

CITY OF NEWPORT
RESOLUTION NO. 3633

A Resolution Calling for an Election on the
Issuance of General Obligation Bonds to
Provide for a New Municipal Swimming Pool and
Adopting a Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement

Findings

- A. The city's existing swimming pool was built in 1965 and has not undergone a comprehensive renovation since that time. In a November 2007 study, Robertson Sherwood Architects opined that the existing facility and systems were nearing the end of their useful life. The study stated:
- Most of the existing pool systems need specific improvements in order to meet code standards, serviceability requirements and the long-term recreational needs of Newport residents;
 - If the existing pool were renovated, extensive remodeling and updating would be required;
 - Even with all the improvements recommended in the study and in spite of the projection of the facility lasting another 30 years, the likely growth in the community and the likely community desire for expanded aquatics opportunities suggest that the community begin planning for a replacement facility at another site. The existing site is barely adequate for the current program, and minor additions (parking aside) would not be adequate for an expanded facility with on-site parking;
 - The locker rooms and staff office areas are marginal at best;
 - Parking is a major functional issue at the existing site and is not easily remedied;
 - Estimates for renovating the existing pool, in 2007, ranged from \$1-1.5 million for a 15-20 year life remaining and \$2-2.5 million and up for a 30-year life remaining. Those estimated costs do not include the cost of land acquisition and parking development.
- B. City records show that use of the existing pool has increased over the years, serving a wider audience including families, seniors, disabled persons, and the high school and age group swim teams. In response to public request, the city continues to develop and expand new pool programs.

- C. On March 15, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3496 which directed city staff to pursue replacement of the existing pool with a new pool located adjacent to the Recreation Center, subject to the approval of a bond measure and associated levy by the voters. The Council authorized that \$25,000 be used for conceptual drawings and a cost estimate for the pool. City staff was directed to develop language to place a bond measure and associated levy to provide for the financing of a new municipal swimming pool before the voter in November, 2010.
- D. On November 2, 2010, the voters of the City of Newport voted against the bond measure and associated levy that would have provided for the financing of a new municipal swimming pool.
- E. In 2013, the City Council directed staff to update the existing plans and set preliminary milestones related to the construction of a new swimming pool financed through a General Obligation bond:
- Adopt ballot title and develop ballot measure information - by August 5, 2013;
 - Present the issue to the public - August 2013 - November 2013;
 - Vote on bond measure to finance pool - November 5, 2013;
 - Develop RFP and select design firm - December 2013 - February 2014;
 - Design pool - March 2014 - October 2014;
 - Bid and award construction of pool - November 2014 - January 2015;
 - Construct pool facility - February 2015 - July 2016.
- F. The Newport Recreation Center was originally designed to allow for expansion to include a municipal swimming pool (lap pool, diving well, and warm water pool) that would take advantage of existing amenities including locker rooms, control desk, security, and parking. The architects believe that the addition of a pool to the south of the Recreation Center would create recreation opportunities that benefit both the Center and a pool facility including: centralized locations, ease for visitors to find, shared support facilities including locker and multi-purpose rooms, and access to current recreation staff and administration creating greater efficiencies.
- G. The conceptual design provided by Robertson/Sherwood Architects in May 2013 provides four options for consideration: an eight lane indoor pool with various seating options was chosen by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The options contemplate:
- An indoor pool with deck area and spectator seating;

- A warm water pool with depths ranging from zero inches to six feet deep and wading and seating areas;
- Expansion of existing locker rooms of the Newport Recreation Center and reconfiguration of the existing rooms to allow access to the natatorium;
- Reconfiguration and renovation of some existing space to tie the pool in functionally with the Recreation Center; and
- Mechanical/electrical support spaces for a boiler room, pump pits, surge pits, and space for related systems.

The conceptual design project budget estimate costs are \$7,973,486.

