

October 21, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Newport City Council met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Allen, Goebel, Hall, Jacobi, Sawyer, Botello, and Parker were present.

Staff in attendance was Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director; Gloria Tucker, Deputy City Recorder; Tim Gross, Public Works Director; and Jason Malloy, Police Chief.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council, staff, and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sawyer noted that City Attorney Steve Rich and long-time resident Judy Bateman passed away.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation - Arts and Humanities Month in the City of Newport - Received by Representatives of the City's Public Arts Committee. Tucker introduced the agenda item. Sawyer encouraged supporting and participating in arts opportunities in Newport. The proclamation was received by Catherine Rickbone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rennie Ferris suggested promoting Newport through placement of semi-permanent signs highlighting high school state championships. He noted the signs may entice people to settle in Newport, especially people with families. He suggested the sign be placed at the bottom of the Welcome to Newport signs, and only taken down a couple of years after the championship. Gross indicated there is not a lot of room on the Welcome to Newport signs, especially with overlapping special events. Ferris reported he does not want to use inserts in the Welcome signs, but a separate, free-standing sign. He noted there is a spacing issue at the south Welcome sign. Sawyer suggested Ferris work with Gross to develop a placement for the signs.

Mona Linstromberg stated she and Carla Perry, represented by Salvatore Catalano, appealed the Rogue Brewery delinquency decision on behalf of the residents of Newport. Hawker reported she received the appeal today and communicated that with the City Manager. She noted a hearing is scheduled for the November 4 City Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the work session of October 7, 2019;

- B. Approve the minutes of the regular session of October 7, 2019;
- C. Receive monthly financial report;
- D. Receive the approved committee minutes;
- E. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Nicholas Graves as a regular member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2019
- F. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Judy Kuhl as an at-large member of the Destination Newport Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2019
- G. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Gary East to the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2020
- H. Ratify the appointment of Rosa Maria Coppola to the Transportation System Plan Policy Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021

Allen noted a change to the minutes of the regular session. MOTION was made by Goebel, seconded by Hall, to approve the consent calendar as amended. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Nancy Stueber, President of Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, and Anne Armstrong, Outdoor Education Manager, -- Update on OMSI's Camp Gray, and OMSI's 20-Year Vision for the Future. Tucker introduced the agenda item. Hawker reported Nancy Stueber, President of the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry has requested to provide an update to the City Council on OMSI's Camp Gray, as well as OMSI's efforts to develop a 20-year vision for the future of that organization. She noted this follows a breakfast meeting that OMSI sponsored at Camp Gray, in which a number of the City Council members participated. She added Camp Gray has been a significant addition to the community, which clearly fits in with various strategies relating to marine research and education, as outlined in the City of Newport's 2040 Vision. Stueber reported OMSI reaches students through visits to schools, Camp Gray, and the museum in Portland where schools often take field trips. She added Camp Gray has contributed \$30,000 in lodging tax to the city. She noted OMSI is working on its next five-year vision. She stated the key components are deepening partnerships, revolutionizing science learning, and reaching around the region. She indicated in the effort to deepen partnerships, OMSI is hosting listening sessions throughout Oregon.

Armstrong reported the camp's location near South Beach State Park and Safe Haven Hill has been instrumental in its success. She noted Camp Gray offers three types of programming, outdoor school, summer camp, and fall school. She stated the outdoor schools offer two days of dawn to dusk programming, while the summer camps offer two weeks of programming that empower students to see themselves as scientists.

Allen said he appreciated the breakfast that OMSI hosted, and he will make sure the News-Times receives the information presented by OMSI.

Botello asked if the camp is year-round or only in the summer. Armstrong replied the programming operates about eight months out of the year. She noted the outdoor school is March, April, and May; the summer camp is June, July, and August; and the fall outdoor school is September and October. Botello asked if local schools in Lincoln County have an opportunity to come to the camps. Armstrong replied Sam Case has been a regular at the program for the past couple of years, and there have been students from Eddyville

Charter and Taft Elementary. Botello asked if local students have to apply for a scholarship or if they have a discount. Stueber replied there are some scholarships available only to Lincoln County, and students apply during the registration period. Botello asked if the Confederated Tribe of the Siletz students have been there. Stueber replied that although they have not attended, there is a particular scholarship available to the Siletz students.

