

July 18, 2011
Noon
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

Staff Present: Voetberg, Hawker, Marshall, Tokos, and Protiva.

Council discussed the following items:

1. Voetberg reported that Phil Paige has been appointed Fire Chief and will begin his duties on August 1.
2. Voetberg thanked Marshall and Frank Forbes (the city's negotiator) as the Police Department and the Newport Employee Associations have settled contract negotiations. He noted that both contracts will need to be ratified by the membership of each bargaining unit. He added that negotiations with the Fire Department are continuing. He stated that he anticipates an executive session will be required, and Council agreed to hold an executive session at 11:00 A.M., on August 15. A discussion ensued regarding a recommendation for non-represented employees. It was agreed that budget ramifications would be available at the meeting of August 15.
3. McConnell asked for a count on attendance at the upcoming League of Oregon Cities Conference. He noted that he has several rooms available in his Sun River home as well as a nearby house. Brusselback stated that he would be staying at McConnell's home.
4. Allen and/or Tokos will report on the Friday workshop on economic development at this evening's meeting.
5. Brusselback will report on a recent meeting of the Bayfront Parking Association this evening.
6. It was noted that an open house on the TSP will be held July 27, at 5:00 P.M.
7. It was agreed to add the consideration of a recommendation from the DNC for a tourism marketing grant, for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Yaquina Bay Bridge, to this evening's agenda.
8. It was agreed to add the approval of a revised Resolution No. 3548 to the evening's agenda.
9. A discussion ensued regarding public contracting rules. Bertuleit stated that he would like to include a local preference, and McConnell wished to include the sustainability section of the existing rules.
10. A discussion ensued regarding economic development. McConnell reported that the Chamber of Commerce is prepared to coordinate a committee and is looking for input from the city. He noted that there are several areas of focus including: retail;

the marine science initiative; and other job creating industries outside the marine science initiatives. It was suggested that an economic development workshop be held in the fall and include representatives from Lincoln County, Chamber of Commerce, and YBOOI. A discussion ensued regarding a liaison to the economic development group, and McConnell stated that he would consistently attend, and suggested a rotation of Councilors as liaisons.

11. A discussion ensued regarding the draft resolution creating a recreation facilities management task force. It was recommended that the resolution include a value statement, and the task be to evaluate continuation of the level of service at a reduced cost. It was agreed that the task force consist of seven members with two at-large members who are users of the facility, but do not need to be residents. Council agreed that the task needs to be completed by November 15, 2011. It was asked that the resolution be amended and added to this evening's agenda.
12. A discussion ensued regarding the monies (\$10,000) that have been earmarked for granting to nonprofit organizations, and how to proceed. McConnell presented a draft application form and materials based on Lincoln County's model.
13. A discussion ensued regarding the resolution creating a Tourism Facility Review Task Force. It was agreed to solicit applications and appoint the Task Force at the August 1 meeting. It was suggested that Caroline Bauman be encouraged to apply, and that someone from the Oregon Community Foundation be considered.
14. Council asked that a discussion regarding SeaPort Airlines be added to the evening agenda.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned 1:15 P.M.