

June 4, 2012
Noon
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

Staff present: Voetberg, Hawker, Tokos, and Protiva. Also present were: Larry Coonrod, Newport News-Times, and Dave Morgan, News Lincoln County.

Council discussed the following items:

1. Allen asked whether John Baker is able to attend the work session to discuss the employee survey, and it was noted that he plans to attend.
2. MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to enter executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to discuss real property transactions; and 192.660(2)(i) to conduct a performance evaluation of the city manager. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote, and Council entered executive session at 12:05 P.M.
3. MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Bertuleit, to leave executive session and return to the City Council work session. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote, and Council returned to its work session at 2:01 P.M.
4. John Baker reviewed the employee survey compilation with Council. He responded to Council questions. A discussion ensued regarding improving employee and public communication. The question of "how do we get our story told" was asked and discussed. It was suggested that Voetberg and Baker brainstorm communication improvements.
5. It was noted that the next Town Hall meeting will be held on July 30, and the subsequent Town Hall meeting on October 29. One meeting will be held in the City Center, and one in the Bayfront.
6. Baker reported that Voetberg's program at Rotary was successful, adding that it is a good step to inform the city.
7. Baker reported that supervisory training has begun in the Fire and Public Works Departments.
8. Baker stated that the City Employee Committee is essential. He added that the employee survey is a communication tool. It was noted that Baker has reviewed the employee survey compilation with the CEC.
9. McConnell suggested asking employees for suggestions based on the survey. Baker stated that he is willing to attend departmental meetings to explain the survey.
10. It was suggested that the comments and concerns from part-time employees, as noted in the survey, be addressed.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 P.M.