Sawyer asked how many of the youth served have never been to the beach before. Armstrong replied every school that has come to Camp Gray has had at least one student who is seeing the ocean for the first time. Sawyer thanked OMSI for its work and noted OMSI's work dovetails into the education piece of the city's Vision 2040 Plan. Allen mentioned the City Manager will be working with OMSI on any steps OMSI could undertake to incorporate with the community.

Parker asked if there was a way for OMSI to partner with the city in its efforts to plant pollinator plant habitat and set aside some raised beds for pollinator plants. He added he encountered a wayfinding issue to Camp Gray and asked if that would be resolved with the Urban Renewal project. Gross replied the 35th and 101 project will extend to Camp Gray, and the wayfinding would be addressed after that project is complete. He added the project is scheduled for the 2021 season.

From Councilor Parker -- Discussion of a Draft Communication to the Mayor and City Council of Corvallis Encouraging a Mutual Dialogue on Expansion of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in our Communities. Tucker introduced the agenda item. Hawker reported Councilor Parker has drafted a letter for Council members to consider signing, individually, encouraging Corvallis to consider additional electric vehicle charging stations in their community. She noted the letter addresses the discussions that Newport is also having on this issue, and Councilor Parker wanted to present the letter for review, comment, and revision. She added it is his intent that Councilors sign as individual Council members. Parker reported after getting everyone's opinion on this letter, he will deliver the letter in person to the Mayor of Corvallis. He stated the infrastructure issue is that people with EVs with a short range have a hard time going to Corvallis and back without an additional 20 miles of driving out to the interstate to a charger. He noted he plans to promote this concept to the Benton County Chamber of Commerce as well. He indicated Newport benefits from day trips from Corvallis residents and vice versa, so having a fast charger in the downtown Corvallis core not only allows their businesses to be patronized by Newport residents, but also works the same way over here. He stated he wants to see if zonal promotion of increased infrastructure is possible. He added the good news is that Corvallis may have to pay very little because their utility company, Pacific Power, is mandated to fund this type of infrastructure.

Allen suggested a couple of wording changes to the letter, including changing electric cars to electric vehicles, carbon neutral commerce to ev commerce, and electric tourism to ev tourism. Hawker suggested signing the letter after the Council meeting. Goebel asked if the letter commits Newport to putting an ev charger here. Parker replied that would be mutually beneficial, however, Corvallis and Newport are two different sized cities with two different sized budgets and two different utility companies. Goebel noted if the city is asking somebody to spend some money to do this, then it would be prudent for Newport to make that same commitment. Parker replied he is working on a report to provide to the City Manager on charging station options for Newport. Goebel clarified

Parker will eventually bring a proposal before Council. Sawyer noted the Corvallis Mayor is interested in bringing this to the downtown businesses in Corvallis and partnering with them. Allen noted the letter mentions there are grant opportunities through ODOT and federal grants may be available. Parker noted Travel Oregon match grants and ODOT and Federal Highway Administration monies would be the main source of funding for this project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Authorization of a Letter to Oregon State University Regarding Student Housing.

Tucker introduced the agenda item. Hawker reported that the City Manager attended a tour of the new Marine Science building at the Hatfield Marine Science Center with Council. She noted one concern that was expressed during the tour is the delay in moving forward with the student-housing component of this project. She stated as a result of discussions at the tour, the City Manager recommends that the City Council develop and forward a letter to OSU, regarding the critical nature of having adequate safe housing for students who are studying at this facility. She added, overall, it is a truly exciting project that will be the first building built as a tsunami evacuation site on the Oregon Coast and will continue growing Newport's Marine Science Research Community. Allen recommended deleting a duplicate name in the letter and changing the phrase ramps up to something more formal. Hawker suggested changing ramps up to increases. Allen and Parker supported the wording change.

