

June 5, 2017
Noon
Newport, Oregon

The Newport City Council met in a work session on the above date and time in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were: Sawyer, Allen, Goebel, Roumagoux, and Saelens. Swanson and Engler were excused.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel; City Recorder/Special Projects Director Hawker; and City Attorney Rich.

WORK SESSION OVERVIEW

Nebel reported that Municipal Court Judge Jeff Pridgeon is present to provide an annual report on the operation of the Municipal Court. He stated that over the past year, the court has gone through several transitions in support staffing. He noted that staff has performed two recruitments for the position, and is now in the third recruitment. He added that the responsibilities are currently being shared by Linda Brown, in the Finance Department, and Kathy Woosley in the Police Department.

Nebel reported that the second issue on this agenda is a discussion of the process for committee appointments.

Nebel reported that the final item on this agenda is an executive session regarding real property transactions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Yearly Update by Municipal Court Judge Jeff Pridgeon. Pridgeon distributed two reports related to the amounts of money collected for various violations during the 2015 and 2016 calendar years. He reported that the absence of a Court Clerk seems to affect the revenues. He reviewed reasons why defendants do not come to court or pay the ticket; handicapped parking violations and options; collection agency activity; notices to defendants; tickets for cell phone usage while driving; parking (particularly on Port property in South Beach); the recent decline in Latino defendants coming to court; and the possibility of adding Spanish language verbiage to the website outlining defendant's options related to coming to court. Pridgeon responded to Council questions. It was agreed that staff would investigate the possibility of obtaining the defendant's rights in Spanish for posting on the city website.

Discussion on the Process for Making Committee Appointments. Allen noted that he requested this discussion to clarify the process for committee appointments. He suggested that if Council interviews candidates, such as those for the Budget Committee and Planning Commission, that Council make a recommendation to the Mayor related to the appointment. Council would continue to be responsible for ratifying the Mayor's appointment. With committee appointments that did not require a Council interview, which would be all but the Budget Committee and Planning Commission, recommendations would come to the Mayor from the committees; the Mayor would make an appointment; and Council would be responsible for ratification of the Mayor's appointment. Council was

in agreement, and it was noted that this item will appear on an upcoming agenda for formal Council approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Allen, to enter executive session pursuant to 192.060(2)(e) to discuss real property transactions. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote, and Council entered executive session at 1:00 P.M.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Saelens, to return to the City Council work session. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote, and Council returned to its work session at 1:31 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 P.M.