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, Beemer, Roumagoux, Swanson, Sawyer, Saelens, and Busby were present.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, City Attorney Rich, Community Development Director Tokos, Finance Director Murzynsky, 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.

Roumagoux introduced Steve Rich, the newly-hired City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING, WORK SESSION, AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF DECEMBER 1, 2014, AND THE SPECIALMEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF DECEMBER 9, 2014

Hawker introduced the agenda item. MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Allen, to approve the City Council minutes from the regular meeting, work session, and executive session of December 1, 2014, and the special meeting and executive session of December 9, 2014, with the changes to the minutes as noted by Allen and Swanson. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCILOR DR. RICHARD BEEMER'S SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEWPORT

Roumagoux recognized Beemer for his service to the city as a Councilor. She also recognized Beemer for his other volunteer work for the city. Allen stated that he appreciates time, effort, and insights that Beemer offered, and noted that his presence will be missed on the City Council. Busby reported that Beemer got him interested in service on Council, and added that he appreciates everything Beemer has done for the city. Swanson noted that she appreciates all the side conversations. Saelens stated that he had always known of Beemer, but during his tenure on the City Council, he got to see examples of Beemer's depth of knowledge, commitment, and wisdom. Sawyer thanked Beemer for his efforts and particularly with Safe Haven Hill and parks and trail issues. Roumagoux presented Beemer with a plaque for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder	Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor