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DATE: July 9, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Spencer Nebel, City Manager

SUBJECT: Status report for the six-week ending Monday, July 8

Note: With the workload in the City Manager's Office of working through various transitional issues, the transcription of this report was delayed by a few weeks. This report is my final status report as City Manager. If you have any questions about anything in this report, please direct those comments to City Manager, Nina Vetter.

The past six weeks have been a whirlwind of activity as I wrap up my 10 ½ year tenure with the City of Newport and close out 42 years of city manager service. It has been a great career, and I have been blessed by having the opportunity to work with great elected representatives, as well as loyal and hard-working department heads and staff members for the City. There has been both fun and trying times as we worked collaboratively through many issues over these past decade. The COVID-19 pandemic was one of the most significant historical events that I dealt with during my 42 years in city management. The pandemic, and its economic impacts, will be felt over the next generations as a critical defining moment in history. If the pandemic was not enough, the year 2020 also had the massive wildfires in North Lincoln County with personnel addressing firefighting and sheltering needs for evacuees. That year we also had the water crisis with the City not being able to completely process the water necessary to meet the needs for fish processing. Post pandemic we dealt with the Great Resignation and inflation which significantly affected the City's ability to hire and retain staff. Finally, the continuing challenge will be keeping the budget balanced when costs are exceeding the revenues generated by the General Fund's primary source of property taxes which are capped at 3%. All these impacts will need to be addressed in the coming years by the City Council, City Manager and staff to determine how to best manage limited resources and meet the significant investment needs for the City of Newport.

That being said, all through my career there has never been enough money to meet the capital and service needs desired by the residents of any of the communities that I worked in. Somehow, we always managed to work through these issues the best we could.

I am excited to be turning over the city manager's position to Nina Vetter. Nina brings a wealth of experience to the City, and she will provide fresh perspectives on some of the challenges and opportunities that the City will have. Congratulations, Nina, on your appointment. I will support you in any way I can as you start your service with the City of Newport.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Council, past mayors, council members, current and former staff members that I worked with for their efforts at tackling problems and issues in a very collaborative and progressive way to best meet the needs of the community.

This is an abbreviated status report because I dictated this report at 9:30 Sunday evening, prior to my last day of work with several remaining things to wrap up before my tenure as City Manager ended on Monday afternoon. I did add a few things after I dictated the original draft report to talk about my last day on the job. This is at the end of the section on highlights.

Highlights of Activities During the Past Six Weeks Include the Following:

- City Hall was closed for three separate holidays including the Memorial Day holiday, May 27; Juneteenth, June 19; and the 4th of July.
- Met with Jamelle Villareal about funding for the Agape Respite Center. Funding was approved by the Council at the July 1 Special Meeting.
- Participated in the preconstruction meeting for the demolition of Urban Renewal buildings in South Beach and in City Center on US 101. Three of these buildings have been removed with the City Center buildings being the last buildings to be removed. This was waiting on a permit from ODOT for partial closure of US 101.
- Participated in the third (and my final) Budget Committee meeting. I appreciate the time, effort, and energy that the Budget Committee members put into reviewing, modifying and ultimately approving a budget each year. Thank you very much for your service during my tenure with the City. This has always been a very strong group that takes the job of reviewing the budget very seriously.
- Took a floating holiday Wednesday, May 29.
- Prepared agenda items for work sessions, Urban Renewal, and regular meetings on June 3 and June 17, as well as a special meeting to close out a number of projects prior to the end of my tenure.
- Held routine staff meetings on June 3 and June 17.
- Held bi-monthly meetings with a number of staff to review various department activities, and to review items that needed to be closed out prior to my retirement on July 8.
- Developed an orientation schedule for incoming City Manager, Nina Vetter, to give her an opportunity to tour various City facilities and meet City staff and hear about various priorities from each department about operations. I appreciate staff for their efforts to prepare for these tours and meetings, as well as Council, and others, who took part in the orientation meetings with Nina Vetter during this time.

