

June 18, 2012
Noon
Newport, Oregon

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/ PORT OF NEWPORT WORK SESSION

Councilors present: McConnell, Beemer, Roumagoux, Sawyer, Bertuleit and Allen. Excused Brusselback. Port Commissioners present: Joann Barton, Walter Chuck, and David Jincks

Staff present: Voetberg, Clark, Tokos and Miranda. Port Manager Don Mann. Also present were: Larry Coonrod, Newport News-Times, and Dave Morgan, News Lincoln County.

Council discussed the following items:

1. McConnell updated the topics for future Council work sessions.
2. Mann updated Council on the status of the terminal projects and potential contracts with Teevin Brothers for a shipping yard staged at the terminals. Items covered included channel depth, wetland mitigation, safety issues, and truck traffic. He stated that the Port of Newport is looking at having the terminal project completed and operational by the first of the year.

A discussion ensued regarding truck traffic to and from the terminal area. Tokos stated that he has had brief conversations with ODOT regarding the intersections in question. Jincks noted that the terminals will be built for shipping and that it is important to address traffic concerns sooner rather than later. McConnell questioned the noise of the trucks. Miranda reviewed the noise ordinance. Tokos noted that the property is zoned heavy industrial and the issue is what ODOT can/will require of a future tenant at the terminal. He also noted that the city's only say pertains to safety concerns.

Barton noted that she would like to see a joint task force formed between the city and port. Allen noted that he wanted council/commission/city staff and balanced citizen involvement on this task force. Jincks noted that he would like to see the task force develop a priority list for the traffic concerns. It was decided that the Port would be responsible for the task force and that they would have an outline for the City Council at their next work session.

Barton opened the floor to public comments:

John Lewis expressed concerns regarding invasive species on the ships. Jincks noted that this was addressed at the Port's first public meeting and pamphlets are available on the Port website. Barton noted that these are regulated by the EPA on water exchanges

Joann McAdams expressed concerns about the impact to the roads from NOAA's relocation to Newport.

Mike Peterson expressed concern about truck traffic in the proposed area. Jincks noted that, in the 90's, there was extensive truck traffic in that area.

Paul Stangeland suggested developing alternative routes with better access from Highway 20.

Annie Catalano spoke against the proposed log trucks using John Moore Road and suggested alternative dedicated truck routes.

Doug Wills expressed concern regarding truck noise and the spring on John Moore Road that is currently causing road issues.

Oly Olson provided written comments. He stated that the county had looked at a Port bypass road in the 80's, and suggested that this issue be revisited.

Sunnetta Ransom, representing the Embarcadero, expressed concerns about the John Moore intersection and the safety issues that surround it. She also expressed concern about storm drainage and possible sink holes in the area.

Eric Knudson expressed concern about truck traffic and maintenance issues on John Moore Road.

Leif Frays addressed concerns regarding the roads that the trucks will be using.

Laura Singer expressed concerns about invasive species from foreign ships.

Kristine Peterson expressed concerns about the noise levels, carbon monoxide levels and infrastructure damage created by the vibration of the trucks.

Rob Halverson suggested that the task force to look at the speed limits coming into Newport.

Wayde Dudley suggested that the task force to be balanced with people for and against the project.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.