

October 15, 2012
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Beemer, Allen, Bertuleit, Brusselback, McConnell, Roumagoux, and Sawyer were present.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WITH COAST GUARD COLOR GUARD

The Coast Guard Color Guard presented the colors, and the City Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

Chief Carlos Hessler presented the Sailor of the Quarter Award to Seaman Jessie Tye.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of City Council minutes from the work session and regular meeting of October 1, 2012;
- B. Report of accounts paid for September 2012;
- C. OLCC license approval - Bridges Restaurant and Lounge.

MOTION was made by Roumagoux, seconded by Brusselback, to approve the consent calendar with the changes to the minutes as noted by Allen. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Report of the Mayor. McConnell appointed Karaen Murphy, Mark Goodman, Wyma Rogers, and Sue Valentine to the Public Arts Committee. MOTION was made by Bertuleit, seconded by Brusselback, to ratify the Mayor's appointments. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

McConnell reported that he had attended the HMSC and South Beach Peninsula tsunami evacuation drill last Thursday. He noted that the drill was a success, and that there were double the participants from last year. He added that some work has been

done to the hill. He thanked the Fire and Police Departments, the volunteers, and the CERT for participating.

McConnell reported that he had greeted a group of Japanese bridge engineers that attended a session at City Hall. He noted that Gross and others made presentations, and that the group looked at the Yaquina Bay and Spencer Creek Bridges.

Report of the City Manager. Voetberg reported that the departmental monthly reports were included in the packet.

Gross addressed the collection and use of gas tax dollars. He had included information in the packet regarding the same, noting that \$384,000 had been collected since the inception of the tax. He noted that there are two other funding sources for street improvements including the state gasoline tax and the fund exchange dollars. He reported that page two of his memo shows how the money has been budgeted over the past two years.

Sawyer stated that he appreciated receiving the delinquent accounts receivable list.

Brusselback asked whether the accounts receivable report was a standard amount, and Voetberg noted that it contained nothing really alarming.

Voetberg reported that the packet contains information regarding the PERS increases that will affect the next two fiscal years. He added that the elimination of the defined benefit portion of the city's pension plan will save hundreds of thousands of dollars. A discussion ensued regarding the status of West Coast Trust.

Voetberg reported that the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting an artisan fair this weekend. He added that the department plans three or four special events annually to raise funds to offset the cost of programs.

Voetberg reported that Steve Wyatt, from the Lincoln County Historical Society, would like to schedule a walk-through of the Maritime Museum. It was suggested that the November 19, 2012 work session be held at the Museum.

McConnell asked whether there has been progress on a joint meeting with the Port of Newport on November 19.

Voetberg reported that the airport will be closed parts of the next three days to core drill the center of the runway for the Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation Project.

Voetberg reported that the city has closed on the Guin property.

Voetberg reported that CIS claim information is included in the packet.

Voetberg noted that a recognition of the city's contribution to the marathon is on display in front of the Mayor's seat.

McConnell thanked staff for the departmental reports.

DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Pacific Marine Energy Center Presentation by Kaety Hildenbrand. Kaety Hildenbrand made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the status of marine energy efforts on the Oregon Coast. She gave an overview of the Oregon Sea Grant Extension and its role with NNMREC; the mission of NNMREC; the European Marine Energy Centre; and the PMEC site selection process. She noted that a location for a grid-connected marine energy site has been narrowed to two locations - Newport and Reedsport. She explained the remainder of the site selection process; the permitting process relative to the location of the marine energy site; the benefits to the community; the potential

onshore infrastructure; and potential environmental impacts. She responded to Council questions.

Discussion of Letter from Rob Bovett, District Attorney Regarding Participation in LINT. McConnell reported that a letter had been received from District Attorney Rob Bovett, dated October 11, and that Miranda would brief Council. Miranda reported that the city has not had an officer assigned to LINT for quite some time due to budget issues and the ultimate elimination of the position. He stated that all that is left is patrol, and the city is currently down one effective position. He added that he is planning on taking a patrol position and assigning it to LINT probably before the end of the year. He noted that he will need to adjust staffing priorities, but will do whatever is necessary to maintain service to the community. McConnell noted that future City Councils, Budget Committees, and the City Manager will have to take a hard look at whether the city can fund another police officer. Sawyer noted that the city has participated in LINT since 1988, and always made sure there was a LINT detective, although there have always been staffing issues. Rob Bovett thanked Council for considering restoration of the position.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amendments to the Transportation System Plan Element of the Newport Comprehensive Plan along with Implementing Provisions in the Newport Zoning Code. McConnell opened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M. Tokos reported that the issue before Council is consideration of whether it is in the public interest to amend the Transportation System Plan element of the Newport Comprehensive Plan to set out a policy framework in support of an alternate mobility standard for US 101 south of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. He made a PowerPoint presentation and walked through the entire TSP process. He explained that an alternate mobility standard is a tool that ODOT can use to allow more vehicle trips to be generated onto US 101 than is permissible under current state law. He added that it would be put in place by the Oregon Highway Commission once the city and county adopt the proposed amendments. He noted that in addition to the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the zoning ordinance would be amended to establish a trip budget program for South Beach, citywide traffic impact analysis requirements, and citywide transportation improvement requirements for infill development. He added that functional classification maps of the city's road network and future city transportation project priorities/cost estimates have also been updated. Tokos reported that the Planning Commission had provided a favorable recommendation, and outlined changes that were made since the Commission meeting. Tokos noted that the settlement agreement with Landwaves needs to be adjusted to conform to the new methodology.

McConnell called for public comment.

Bonnie Serkin, representing Landwaves, reported that her concern is what happens to what Landwaves already had approval for, and the phased development. She added that she is optimistic that necessary changes will be made before the ordinance comes before the City Council.

Dennis Bartoldus, representing GVR, stated that he understands that the changes may give some priority to GVR and Landwaves who were involved initially. He added that he may have additional comments in the future.

A discussion ensued regarding whether to close the public hearing. It was agreed to leave the public hearing open until November 5 for new testimony and possible action on an ordinance.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to leave the hearing open and continue it to the next regular meeting on November 5, at 7:00 P.M., and that would be a hearing in regard to amendments to the Transportation Systems Plan element of the Newport Comprehensive Plan along with implementing provisions in the Newport Zoning Code. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Repeal and Replacement of Ordinance No. 2018, Vacating a Portion of SE First Street - Continued to November 5, 2012 at Applicant's Request. McConnell opened the public hearing at 8:02 P.M. Tokos reported that the applicant has requested the hearing be continued to November 5, 2012. MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Roumagoux, to continue the public hearing on the repeal and replacement of Ordinance No. 2018, vacating a portion of SE First Street to November 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Recommendations from the Plastic Bag Community Plan Task Force. Charlie Plybon made a brief PowerPoint presentation. The presentation covered plastic bag legislation on the federal, state, and local level; outside the US; no US plastic bag legislation at the state level; the California bag ban evolution; history of the issue in Oregon; bag policy themes; data from the first six months of the Portland bag ban; consumer responses to bag charges; fees and taxes; and voluntary programs. Brusselback asked whether Plybon had any idea how many plastic bags end up in the Newport dump in one year, and Plybon suggested asking the waste managers. Allen noted that the Task Force had lots of discussion about recycling, and that he is hoping to hear from Hawkyard and other Task Force members in the room, not just about voting, but about other good discussions that occurred during Task Force meetings. Brusselback asked which option is the most effective of all reviewed during Plybon's presentation. Plybon stated that the ban on plastic bags with a fee for paper bags is the most effective policy. He added that some cities have started elsewhere and graduated into this policy, as it is the one that has gotten the greatest support from legislators, grocers, and large retailers.

Matt Hawkyard, chair of the Plastic Bag Community Plan Task Force, reported that the Task Force had more than 16 members, and lots of folks put in lots of time. He presented an overview of the process, noting that the group discussed at individual meetings the concept of reduce, reuse, and recycle. He reported that the meetings started with recycle, and the haulers gave a presentation, and indicated a willingness to participate in efforts, but that there were no specific recommendations. Hawkyard reported that the second issue discussed was reuse, and it was broken into two parts - reusable shopping bags and potential ways for reusing single use plastic bags. He noted that some Task Force members felt that reusable bags presented a reasonable