- Conducted evaluations of all direct reports to the City Manager using our new Neogov Perform system software. These are the first evaluations using this new format and system. I appreciate the steering committee and staff that worked diligently to develop this new evaluation program to meet the needs of the City.
- I spent a considerable amount of time cleaning up various files (and piles) of papers and reports in preparation for the incoming city manager. There was a fair amount of travelling down memory lane as I read many documents. It was amazing to review how many different types of issues we have been involved with over the past decade. I believe I have gotten the files in my office in good shape for Nina.
- Along with City staff, developed a transitional handbook for Nina Vetter. This handbook outlines the various ongoing efforts that she will need to be aware of as she begins her tenure. I appreciate the time that staff spent on providing reports for this handbook. This should be a very beneficial tool for the City in moving forward with various tasks that are underway.
- Participated with staff in a meeting with FEMA to discuss reimbursement for damages relating to the January ice storm which was recognized as a federal emergency by President Biden. This is really good news for the City in the short run since the City will be able to seek reimbursement for eligible expenses that were incurred to address the damages from the ice storm. Furthermore, it will give the City an opportunity to apply for future grants that are geared toward mitigating hazards in the future. These are the same type of grants that the City applied for following the 2020 fires, COVID-19 and Safe Haven Hill. There will be a lot of work to be done by City staff to file for reimbursements, but receipt of that funding will help restore the funds that were directly impacted by this emergency.
- Participated in an ODOT quarterly meeting to discuss various ODOT issues. We, again, discussed the pedestrian crossing at Ozzie's Surf Shop. This will be a particularly challenging and expensive project if it is feasible. There will need to be a fair amount of justification in order to have a crosswalk on US 101 in this area.
- Held our first committee meeting on Government Symbolic Speech. This was to review the County's offer to move forward with a new bus wrap design that is financially supported by the City. While this was a noncontroversial symbolic speech, it allowed us to test this process.
- I met with two new employees in two new positions. John Fuller has filled the communication specialist position. He has spent a significant amount of time meeting with various departments to understand the issues within the community. He has been very active in attending a variety of events, and has been getting a solid understanding of what Newport is about. I wish I had more of an opportunity to work with John. This position should be a significant help to Nina Vetter, Council and Department Heads. I also had the opportunity to meet with Gia Jensen as she begins her tenure with the City. Likewise, Gia has met with many groups and departments that she and Laura Kimberly toured to determine how the City can better connect with our underserved communities in Newport. I wish both Gia and John well as they begin their tenures with the City.

- Erik Glover and Barb James have been working to ready the Wyndhaven Apartments for new employee housing use. David has reviewed the policy which was previously approved by me. Furnishings have been obtained and it is expected that these units will be ready to rent to new employees at the end of July. The rent structure in the policy provides a subsidized rent for the first three months and increases to a market rent for the next three months. Then employees are expected to transition out of these units. Hopefully, this will be a big help for those relocating to this area and transitioning into new jobs with the City.
- Barb James, Rob Murphy and I have met with the attorney hired by CIS to discuss an employee litigation issue. Overall, the attorney was very complimentary of the way that staff handled this matter, including the level of detail and information that we were able to provide about this matter.
- Met with Nina Vetter to kick off her orientation schedule on June 18. Nina attended seven days in those three weeks familiarizing herself with staff, Council and our physical facilities. Nina initially met with everyone in the City Manager's office to understand the role everyone plays to support the city manager's position. She covered each department during that time, and also met individually with a number of Council members.
- Participated in a Water Conservation and Management work group meeting. These meetings are broken down into two parts. The first part covers the development of a drinking water source protection plan that is currently underway. This includes a number of stakeholders, including regulatory folks, environmental groups, agricultural, and logging groups. The second half of the meeting is focused on the water conservation recommendations that are currently being developed for Council. It is intended that this group generate a report to Council in December of this year with various recommendations on water conservation measures to help inform the development of a new Water Master Plan currently underway.
- Met with an employee who is participating in our leadership program who had objections to the leadership and communications components of several sessions and opted not to participate in these sessions. The steering committee for this group recommended that this employee not continue participating in this program since this component was a core area that the leadership program is built on. I met with the employee to discuss this decision.
- Barb James and I met one final time to review the changes recommended by CIS to the draft employee handbook. We went through and incorporated those changes and brought the handbook to Council for approval at the July 1 meeting. Council has approved the handbook, and it will be distributed to all employees. This has been a long-term effort. With all the various changes in the laws that occurred from the time we started until completion, we were continually changing components to meet the current law(s). It is a very solid living document and will need to be changed from time to time as circumstances change. Thank you to both Barb and Jody for their efforts to bring this project to the finish line. It will provide a good base for the City moving forward.

- Barb James and I met with Jensen Strategies to discuss the police chief recruitment process. In addition, we also discussed coordinating the human resources director recruitment, as well. With the change in city managers, this process has been pushed back a bit from what we had originally intended. I think it will be critical to be able to have someone overlap with our current HR Director since we do not have the same depth as we do in the police department to address the day-to-day issues. One issue that I initially overlooked, and subsequently consulted with the city attorney on, is the fact that if we do both recruitments, it will put us over the \$25,000 threshold that requires seeking three informal proposals. I recommended that the City seek proposals for these services from at least three vendors. The City Manager has authority to award the contract to the proposal that will best meet our needs since it is under the threshold that requires City Council approval.
- Participated in the dedication of the sculpture that is located at the Performing Arts Center. There was a good turnout for the dedication, and the PAC has an exciting new piece of art to welcome folks to the Performing Arts Center. Thank you, Cynthia, Erik, and Jeanne, for your role in coordinating this effort.
- I attended part of the OCCMA summer conference that was held in Hood River. The OCCMA has been a very important part of my professional development and support system during my career. I had the privilege of serving as its president and serving on the board for a total of seven years. Nina Vetter was there for the first part of the conference and then headed to Newport for orientation on the Big Creek Dam replacement project. We overlapped at Tuesday's dinner event on the Cascade Locks Sternwheeler. It was announced by the OCCMA President that we had a rather historic event occurring... the City of Newport had two city managers attending the conference! I indicated that there are so many things happening in Newport, it requires two city managers to effectively manage the city!

