

August 29, 2012
9:00 A.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met in a Special Meeting, on the above date, in the Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. Allen, McConnell, Brusselback, Sawyer, and Beemer were present. Bertuleit and Roumagoux were excused.

Staff attending was as follows: City Manager Voetberg, City Recorder Hawker, Finance Director Marshall, and Frank Forbes (the city's labor negotiator) via telephone.

McConnell called the special meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Hawker called roll.

McConnell noted that there is an addition to the agenda to include Council consideration of ratification of a tentative collective bargaining agreement with the Newport Employees Association. He asked whether a decision is needed now or if the matter could be tabled until the next City Council meeting and duly noticed as this special meeting agenda only contained an executive session. Allen stated that it is his preference to defer this item to a regular meeting since it was not noticed on this meeting agenda. McConnell asked whether this matter needed to be decided today. Forbes reported that mediation with the NEA was held last week, and that the City Manager expressed concern regarding the tentative agreement. Forbes added that if the tentative agreement is not approved, negotiations must continue. He stated that the negotiating team is recommending the tentative agreement as presented. Allen stated that this matter should have been noticed as an agenda item. Beemer agreed with Allen. Brusselback asked whether the matter could be deferred to the next meeting, and Forbes stated that it is not absolutely critical that it occur today. Voetberg noted that negotiations are complete. McConnell added that if the tentative agreement is rejected, further negotiations will occur. Forbes noted that the City Council has the full legal authority to accept or reject the tentative agreement, and that if it is rejected, it goes back to the negotiating table. Allen added that if the matter is on the next regular meeting agenda that Roumagoux and Bertuleit will have an opportunity to weigh in on it.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 A.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Mark McConnell, Mayor