alternative to the use of plastics; but that others were concerned about contaminated reusable bags. He added that secondary uses of plastic bags were not proposed for any community plan. He noted that in regard to reusable bags and sanitation issues, it was agreed that education would be important for users of reusable shopping bags. He suggested considering mandatory signage at the point of sale, and noted that this was his personal opinion. Hawkyard reported that the Task Force discussed ways to reduce the use of plastic bags in Newport. He noted that several options were discussed including a potential ban on single use plastic bags; a fee on plastic or paper bags with or without a ban; and voluntary options. He added that reduction is where there were sticking points due to the range of options. He reported that Laura Kriz, from Dahl Disposal, developed a conceptual framework which is included in packet, which was a flow chart designed to conceptualize options. He added that Mark Saelens developed a written decision matrix from the conceptual framework. Hawkyard reported that the Task Force voted on each policy option contained in the decision matrix, and that the results of the votes are included in the packet. He thanked the Task Force, and noted that they had accomplished a lot.

Mark Jones, Vice-Chair of the Task Force, reported that Hawkyard had summed up the work of the Task Force accurately. Jones added that they worked hard as a group, though the meetings were often contentious. He stated that the issue needs to be carefully addressed as to whether it moves forward or not, noting that there are different opinions in the community. He recommended Council move slowly and really understand the situation.

Rio Davidson reminded Council that they had voted to pass this issue last year. He stated that now is the time to listen to what the community is saying. He added that people are looking to elected officials to make necessary changes, and that he hoped that this can move forward.

Dennis Fry stated that he had submitted a letter to Council and that he was a member of the Task Force and a resident. He read excerpts from the letter he had submitted. He stated that his recommendation is implementation of a ban using the Corvallis model with some tailoring to fit Newport. He added that Natural Grocers eliminated plastic bags throughout all its stores, and provides bins with boxes for customers to use.

Rhonda Fry stated that there were several people on the Task Force who did not want a ban and some of the reasons included the sanitation issue with dirty bags; and the ability to get groceries home in a rainy climate. She stated that there is more than one grocery store in the county that does not use plastic bags, including Oceana. She added that the weather has not changed in last 100 years and people got their groceries home before plastic bags. She stated that a ban would be symbolic about what kind of changes we are willing to make to improve our environment. She asked how this decision will impact seven generations from now.

Cyd Cannizzaro reported that she attended some Task Force meetings and talked with Allen and local haulers about recycling, as she was employed with a recycling program. She stated that Newport has a great opportunity to look to Portland, Corvallis, and Eugene, and decide what is working; what is not working; and move forward with what is a natural fit. She added that to ban plastic bags is to choose to no longer use plastic bags in an effort to continue to promote the natural beauty of this area. She reported that the city she worked for purchased reusable bags and distributed them at

events. She added that a ban is embracing the environment; it is not taking away; it is educating and showing people what is beneficial. She stated that she agrees with and supports the proposal to ban single use plastic bags with a five cent fee on paper bags. She noted that she also mentioned the possibility of a master recyclers program to Thompson's Sanitary and Dahl Disposal as a way to build a volunteer base.

Vince Pappalardo stated that he had spent the last six months attending Task Force meetings, and that after three months; he wondered why the meetings were so contentious. He reported that there were Task Force members who believed there was a problem and those who did not. He stated that he believes there is a problem. He noted that single use plastics have become pervasive in this society in the last 20 years, and that at the top of the chain is single use plastic bags because they are hard to recycle, and there is not a good market for the bags, while there are markets for some of the other plastics. He stated that the easy way to get rid of single use plastic bags is to bring your own bag. He added that getting rid of single use plastic bags is the first step in eliminating plastic, and it will help.

Will Brusselback reported that in the first six months of the ban in Portland, 50,000,000 plastic bags from 55 grocers were eliminated. He added that this is an unfathomable number of plastic bags to disappear from the planet. He stated that if Council believes these are a problem and an indicator of a greater problem, the city should take the next step to be a leader; take the initiative; and action on this issue.

Rhonda Fry reported that during the Task Force meetings, Lyle Mattson, from JC Market, said that this store spends \$39,000 annually for plastic bags at a cost of approximately one cent each.

