

November 30, 2015
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in a Town Hall meeting, at 6:00 P.M., at the Performing Arts Center, 777 West Olive Street, Newport. Present were Roumagoux, Busby, Allen, Sawyer, Swanson, Saelens, and Engler.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, Community Development Director Tokos, Public Works Director Gross, Fire Chief Murphy, and Police Chief Miranda.

Also in attendance were: Thom Strunk, Robbin Sprartz, Marletta Noe, Tom Webb, Doug Fitts, Catherine Rickbone, Mark McConnell, Kristi Ryder, Mike Kloeck, Greg Morrow, John Clark, Mar Lehrman, Jody George, Eileen Obteshka, Terry Obteshka, Lee Gardner, Frances VanWert, Veronica Willemin, Carla Perry, Marty Runyon, Cynthia Jacobi, Bren Carver, Chuck Victory, Linda Neigebauer, Ken O'Connell, Lucinda Chapman, Martha Winsor, and others.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Roumagoux welcomed attendees and introduced Council and staff. She noted that comment forms had been provided in the lobby and would be collected at the conclusion of the meeting.

OPENING REMARKS BY CITY MANAGER NEBEL

Nebel reviewed the history of the Town Hall meetings. He noted that questions could be asked after each presentation, and again at the end of the meeting. Nebel reiterated that comment forms had been made available, and could be deposited at the conclusion of the meeting.

REVIEW OF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT - CATHERINE RICKBONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OREGON COAST COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

Rickbone reviewed the status of the renovation of the Performing Arts Center. Mark McConnell, Capital Campaign Chair, reviewed the fundraising efforts, noting that more than 1.5 million dollars had been raised for this project to date.

UPCOMING OFFERINGS AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER - CATHERINE RICKBONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OREGON COAST COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS, AND TOM WEBB, DIRECTOR OF THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER

Rickbone reviewed upcoming events at the PAC, and Webb discussed the Visual Arts Center, and upcoming events at that facility.

NYE BEACH MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION - PLANNED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Veronica Willemin discussed upcoming activities presented by the Nye Beach Merchants Association. These activities included: Murder Mystery Weekend, the Banner Project, Beyond Borders, participation by Nana's in the 4-H program, and the group's upcoming holiday party.

UPDATE ON THE NYE BEACH DESIGN OVERLAY REVISIONS - DERRICK TOKOS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Tokos reviewed the recently adopted revisions to the Nye Beach Design Overlay.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE NYE BEACH PARKING DISTRICT - DERRICK TOKOS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Tokos presented an update on the activities of the Nye Beach Parking District. He noted that a parking study is planned. Terry Obtshka recommended that previously collected information be made a part of that study.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE - PROJECTS ANTICIPATED IN NYE BEACH - TIM GROSS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Gross discussed the possible rehabilitation of the Nye Beach Turnaround. He asked for feedback on the possible reversal of traffic through the Turnaround which would allow for greater access for delivery vehicles, emergency vehicles, and refined traffic flow on Alpine and Beach Drive. It was recommended that feedback on this item be written on the back of the comment forms.

Gross reviewed the status of the Sixth Street project, noting that funding had to be reallocated to a more urgent project.

BACTERIA COUNTS AT NYE BEACH - TIM GROSS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Gross reviewed the bacteria counts at Nye Beach, and discussed plans for determining sources of the bacteria.

STREET LIGHT AND POLE MAINTENANCE - TIM GROSS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Gross reported that the majority of the street lights and poles, in Nye Beach, are the property of the PUD. He explained how to file a maintenance report on the PUD website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was asked whether the land, next to Don Davis Park, was to be donated to the Lincoln County Land Trust, for affordable housing. Nebel reported that the City Council will be holding a work session on affordable housing issues on Monday, December 7. Allen asked whether Bill Hall plans to attend the work session, and it was noted that Hall will be in attendance along with a representative from Portland firm that is directing the efforts of the LCLT. Kathy Cleary asked whether the property next to Don Davis Park is the only property being considered by the city and the LCLT for affordable housing.

Allen asked whether the parking lot at the PAC is utilized during the summer, and Eileen Obtshka noted that it is typically full on summer days.

Frances VanWert asked that the city look at the issue of vacation rental dwellings. Allen noted that the city's ordinance on vacation rental dwellings had been revised in the past few years, and that he had been unaware of any problems.

Marletta Noe stated that "private parking" and "handicapped parking" signs have been appearing on Sixth Street. Miranda reported that his staff removes those signs when they become aware of them.

Terry Obtshka stated that parking meters would be a bad idea in Nye Beach.

Terry Obtshka suggested removing the rocks at the Turnaround and replacing them with stamped pavers.

Chuck Victory recommended reviewing the benefit to neighboring communities when looking at city property to be used for affordable housing.

Marletta Noe asked what was planned for the former dry cleaning building. Greg Morrow, property owner, reported that he is evaluating the property, but that it could be used as a parking lot as early as next spring.

Jody George thanked the city and ODOT for the new crosswalks on Highway 101.

Marletta Noe suggested using the vacant lot, off Cliff Street, for parking.

ADJOURNMENT

Roumagoux thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.