

August 20, 2012
Noon
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

Staff present: Voetberg, Hawker, Tokos, and Marshall.

Media present: Rick Beasley, Newport News-Times and Dave Morgan, News Lincoln County.

1. McConnell called the meeting to order and noted that everyone was present with the exception of Sawyer who had been excused.
2. McConnell asked that the interview of the Planning Commission applicant, William Branigan, occur at this time as the applicant was present. It was noted that Branigan's committee application was included in the packet. Council interviewed Branigan, and it was noted that a formal appointment would be made at this evening's meeting.
3. MOTION was made by Brusselback, seconded by Bertuleit to enter executive session pursuant to 192.660(2)(d) to consult with the city's labor negotiator. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. McConnell stated that he was excluding the media as this has been past practice during consultations with the labor negotiator. Allen noted that it is up to the City Council to make the decision regarding exclusion of the media. It was ultimately agreed by Council to exclude the media. Council entered executive session at 12:11 P.M.
4. The work session resumed at 12:39 P.M.
5. A discussion ensued regarding tsunami awareness month preparation. Police Sergeant Tony Garbarino and Fire Marshal Rob Murphy addressed Council regarding tsunami awareness. A discussion ensued regarding a tsunami drill, and it was suggested to include the Port's RV Park in the drill, or to work with the Port to get information distributed to campers as they check in. Garbarino reported that he and Murphy had identified items that needed to be addressed. He noted that an emergency supply trailer had been purchased. Murphy stated that it was purchased with a grant from the county, and the Police and Fire Department budgets. He added that the trailer contains emergency medical supplies needed for a mass casualty event, and that the trailer is currently housed at the South Beach Fire Station, but that when it is complete, it will be stored north of the bridge, although approximately one-quarter of the supplies will remain south of the bridge. It was noted that OCCC is beginning to stockpile supplies. A discussion ensued regarding the storage of supplies on Safe Haven Hill. It was noted that when the access is clear, as well as clearing at the top of the hill, a shipping container could be placed on the hill to store supplies. Murphy noted

that the supplies that are stored are not designed for the long-term. It was reported that the Red Cross is working with OCCC to make it a true shelter. It was noted that water filtration systems, for first responders, were to go to the city, Lincoln County, and Lincoln County Emergency Management. Brusselback asked about access to water for the general public, and it was noted that Gross is working on this. Garbarino noted that the city needs an alternate water system. McConnell stated that the Nye Beach turnaround area needs a drill. Garbarino reported on the Vizio program, and the re-creation of maps for the October 11 exercise which will be held at 10 A.M. It was reported that a readiness fair is scheduled for September 8, 2012 at the Taft Fire Hall, and September 29, 2012, at the Armory in Newport, and it is expected that lots of vendors will participate. Council was invited to attend the Oregon Emergency Management Conference, from September 17 - 20, 2012, at Salishan. Further discussion ensued regarding a path to the top of Safe Haven Hill. Tokos reported that the city is pursuing FEMA monies, and that work done prior to receiving the money is not reimbursable by FEMA. McConnell suggested a volunteer day in early October. It was suggested that the Coho/Brant and other neighborhoods should have a weekend tsunami evacuation drill. Garbarino reported that the Great American Shakeout is scheduled for October 18, 2012, and that information will be made available to residents and businesses. Garbarino reported that the evacuation maps will be updated. It was suggested that an emergency management line item be included in the next budget. McConnell stated that he would like the cost of readying Safe Haven Hill included in the budget. Brusselback asked about signage. Bertuleit asked whether any plans had been made to minimize looting during an emergency. Allen noted that in discussions with the Port, it was indicated that fishing vessels could serve as river crossing transportation. McConnell asked whether PUD had been involved in this discussion.

6. Tokos made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the sign ordinances. The presentation contained an overview of sign code provisions; the definition of signs; permitting requirements; prohibited sign materials; size requirements; projection and clearance over the right-of-way; numbers and area of allowable signs; sign area and setbacks; exempt signs; partially exempt signs; signs in the right-of-way; enforcement of sign regulations; non-conforming signs; variances; and Agate Beach sign regulations. Tokos recommended looking at the ordinances, simplifying them, and removing exceptions. It was suggested that a small group of three Councilors work on this, and report on options and recommendations to the entire Council at a workshop in October. McConnell, Brusselback, and Bertuleit agreed to work on this issue. Tokos reported that he would forward a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to the City Council. He added that change will take time and require business engagement. McConnell asked about neighborhood solutions. Tokos noted that signs and violations are a chronic issue.
7. A discussion ensued regarding Council Rules. Roumagoux developed a flow chart that depicted the communication channel of a recent request for information by Sawyer. Allen reported that he had reviewed all requests to the City Manager and department heads within the last four weeks. He added that there is a procedure in place to address communication with staff issues, and the rules are

working. Roumagoux noted that it is unfair to put pressure on department heads without the consensus of Council. Roumagoux stated that she does not like it when her name is included with the group and copied to the press, and that she does not want her name on that list. Beemer added that he simply stops by City Hall and asks staff, one on one, rather than making requests electronically. Roumagoux suggested that during work sessions, Councilors could indicate who each of them has talked with and what was said. Allen noted that this is the reason he copies Council with questions to staff. McConnell suggested trying to be sensitive in requesting information, and that requests should be conscious and careful. Allen noted that he has looked at the Council Rules since the last review, and that all are working well.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.