

February 21, 2018
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

**JOINT WORK SESSION
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL AND
LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilor Members present: Saelens, Goebel, Engler, Allen, Sawyer, and Roumagoux.

Commissioners Present: Thompson and Hunt.

City Staff Present: Nebel, Tucker, Rich, and Tokos.

County Staff Present: Wayne Belmont, Casey Miller, Kristi Whitaker, Curtis Landers, Jamie Russell, Adam Shanks, Rebecca Austin, Onno Husing, and Nicole Fields.

Others in attendance: Frank Geltner, CM Hall, Carla Perry, and Janet Webster.

Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE - PROPOSED PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Belmont reported the law does not require marijuana tax revenue to be dedicated for a specific purpose, and the County's Health and Human Services Department proposes a pilot program for youth marijuana education and prevention. Fields presented a Lincoln County Marijuana fact sheet and proposed programs such as marijuana education and prevention marketing campaigns, marijuana safety town hall meetings, policy changes, student-led written, produced, and recorded prevention campaigns, and prevention and education programming in all schools. Belmont stated that the County has received \$140,000 in marijuana tax revenue so far and asked for the City's numbers/interest in the pilot program. Nebel noted he did not have the numbers readily available. Allen added that the consensus of Council was for City staff to draft a report and recommendation for Council regarding the pilot program.

UPDATE ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE SHERIFF'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM PLANS

Russell reported on the Stepping Up Program and other County mental health programs. Austin reported the County bought a duplex and will soon bid for remodel work. She said the housing would allow six or seven people released from state hospitals to better integrate into the community. She said the County does not have a dental program but offers vouchers.

UPDATE ON COUNTY COMMONS MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Belmont reported the issue had been discussed at the Newport Urban Renewal meeting, and the County would have an update in April.

NW SPRING STREET AND THE OLD JUMP-OFF JOE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Belmont reported the issue had been discussed at the Newport City Council meeting, and the County and City staff will work together to address the issue and develop recommendations.

UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING - FUTURE PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Saelens reported that since China has made severe restrictions on plastics, there is little anyone can do. He stated that the County's solid waste management plan is nearly complete and people can focus on recycling other materials. He said the County is working with haulers and on press releases.

HOMELESS SHELTER - DISCUSSION

Sawyer reported the issue needs to remain before the County and City because there is not a homeless shelter. Allen said that the City and County need to work together on a solution to this problem. Nebel said the City plans to invite representatives from Lebanon to discuss that city's model. He invited the County to that discussion.

AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING STATUS REPORT

Nebel reported the City plans to host another affordable/workforce housing meeting with officials and stakeholders throughout the County. Goebel asked the status of the Lincoln Community Land Trust housing program. Tokos reported there are three properties in Newport and two in Lincoln City that are in the works. He said new candidates are working through the process as a result of a public outreach earlier this month.

OREGON COASTAL CAUCUS

Thompson reported a letter has been sent to the caucus requesting an appropriation of \$3 million for a wave energy test site. He encouraged the Council to email or call Senator Roblan to express support. Allen reminded the County and Council that support on the local level has been about research and development rather than commercialization.

UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Belmont reported many of the funding streams the County was counting on for consolidating health services into new buildings has become unstable. He said eventually the County will need a new Courthouse, and is exploring funding for redevelopment and seismic resiliency for courthouses. He said the County is in the strategic planning process.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE MID-COAST WATER PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Nebel reported on the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership, which is entering its last phase. He said there would be a funding gap for the last phase, and the group may ask involved entities to contribute funding in order to conclude the process. Thompson said he would require a timeline for completion in order to support the group.

PACIFIC SEAFOOD REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE FORMER HALLMARK/CALIFORNIA SHELLFISH SITE

Hunt reported that Pacific Seafood is working on grants to develop the site, but in the short term, there may be kiosks and educational displays. Tokos said Pacific Seafood has approached the City twice requesting the City work as conduit for federal funding. He added that the company is compiling materials for the next grant cycle, which starts in October. Allen reported the City supported filing the grant application, but will have to consider the proposal again if the grant is awarded. He said several Council members are waiting on the litigation to finish before moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.