

February 6, 2012
11:30 A.M.
Newport, Oregon

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

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

Council discussed the following items:

1. Allen reported that McConnell is visiting Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, Newport's Sister City.
2. Voetberg reported that the intent of listing an executive session was to schedule a date for an executive session to provide Council with a collective bargaining update. Marshall reported that he, Frank Forbes, and Becky Gallagher had met with the Newport Police Association and the Newport Employees Association. He noted that the NPA submitted a written proposal. He added that the next session will be held on March 26, 2012, and that an executive session should be scheduled prior to this date. It was agreed to hold an executive session at the work session of March 19, 2012. It was noted that there has been no response from the Fire Department.
3. A discussion ensued regarding the appraisal of the property at 761 SW Bay Boulevard. Sawyer asked why the property was appraised so much higher in 2008. Tokos reported that this was due to a different appraisal approach, deterioration of the property, and the economy. Brusselback suggested a tour of city-owned Bayfront property. There were no questions for the appraiser who could be reached by telephone. It was noted that a minimum price needed to be established at the evening meeting, along with any sale conditions.
4. Cynthia Solie, executive director of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, introduced Jackie Mikalonis, the program director for community and economic development. Solie distributed a handout and reviewed the services provided by the COG. She responded to Council questions.
5. A discussion ensued regarding the SDC rate adjustment policy. Tokos noted that the packet contains a draft resolution that adjusts how the city makes annual updates to the SDC's. He added that it changes the process so that the annual updates do not automatically appear on the consent calendar. If adopted, they will be scheduled as action items so that Council can take public testimony. He added that the proposed resolution provides direction for when the Capital Improvement project list should be evaluated. Council agreed to place this resolution on the next agenda for formal action.
6. Allen discussed the evening agenda and noted that the first public comment period would be limited to fifteen minutes to accommodate the city attorney's attendance to discuss the business license ordinance. He added that there is another public comment period at the end of the meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 P.M.