

June 29, 2010  
6:00 P.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met, in a Special Meeting, on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Bain, Obteshka, Brusselback, Patrick, Bertuleit, McConnell, and Kilbride were present.

Staff attending was as follows: City Manager Voetberg, City Recorder Hawker, Executive Assistant Atkinson, City Attorney McCarthy, Community Development Director Tokos, Library Director Smith, Public Works Director Ritzman, Airport Director Cossey, Fire Chief Crook, Interim Finance Director Brown, Parks and Recreation Director Protiva, and Police Chief Miranda.

**Resolution No. 3515 adopting the City of Newport 2010-11 budget and levying taxes.**

Voetberg noted that the matter before Council is consideration of the revised City of Newport FY 2010-11 annual budget. He reported that there are two associated resolutions; one is to adopt the budget and the other is to impose taxes. He reviewed the process noting that the budget has been reviewed by both the Budget Committee and the City Council and each had held a public hearing. Brown read the list of revisions that were made at the previous work session. Patrick asked about the funding for the meter reading project, and Voetberg noted that this is money for a consultant to study the various options. McConnell stated that he would support the budget if Council begins creating a list, at the first meeting July, of potential cost savings, including ways to control personnel costs. Obteshka suggested engaging the employees as they have submitted some good cost savings ideas that warrant exploration. Obteshka stated that he would support the budget despite the fact that it does not contain everything that he would want. He added that his vote is not meant to be “anti-employee.” Patrick stated that she has received lots of calls and e-mails expressing the sentiments that were heard Monday. She stated that she will not vote for the budget, as she represents the constituents and it does not reflect their comments. Kilbride stated that he is satisfied with the compensation levels with the exception of the Public Works Department and the fire union, as there are no other raises. He stated that he is concerned about adding a position but would defer to Voetberg’s judgment. He reiterated that he is comfortable with the compensation levels at city and that was big item. He added that Voetberg has assured him that he will manage and monitor the budget this year. Bertuleit stated that he has the same concerns as others. He added that the city should investigate the improvement of efficiencies, including a different way of handling medical benefits. He expressed concern about making proper judgments in the type of personnel hired to manage public works project. He added that he does not want to see the Public Works Department cut summer help. Brusselback stated that the budget does not have everything he wants, but in the end, it is critical that the Council is working on the same team. MOTION was made by McConnell, seconded by Obteshka, to adopt Resolution No. 3515 as presented. The motion carried in a voice vote with Patrick voting no.

**Resolution No. 3513, imposing and categorizing ad valorem taxes for the City of Newport’s 2010-11 annual budget.** Brown explained that this resolution imposes and categorizes ad valorem taxes for the city. She noted that the allocations are: General Fund -

\$5.5938/\$1,000; 1998 Water Bonded Debt - \$350,992; 2008 Wastewater bonded Debt - \$788,424; 2009 Water Improvement Bonded Debt - \$331,275. Kilbride reported that the average is \$17.50 for city residents and \$12.50 for non-residents on the property tax statement. MOTION was made by Brusselback, seconded by McConnell, to adopt Resolution No. 3513, imposing and categorizing ad valorem taxes for the City of Newport's 2010-11 annual budget. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

The City Council thanked Brown for her work as interim finance director.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

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William D. Bain, Mayor