Mark Saelens thanked the Task Force members and Matt Hawkyard and Mark Jones for serving as chair and vice-chair and dealing with an unruly crowd at times. He stated that he thought the Task Force had done a pretty good job in bringing options to the table. He added that neither he nor Ken Riley (Thompson's Sanitary) had voted, as both considered themselves to be advisors. He stated that based on his years of experience in public policy; education is always a huge component, but added that unless you want to expend a lot more effort, education all by itself only enhances current practitioners, and makes only a few converts. He noted that another major issue the Task Force dealt with was whether there was a proven problem, although this was not really the purview of the Task Force. He reported that he was asked what he considered to be scientific evidence, and had consequently looked for peer scientific review articles on plastics and plastic bags. He added that in the late 60's, there were already peer review scientific journals concerned about the use of plastic bags, and that the general belief is that plastic bags have one of the worst impacts on wildlife. He noted that burning, if done in a qualified facility, actually falls into a hierarchy ahead of recycling. He stated that the other fact about recycling is that the products on the market rely on only the extremely clean category of plastic bags. He noted that public behavior is hard to change without an incentive for change. He stated that if Council cannot go with a full ban, that it make a credible statement about what the targets are, and what happens if expectations are not met, and that it will reconsider this issue in a year. Allen asked Saelens whether he believed that the haulers and solid waste manager can come back to Council with change that would occur, Saelens said that there would need to be an ordinance or resolution. Saelens stated that it is already known that a vast number of plastic bags are not recycled. He added that he is confident that he could do something, but it would be

critical to have access to information from the retailers. He noted that retailers could be required to provide recycling at businesses. Allen reported that Lyle Mattson said that he would work with Saelens and the haulers to improve recycling, and that it is possible that the folks at Fred Meyer and Safeway might participate as well. Saelens reported that there was a motion on the floor at the Task Force to accept the Corvallis model. McConnell asked Saelens how much money was in his budget for education, and Saelens reported that he has the lowest budget ever, and that most of his contribution would have to come from service time. Allen stated that it will not cost anything but time for Saelens and the haulers to talk to the markets. Saelens stated that education only, without a “stick,” would be a minimal program. Saelens recommended that whatever plan Council chooses, it should develop a subgroup to meet and discuss the details. McConnell noted that this is the purpose of having an ordinance. Allen stated that he would like to do a “go slow” approach to see how effective it is. Saelens noted that a proper measuring plan would be required with or without a ban.

Matt Hawkyard stated that as chair of the Task Force, he was not in a position to advocate his own position, but would now like to express his personal opinion. He stated that he has been working on plastic bag outreach since 2003 and with the Surfriders Foundation since 2007. He added that the Surfriders Foundation has worked with Thompson’s Sanitary to distribute reusable bags. He noted that the Newport Chapter of the Surfriders Foundation has participated in many more outreach events. He added that this constitutes many man hours, and given the level of investment, this is one of reasons from moving away from Options 3 and 4 because of the significant investment it would take on the part of the city and local organizations to make a significant impact. He stated that he did not vote to send the incentive option to the City Council as this would simply defer the problem. He added that sending the issue to the next City Council is also deferring the problem. He stated that education and outreach do not work at the local level.

Dennis Fry stated that last year, Council had a room full of people with a unified request, and again tonight, the room is nearly filled with people asking for a unified decision from Council. He noted that approximately four people on the Task Force had a differing view, but it was pretty unanimous what the Task Force wanted to see happen.

Rolla Cleaver, representing OLCV, reported that Jay Fineman was the Task Force representative from OLCV, but that he was unable to attend tonight due to surgery. He stated that if we all can agree that plastic bags need to be reduced, Council should go with a plan that is proven to work - a ban with a fee. He asked Council to stand up and be counted on what we believe in on this. He stated that he would like to see a ban with a fee.

McConnell called for Council discussion. Allen stated that he appreciated all the time and effort that members put into the Task Force. He referenced the discussions and focuses on the conceptual framework and decision matrix.

McConnell noted that Council learned, from this experience, to delineate members at the beginning.

McConnell stated that Council needs to decide what it wants to do with this information. Beemer noted that it is clear that if Council adopts Option 3, it must define a goal, and if the goal is not reached, the next step is a ban. Roumagoux agreed with Beemer, but noted that incentives are still necessary. She added that she did not see the measure. Roumagoux further noted that if you do not have the money and

organization, that she did not see how Option 3 would work. McConnell noted that Council could go with Option 3, but that is really kicking the issue down the road. He stated that if the ultimate goal is a ban; it should be done now. Roumagoux applauded the Task Force and noted that in a more perfect world, the state legislature would have addressed this issue. She added that she uses cloth shopping bags and has never felt disadvantaged, and noted that it is the common sense way to shop. She noted that the adoption of the plan is not going to solve the problem but it is a start and the way to pick the low hanging fruit. She added that as a national leader in marine research and education, this is what citizens can do which is why she favors Option 1 with modifications for Newport. Brusselback stated that the approach is fairly simplistic; a voluntary approach is not worth looking at; and that the most effective model is the Corvallis model with a ban and fee. He added that the task prescribed by Resolution No. 3576 was to identify different approaches to eliminate or reduce the use of plastic bags. He noted that the Task Force had voted on the method they thought most effective. He stated that he has heard tonight that the most effective method is a ban and fee and that he supports this.

