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**CITY OF NEWPORT
ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON
VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

The City of Newport is seeking volunteers to serve on various city committees, including: 60+ Advisory Committee, Airport Committee, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Budget Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The 60+ Advisory Committee is charged with studying and making recommendations to Council regarding the economics, physical condition, operation, maintenance, development, use, regulation, and expansion of the 60+ Activity Center. It is also this Committee's responsibility to acquire and promote programs for seniors in the city. This Committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

The Airport Committee is responsible for recommending rules and regulations for the Newport Municipal Airport; recommending policies governing the use of airport property; reviewing and reporting to the Council on matters referred to it by the Council; making studies or reports relating to the Airport; and promoting the Newport Municipal Airport. The Airport Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is comprised of seven members who must be residents or business owners of the city. The Committee is responsible for: advising the City Council regarding issues related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation, safety, recreation, and education; acting as a resource

to the City Council to provide additional information related to the unique problems associated with non-motorized transportation; acting as a source of current information to the City Council in matters relating to the use of the bicycle or pedestrian routes as a means of transportation in the City of Newport; reviewing, at the request of the City Council, the goals and objectives of the existing state and city Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans, and recommend changes; advising the City Council of potential funding for bicycle and pedestrian enhancements; exploring and recommending, to the City Council, methods to efficiently and safely move bicyclists and pedestrians through Newport; supporting the City Council in creating a greater awareness of non-motorized travel as viable transportation options; recommending to the City Council locations for safe and convenient bicycle parking at all city-owned facilities; and, at the request of Council, reviewing bicycle and pedestrian involved motor vehicle accidents to identify safety priorities and remedial measures. This Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Budget Committee has the rights and responsibilities as designated by state law. The Committee is charged with reviewing the budget proposed by the city's Budget Officer, and approving a budget to forward to the City Council for consideration and adoption. This Committee typically meets three or four times during the annual budget preparation season - February to May.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council concerning parks, recreation center, recreation programs, and swimming pool. Recommendations may include the acquisition, development, use, operation, and disposition of parks, facilities, rules, regulations, programming, and periodically updating the city's tree plan. This Committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Anyone interested in serving on any of these Committees should apply using the city's committee application which is found on the city website at www.newportoregon.gov; click on "City;" then on "Committees;" and then on "Application for Committee/Commission." The completed form can be submitted electronically. Copies of the committee application form can be obtained by

contacting the City Manager's Office at 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365, or by calling 541.574.0613. The application deadline is December 15, 2016.

Official appointments will be made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Questions may be directed to Peggy Hawker at p.hawker@newportoregon.gov, or 541.574.0613.

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