H. The current planned location of the new pool would not require the acquisition or purchase of property by the city.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

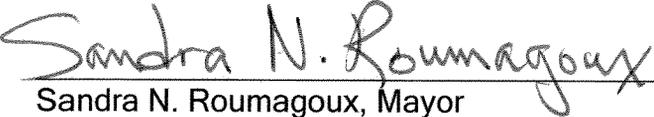
- Section 1. An election is called in and for the City of Newport for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the city the following question:
- Shall the City of Newport authorize \$7.9 million in General Obligation bonds to provide for a new municipal swimming pool?
- Section 2. Tuesday, November 5, 2013, is designated as the date for holding the election on the question stated in Section 1.
- Section 3. The election will be conducted by the Lincoln County Elections Department.
- Section 4. The precincts for the election shall include all territory within the City of Newport and no other territory.
- Section 5. The ballot title to appear on the ballot shall be substantially the same form as that provided in Attachment A.
- Section 6. The Council adopts the Explanatory Statement for the Voters' Pamphlet in substantially the same form as attached to this resolution as Attachment B.
- Section 7. The City Recorder and other staff shall take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution, including finalizing documents and providing information to the County Elections Officer to ensure compliance with all applicable state laws.

Section 8. Pursuant to ORS 250.285(2), the City Elections Officer shall forward two copies of this adopted resolution to the City Attorney, and the City Attorney shall provide a final form of the ballot title to the City Elections Officer and City Council. Pursuant to ORS 250.275(5), upon receiving the final form of the ballot title from the City Attorney, the City Elections Officer shall publish in the next available edition of the Newport News-Times, or in some other newspaper of general circulation within the city, a notice of receipt of the ballot title and election, including a statement that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title pursuant to ORS 250.296, not later than the seventh (7th) business day after the title is filed with the City Elections Officer. The notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment C.

Section 9. Pursuant to ORS 254.095(2), the city directs the City Elections Officer to transfer the caption, question, and summary information to a "Notice of City Measure Election," form SEL802 (or any replacement form approved by the Oregon Secretary of State) and to file that form and the explanatory statement substantially in the form attached as Attachments A, B, and C with the Lincoln County Elections Officer not earlier than the eighth (8th) business day after the date Attachment A is filed with the City Elections Officer and not later than September 5, 2013.

Section 10. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on July 15, 2013.


Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor

ATTEST:


Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

ATTACHMENT A

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION

General Obligation Bonds for New Indoor Municipal Swimming Pool

QUESTION

Shall the City of Newport authorize \$7.9 million in General Obligation bonds for a new indoor municipal swimming pool?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI, of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY

The city would issue up to \$7.9 million of General Obligation bonds for a new indoor municipal swimming pool and related systems, facilities, and improvements, and to pay fees associated with issuing the bonds. The bonds may be issued in more than one series and each series would mature over a period not to exceed 20 years.

The current plan is that the new pool would be located adjacent to the existing Newport Recreation Center and share resources with the Center including locker rooms, control desk, security, and parking. The current planned location of the new pool would not require the acquisition or purchase of property by the city.

ATTACHMENT B

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A 2007 study found that the existing pool is at or near the end of its useful life. The current plan is that the new indoor municipal swimming pool would be located adjacent to (south of) the Newport Recreation Center on existing city property and would share Center amenities including locker rooms, control desk, security, and parking. The current planned location of the new pool would not require the acquisition or purchase of property by the city.

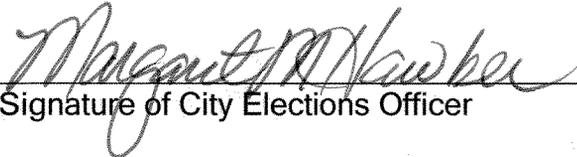
The city would issue up to \$7.9 million of General Obligation bonds, which would be repaid through additional property taxes. Bond proceeds would pay for a new municipal swimming pool and related systems, facilities, and improvements. The additional property tax would not be subject to the maximum tax rate limitation established by state law.

If the measure is approved, it is estimated that the tax rate would increase approximately \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value which would result in an increase in annual taxes in the amount of \$90 on property with an assessed value of \$200,000. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate. The exact amount cannot be determined until the sale of each series of the bonds.

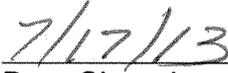
ATTACHMENT C

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE AND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Newport has called a measure election for November 5, 2013 to submit to the city voters the question of issuing General Obligation bonds. A ballot title for that measure was filed with the City Elections Officer on July 18, 2013. The ballot title caption is "General Obligation Bonds for New Indoor Municipal Swimming Pool. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Lincoln County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 P.M. on August 27, 2013.



Signature of City Elections Officer



Date Signed

This legal notice is to be published by the City Elections Officer in the Newport News-Times, Newport, Oregon, or in another paper of general circulation within the city.