

March 4, 2013
Noon
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Councilors present: Beemer, Sawyer, Busby, Saelens, and Swanson. Allen arrived at 12:40 P.M., and Roumagoux was excused.

Staff present: Voetberg, Hawker, Tokos, and Marshall.

Sawyer called the meeting to order and read into the record the name of each person in attendance.

1. **Urban Renewal 101**. Tokos made a PowerPoint presentation on urban renewal generally and how it relates to the city. He reviewed: what is urban renewal; the powers of the Urban Renewal Agency; powers of the URA versus those of the city; tax increment financing; role and responsibilities of the URA; the South Beach Urban Renewal District; an overview of the South Beach plan and budgeted projects; the Northside Urban Renewal District; the South Beach Urban Renewal District FY 2013/2014 projects; key phase 2 South Beach projects; an overview of phase 1, 2, and 3 projects; the growth projection for the South Beach Urban Renewal District; and urban renewal funding in general. Tokos responded to Council questions.
2. **City Council Goals Review**. It was reported that Tokos had tweaked the Community Development goals mostly to categorize them, remove duplications, and generally edit them. It was agreed to place the City Council goals on the next evening meeting (March 18) for formal adoption. Saelens noted that the last goal is "sustainability," and that he would be willing to meet with each department to discuss what sustainability might mean to the city. Allen and Saelens will work together to develop sustainability goals.

Allen noted that the city had previously included a mission statement with the Council goals. He suggested that this item (mission statement) be included as an item on the next work session.

3. **2013 Town Hall Meetings**. Council concurred that it would like to continue holding town hall meetings on the fifth Monday of those months containing a fifth Monday. It was agreed to include this as an agenda item at the March 18 evening meeting to establish a schedule for the year. It was suggested that one town hall meeting be held at the high school to engage the youth.
4. **Azar Nuisance Issue**. It was noted that this item is scheduled for this evening but that Ms. Azar's attorney has requested a postponement. Council will decide this evening whether to grant a continuance in the matter.

5. **Tourism Facility Grant Review Task Force**. It was noted that this item is scheduled for a presentation, this evening, by the Task Force, and that no Council action is required today.
6. **Council Attendance at City Committee Meetings**. It was asked whether Council could sit in on other city committee meetings. It was noted that they could if a quorum of the Council was not present, or if the meeting had been advertised as a joint meeting of the City Council and a specific committee. Allen noted that Council likely should not be attending Planning Commission meetings when a quasi judicial matter is discussed.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.