Hall asked for clarification on the difference between this item and Councilor Parker's previous item. Allen explained depending on the formality of the letter, who it is addressed to, and the issues it's relating to, sometimes a letter requires a more formal motion. He noted the letter that Councilor Parker drafted is a more informal request to another city council, and in the past, the Council has signed letters through a consensus. He added he doesn't think there is anything precluding the Council from having a motion on Councilor Parker's letter. Hawker suggested the difference may be which section the letter is under. Botello clarified there is not an issue with her approving the letter since she works for OSU, and supports the letter as a citizen. Allen commented he doesn't see much of a connection. Hall proposed changing the motion to include lack of development. Allen suggested the wording to status or lack of development. Parker noted university housing and dining would be meeting with the board of regents on this issue. He stated he supports sending the letter, because the community definitely needs to house these new students and current stock can't support that. He added he would hate to see students driving 100 miles to attend classes. Allen suggested changing the motion from Marine Science building to Marine Studies Initiative building.

MOTION was made by Hall, seconded by Jacobi, to authorize that the Mayor and City Manager draft a letter to Oregon State University President, Edward Ray, indicating our continued support for the Marine Studies Initiative building project, but express our concern with the status or lack of development of student housing to house students that will be participating in the Marine Studies Programs at Hatfield. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Consolidation of Funding for Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Yaquina Bay Region. Tucker introduced the agenda item. Hawker reported Caroline

Cummings, Executive Director for Oregon RAIN, made a presentation to the City Council about participating in RAIN's Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Rural Oregon Program at the October 7 Council meeting. She noted local entrepreneur, Keira Morgan, indicated how RAIN has supported her desires to start a local business. She stated the City Council has financially participated in the past with RAIN. She indicated a Yaquina Bay initiative would have two cities participation with a funding match from Lincoln County. Hawker reported the amount of \$15,000 would be prorated by population between the two cities and \$10,000 has been designated appropriated for this purpose. She noted the City of Toledo would commit \$3,803.11 per year, the City of Newport would commit \$11,191.89 per year, and Lincoln County would commit \$15,000 to help fund a half-time dedicated rural venture catalyst for Toledo and Newport, to implement and measure the effectiveness of the venture catalyst tool kit. She stated over the past three years, RAIN has assisted 27 startups, which has created 33 jobs. She indicated the program helps assist individuals with creative ideas and turning those ideas into new entrepreneurial businesses.

Hawker reported the Memorandum of Agreement includes language in Section 6.3, which factors in budget considerations as it relates to the second-year payment that is requested by Council. She noted Lincoln County, the City of Newport, and the City of Toledo are required to give notice no later than September 1, 2020, if they will be unable to participate in the second year. She stated the MOA has been reviewed by Ross Williamson of Speer Hoyt. Allen noted Section 6.3 addresses the concerns Council had regarding the budget issues. He indicated the budget emailed to Council was a fairly generalized outline. Hall stated the email doesn't get at what she was asking. Hawker asked if staff should ask Cummings to submit something more robust. Parker reported his concern is the breakdown of funding. He indicated he wanted to see a hard number for FTE and operating expenses.

Sawyer asked if council should wait for a more detailed budget. Allen indicated he is fine with the agreement, but believes a more detailed budget may be helpful. Botello asked if the specifics on the budget would be for all three places or just Newport. Sawyer replied the whole program. Jacobi noted \$15,000 is available from the Ford Family Foundation if Newport confirms. Sawyer suggested looking at the requirements of the Ford Family Foundation. Goebel stated he doesn't have a problem with the request for money and believes they will budget properly. He added he doesn't want to get into their business mind. He stated either the city gives them money or doesn't. He indicated this program is well worth investing in. Allen reported his thought is the agreement seems legally sufficient, and he doesn't see a problem approving the agreement and asking to see if there's anything more detailed they can provide on their budget.

Goebel asked if the details should be incorporated into the memorandum of understanding. Allen replied he didn't think that is necessary. Jacobi asked of RAIN's 27 start-ups, how many of those still exist. Hall indicated she is not prepared to say yes to the proposal, needs more details, and wants to see the Ford Family confirmation in writing. Allen reported he would like to see the budget they have to monitor as part of their responsibilities. Hawker noted the Ford Family Foundation grants have categories that are very general and require a very simple breakdown. Goebel asked if staff are aware if there is a time limit on their grant application. Hawker replied if it's already been awarded, there could be a ticking clock. Goebel clarified that Ford is matching Newport's support.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded Botello, to authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement which includes a contribution of \$11,191.89 to RAIN, to fund a half-time dedicated rural venture catalyst for Toledo and Newport, in conjunction with Toledo and Lincoln County, with the intent to commit to a second year of funding contingent on budget considerations. The motion carried 5-2, Hall and Parker voting nay.

Allen added he requests that the City Manager ask RAIN for a more detailed budget.

Consideration of Revising the Date for a Public Hearing on Amendments to the Newport Comprehensive Plan Relating to Management of Public Parking on the Bayfront, Nye Beach, and City Center Areas. Tucker introduced the agenda item. Hawker reported at the October 7, 2019, City Council meeting, the Council scheduled a public hearing on this matter for the November 4, 2019 Council meeting. She stated there are a couple of other public hearings that will be coming up on November 4, and it is the City Manager's recommendation that the hearing on the public parking amendments to the Newport Comprehensive Plan be rescheduled to November 18, 2019. She added an ordinance to establish a standing parking advisory committee would be considered at that same time. Parker said he would like to attend the hearing, but he has been excused from that meeting. He said he would find time to watch it. Hall suggested delaying any vote until the December meeting. Goebel asked if the public hearing would open discussion from the beginning, consider the planning commission's recommendations, or consider the parking committee recommendations. Hawker clarified the public hearing would be regarding amendments to the Newport Comprehensive Plan relating to management of public parking on the Bayfront, Nye Beach, and city center areas. Goebel asked if it would be the recommendations of the planning commission or the parking committee. Allen replied he recalled Council is not sure how to proceed on this, but wants to at least have a public hearing to get as many points of view on the record before making a decision. Allen further explained the public hearing is to allow the public to voice their opinions based on the Planning Commission recommendations to create a new committee to look at this issue.

Parker indicated he is in favor of having the public hearing on November 18. Goebel stated he doesn't have a problem changing the date. Allen noted at this public hearing, Council will not be making a decision, but there may be a decision at some point. Goebel asked if Council has to start from ground zero again. Allen replied that is an option, but Council has to decide how to proceed. Botello reported she voted against the public hearing last time because it's not clear what Council is going to decide on. She noted there were some people that were not included in the committee, and it was not representative. Botello asked if Council is going to accept the plan or create the committee. Allen replied, in this case, Council would have a public hearing with no action item associated with it. He noted whatever direction Council would proceed with, whether going to a work session or sending something to the Planning Commission, that would be a subsequent action item at a later meeting. He emphasized the public hearing is just to gather as much input as possible and may set some direction for further consideration at some future public meeting. Parker added he would like to see a clear majority on the Planning Commission supporting one plan or another.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Hall, to reschedule the date for a public hearing relating to management of public parking on the Bayfront, Nye Beach, and City

Center areas from November 4, 2019, to November 18, 2019. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Reports. Sawyer invited the Council to the Annual Siletz Restoration Celebration on November 16. He added the County and the mayors met this morning to talk about the housing issue. He noted Caroline Bauman is going to be retiring, and, perhaps, the new person could work half-time as economic development and half-time as housing coordinator. He clarified the position is County funded. Parker commended the Landscape Specialist for her work at Don Davis Park installing a bee pollinator garden. Botello reported she met with Police Chief Jason Malloy about hosting the Latinx community at City Hall. Hall recommended hiring interpreters from outside the community so bilingual people in the community can participate rather than work. Sawyer added the Toledo Fire Chief was released from the hospital and is progressing well in rehab.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Gloria Tucker, Deputy City Recorder

Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor