Nebel reported that proposals have been received for installation of the contract at the water plant site with the low bid coming from James W. Fowler Company of Dallas, Oregon in the amount of \$58, 200.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Engler, to issue a notice of award for a Water Filtration Facility Granular Activated Carbon Expansion Project to James W. Fowler Company in the amount of \$58,200, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Newport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council returned to its regular meeting at 7:52 P.M.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Roumagoux distributed copies of an article that appeared in the Oregon Mayor's Association quarterly newsletter regarding the retention of the U.S.C.G. Air Facility in Newport.

Roumagoux reported that she attended a recent YBEF meeting with Nebel. She noted that Port Manager, Kevin Greenwood updated the group on the status of the retention of the U.S.C.G. Air Facility.

Roumagoux reported that she participated in a League of Oregon Cities Legislative Action Committee webinar. She noted that Craig Honeyman, Legislative Director for the LOC, presented an update on legislative issues.

Roumagoux reported that she, Gross, Protiva, and Murphy, had lunch at the Angell Job Corps. She noted that the group received an update on the facility and each of its departments.

Allen reported that he attended a recent FINE meeting. He noted that issues discussed, other than the possible homeporting of two U.S.C.G. FRC's, included legislation regarding ocean planning and renewable energy issues.

Allen reported that he attended the preliminary Budget Committee meeting on March 18. He added that the information presented at that meeting will be very useful in subsequent Budget Committee meetings.

Allen reported that he attended the ethics training presented by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, and the subsequent work session. He added that he found the sessions to be very informative.

Allen reported that there is a very large two-day OPAC meeting to be held on May 7 and 8, 2015, in Bandon. He stated that part of the meetings will include a public forum on the national marine sanctuary process. He added that NOAA is preparing a new nomination process. He noted that the regular OPAC meeting will follow on May 8. He stated that due to these meetings, he will be unable to attend the Retirement Board of Trustees meeting on May 7. He asked whether Saelens would be able to attend the meeting as alternate.

Engler reported that she attended the preliminary Budget Committee meeting.

Engler reported that she attended the ethics presentation and subsequent work session.

Engler reported that she attended a recent meeting regarding the hospital's bond issue.

Engler reported that she received a copy of an article, from Don Davis, on the importance of saving canyons and green spaces.

Engler reported that she had talked with Roumagoux and Gross regarding the Nye Beach Merchants Association utilizing the services of the Angell Job Corps.

Engler reported that the Nye Beach Parking District will be extended for an additional year.

Engler thanked SOLVE for a successful beach clean-up.

Engler reported that there are many vacation rental dwellings in Nye Beach, and added that she would like to address this issue at an upcoming meeting of the Nye Beach Design Overlay group. She added that there is a housing crisis and people are not encouraged to develop residential housing.

Sawyer reported that he saw a recent Bend City Council meeting, and that the City of Bend has the same vacation rental dwelling issue as the City of Lincoln City. He added that the population of Bend is projected to be 140,000 within the next ten years.

Saelens reported that he has been a zone captain for the SOLVE beach clean-up for nearly seven years. He added that there was a record turnout this year and the event was quite successful.

Saelens reported that he attended a recent meeting of the Wayfinding Committee, noting that it has adapted well to the formality of making motions. He added that there is continued interest in potentially identifying, through signage, unique trees around Newport, and how to get people around town to find them.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor