

May 20, 2013
Noon
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Councilors present: Beemer, Sawyer, Busby, Saelens, Allen, Swanson and Roumagoux.

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

Others present: Jeff Pridgeon, Municipal Court Judge

Roumagoux called the meeting to order and the roll was taken.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Swanson, to enter executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to discuss real property transactions. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote, and Council entered executive session at 12:06 P.M.

At the conclusion of the executive session, MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to return to the Council work session. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote, and Council returned to its work session at 12:18 P.M.

1. Jeff Pridgeon, Municipal Court Judge updated Council on municipal court activities; including the types of cases handled by the municipal court; the fine structure and revenue stream. Council discussed the new software utilized by the court. Pridgeon stated that the tracking of fines and unpaid fines is much better. Voetberg reported that unpaid parking fines are turned over to TCB for collections. There was a discussion regarding court audio tapes and the fiscal report. Court clients will soon be able to pay fines with a credit card.
2. Roumagoux asked for additional work session items that are not listed on the agenda, for this or future work sessions.

Saelens asked about the parking ticket letter that was sent to Mr. Cochrane. It was noted that Miranda had responded to the letter. A discussion ensued regarding responses to letters and e-mails from citizens.

Roumagoux discussed a clean-up day, and noted that NOAA is interested in working with the city on something. Voetberg suggested that NOAA could get involved through the Adopt-a-Park Program. He added that Coast Park has not been adopted. Saelens and Allen will communicate with NOAA regarding recycling projects and programs.

Roumagoux discussed being part of a crosswalk sting, similar to what the Mayor of Portland did.

Roumagoux addressed the Coast Guard Sign and the Council agreed that she should proceed, but made it clear that there is no money budgeted for the sign.

Swanson addressed the issue of using the Council Chambers timer consistently, and a discussion ensued. It was decided that the timer would be used and that Swanson would notify the speaker that they had 30 seconds to conclude their statement.

3. Allen updated the Council on the progress of the City Manager's Evaluation Sub-Committee. He reviewed a draft evaluation tool designed by the Committee. He asked that Council review the tool and be prepared to edit and revise the document at the June 17 work session. Saelens added that the Committee wanted to have a self-evaluation component to the evaluation tool. It was noted that the Committee also believed it is important to have quarterly reviews, not of the City Manager, but a discussion on the status of Council goals. Swanson emphasized the importance of training on the use of the new evaluation tool so that the Council can be on the same page regarding what exceeds expectations, etc. means. It was added that the Committee believes it is important that the release of the information regarding the evaluation of City Manager and the Council goals review be communicated, as a unit, and released after a discussion by Council on how to release the information and the contents of what will be released. It was recommended that this be discussed in executive session and reported to the public at a regular City Council meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:36 P.M.