McConnell noted that staff was only directed to bring back an ordinance the last time this issue was discussed.

Allen stated that he tends not to want to focus on the Task Force vote, but to look to the Task Force to help form policy, but that Council does not have to vote that way. He suggested looking at the vote as temperature check; looking at all discussions; weighing everything, but recognizing that Council is not bound by the Task Force vote. Allen suggested utilizing recycling, outreach, and education, and after a year, reassessing those efforts. Brusselback noted that no one on Council believes they are bound by a Task Force recommendation, but that it is reasonable to see the recommendation as a barometer of the Task Force and community. Sawyer stated that it is important to listen to all members of the community. He added that the Task Force was put together to have 50/50 balance, but the barometer of the Task Force, may not be the barometer of the community. McConnell noted that e-mails and attendance of pro ban people outweighs the others. He added that Council can do something now to make a good and positive change, and that there are too many unknowns to not do something now.

Bertuleit stated that the Task Force was a valuable resource and gave good information, but that he has a problem with the word ban. He stated that he agrees with Beemer, and that he hates to have big brother dictate the type of bag to use. Bertuleit added that he would support a resolution allowing, and strongly encouraging, corporations to charge for single use plastic bags. He added that if that does not work, he would support a vote of residents. McConnell stated that Corvallis banned bags that were less than 2.25 mils. He added that to expect education to reduce the number of bags at the checkout stand is silly. Brusselback stated that there was a presumed need for more public input, and that has been accomplished, and the input seems to be the same. He stated that people wanted Council to ban plastic bags a year ago, and they still do. He added that one method is the most effective. He stated that Council knows there is a problem and handed it over to the Task Force to make a recommendation. He noted that there have been all kinds of public input so public input is no longer an issue. He stated that the people are leading and now Council has to follow. Beemer stated that outside of this venue, people, at a 10 to 1 ratio, are asking why Council is doing this. He added that Council does not need to ban the bag, and that he has had input from a large

number of people outside of here. McConnell noted that he has heard a ration of 20 to 1 in support of a ban. Sawyer stated that we have all talked to people who have given us varied opinions, and added that he had changed his mind due to the News Times editorial that said the issue should be sent to the voters. He stated that he has had people tell him that this is not a Council issue, and the best forum for this is to have a vote. Brusselback stated that it is his understanding that 60 cities have passed bag ban legislation and none was accomplished by a public vote. He added that it is within the purview of the Council to enact ordinances. Sawyer stated that people want Council to provide sewer, water, police, and fire services. Allen noted that the larger community probably has a lot more points of view, and that he has heard from Council that outside this room; there is a different perspective. He added that Option 3 provides choices. Rhonda Fry asked where the people are who are opposed to this. McConnell noted that there have been multiple opportunities for all to speak, and those that are opposed continue not to attend public meetings. Sawyer noted that Council has received three different scenarios - ban; don't ban; and it is not a Council decision. Allen noted that after a year, the issue will be reassessed, and Council will try to accommodate. An unnamed person in the audience urged Council to take a stand, noting that enough time has passed, and urging Council to ban the bag and change it next year if necessary.

Saelens reported that there is overwhelming evidence that voluntary programs do not work. He noted that a "stick" means not that individual Council members intend to come back in a year; it means that Council votes on a plan that will go into place one year from today. It was noted that the Corvallis ban does not accept biodegradable bags. He noted that Corvallis gave big retailers six months to implement the ban in order to use up their inventory of bags and to get the information out. He added that smaller retailers got a year to work on what they are going to do. He stated that education is not necessarily a panacea, and that there is not much money to devote toward education.

Sawyer suggested allowing citizens to weigh in on the Corvallis ban in May.

Allen stated that he could Support Option 3 at this point in time. He added that he cannot support a ban unless it is taken to a vote of the people before being enacted.

MOTION was made by Brusselback, seconded by Roumagoux, to direct staff to draft an ordinance banning single use plastic bags with a five cent fee for paper bags, and bring it back for Council deliberation. Voting aye on the motion were Roumagoux, Brusselback, and McConnell. Voting no on the motion were Sawyer, Bertuleit, Beemer, and Allen. The motion failed.

MOTION was made by Bertuleit, seconded by Allen, to adopt a resolution strongly encouraging corporations to charge for plastic bags. Bertuleit stated that this would send a message to corporations to step up and do the right thing and charge for plastic bags. Voting aye on the motion was Bertuleit. Voting no on the motion were Sawyer, Roumagoux, Brusselback, Beemer, McConnell, and Allen. The motion failed.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Bertuleit, to direct staff to bring an ordinance, based on the Corvallis model, banning the use of single use plastic bags, to send to the voters in May of 2013, to become effective if approved by the voters. McConnell stated that what will be found is an incredible waste of resources, time, and energy toward a measure like this. He added that he is always opposed to the amount of money being used for campaigns when people are going hungry and there is a lack of teachers in the classroom. He noted that he would hate to see resources used toward this when it is Council's elected job to make decisions. Sawyer noted that Council

represents everyone in the community. Dennis Fry noted that others had the opportunity to be here. Allen stated that he does not support a ban, but if outside lobbying efforts are going to come in, he would put his faith in the voters of city to make a judgment call one way or another. He added that he is hearing mixed messages from people throughout the community. Brusselback stated that it is Council's job to create this type of ordinance, and there has been tons of public input. Allen stated that he prefers Option 3. Roumagoux asked what happens if what Sawyer has proposed fails. McConnell stated that the previous Council voted to support a ban in the state of Oregon. Allen noted that outreach can still occur with the solid waste district and haulers next year. Roumagoux stated that philosophically, the ban is the right thing to do on many different levels. Voting aye in a voice vote were Sawyer, Allen, Beemer, and Bertuleit. Voting no were Brusselback, Roumagoux, and McConnell. The motion carried.

Dennis Fry stated that Allen, Beemer, Sawyer, and Bertuleit represent all citizens, and that he is concerned about the silent, invisible constituency that you all claim to be representing. He asked where they were. Another Task Force member directed obscenities at Council as he left the chambers. Voetberg recommended that the new City Council deal with the ordinance in January.

Consideration of Resolution No. 3615 Regarding Utility Fees. It was reported that the issue before Council is consideration of adoption of Resolution No. 3615 regarding water utility charges. It was noted that this is a housekeeping measure which would repeal an out of date water rate resolution, and include language that was inadvertently omitted from a previous resolution providing that properties connected to the city's water system remain connected and responsible for paying the base rate. McConnell stated that he would like to have an SOS fund established by the end of the calendar year. Voetberg noted that this is a high priority, and that he will have report at the next meeting. MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Sawyer, to adopt Resolution No. 3615 repealing Resolution No. 3525 and establishing a minimum monthly charge for all properties connected to the city water system. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Consideration of Tourism Facilities Grant Timeline. Voetberg reported that the issue before Council is the consideration of a proposed timeline for accepting grant applications by the Tourism Facilities Grant Review Task Force. It was noted that all Task Force members have agreed to continue to serve if requested. A discussion ensued regarding the proposed timeline. Allen asked whether Voetberg had touched bases with Stan Pickens regarding the sea lion docks. MOTION was made by Roumagoux, seconded by Beemer, that the city begin the solicitation process for awarding Tourism Facilities Fund Grants with the timeline presented in the October 15, 2012 agenda summary report. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Voetberg noted that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the water treatment plant will be held on November 5, and that an e-mail will be sent to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Saelens reported that he gets phone calls from tourists regarding where they can recycle. He asked whether a grant application could be submitted for part of the tourism dollars to provide additional recycling capacity around the city along with a guide listing recycling sites. Bertuleit suggested a tourism and marketing grant. McConnell noted that the Destination Newport Committee could make a choice regarding whether to include information about recycling in Newport in its various venues. Allen stated that he is still interested in better recycling efforts that are separate from the plastic bag issue. He stated that he would approach Saelens, Rob Thompson, and Ken Riley to see what can be included in City Council goals.

Saelens suggested that the Task Force could become the regular venue for sustainability issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Mark McConnell, Mayor