Due to time constraints, I will not go into detail about the sessions that I took part in except for one. This was a presentation by keynote speaker Lou Radja, a social entrepreneur who continues to work to improve the lives of many across the globe. While Lou was born in the United States while his parents were attending college in the U.S., he grew up in the Congo until age 17. He came back to the United States for his education at Southern Oregon University in Ashland. Lou indicated that this was the time that he really noticed he was different from the rest by being black. Prior to that time, he was in the majority and did not understand being different from others. He indicated that this lived experience is critical in understanding how people who are different from most feel about the folks they live and work with. He had several key lessons that he shared: 1.) Listen to understand (not solve) 2.) Have curiosity over judgment. We often judge people based on our own frame of reference. We should be wondering why they acted the way they did not judge the meaning of their action; 3.) It should be a goal not to agree but to gain a greater understanding of someone else's perspective; 4.) Speak without being offensive, listen without being defensive, and leave the discussion with both parties keeping their dignity; and 5.) Assume the best intent.

Lou indicated that diversity is nothing more than representation, and representation is everything. Equity is a curated response to inequity. This is an opportunity to try to fill that gap. Inclusion enhances access for people joining and belonging with others.

Finally, I facilitated the last session of the day which was nurturing your network and cultivating meaningful connections. There was a good response to that session. I enjoyed my last OCCMA conference as City Manager of Newport.

- Closed with Western Title on the sale of the submerged lands to the Yakona Preserve.
- Met several times with Nina Vetter to provide a debriefing from her various meetings and tours that she has been conducting during this orientation period.
- Participated in a very robust Special City Council meeting July 1 to close out a number of things to try to clear the deck for Nina.
- Steve Baugher, Erik Glover, Rebecca Morrow and I met to cleanup a number of utility billing issues. I appreciate the efforts of Erik Glover and Rebecca Morrow working through these issues to clean up our utility accounts.
- Scheduled meetings with all my direct reports to review evaluations individually with each of them. This has been a good opportunity for me to express my appreciation for the great service and collaboration that I have experienced from the Department Heads and staff of the City Manager's office for supporting my role as City Manager over the past 10 ½ years.
- Finalized cleanup, packing and moving out of the space I occupied for the last decade. It was definitely a journey down memory lane as I was reorganizing and purging files. By July 8, my office was neater and more organized than it had ever been over the past ten years.
- The Lincoln City/County Managers held an evening meeting to celebrate my upcoming retirement. There has been a significant turnover in managers in Lincoln County in recent years. Now the senior manager in Lincoln County is Dann Cutter from Waldport. I appreciated the get together!
- I met with Derrick Tokos to review the paid parking implementation on the Bayfront. Derrick has reported that there has been a total of 33,935 transactions generating \$120,000 in revenue through July 1. The average transaction is \$2.20. Attached are the reports we obtained from the system for your review. While there have been some complaints and a few glitches along the way, based on the numbers using this system, these situations are a small section of the total users of this system.
- My last meeting that needed a decision was with Engineering, Community Development and Public Works relating to the City's policy of ownership of fire lines for major projects. Fire lines are water laterals that service fire hydrants within larger private complexes. OSU's student housing project is an example of this. For fire protection, OSU is required to construct a fire lateral line into the project area for placement of a fire hydrant. Our policy has been that the developer is required to provide a public easement within the development and then construct the fire line and hydrant which is maintained

by the City. The alternative is requiring the development to place a meter on the fire line and the development maintains the fire line and hydrant. The problem with this is that we lose control over the functioning of this hydrant, and we are imposing a significant additional expense to the development for adding a large 4 or 6-inch meter that will rarely be used. Public Works is concerned about leak detection, future maintenance, and control over potential future unauthorized connections to this fire line. Following this discussion, I opted to continue with our practices of requiring an easement, with the City assuming responsibility for this line hydrant after construction by the development with the provision that the developer must place a flow detection system as part of the construction of the fire line, instead of a meter. This will help determine if any water is flowing through this line due to a leak or unauthorized use.

- I had a very robust last day as City Manager. I finished the evaluations of my direct reports. This was something requested by staff as part of the transition. I completed over a dozen evaluations during the past couple of weeks and met with everyone about their evaluations through this process. It was a good opportunity to have final discussions with each of my direct reports prior to my retirement.
- Enjoyed a final lunch with the City employees in the Council Chambers. Thanks to Melanie, Barb, and Jody in coordinating this luncheon. I appreciated Jason and Derrick taking the lead to MC this event, and for the kind words that were shared. It has been a great pleasure working with everyone over the past decade as City Manager for the City of Newport.
- I also greatly enjoyed the community reception that took place on Monday afternoon. It was a great mix of people from my ten years in Newport. I appreciated the comments that were made by those in attendance, and having some time for me to share and thank various folks for their contributions to a successful run over this past decade. Thank you to Council President Hall, Mayor Kaplan and the Council members for your involvement with this reception. Also, thank you to Barb, Melanie, and Paul for handling certain logistics for this event. It was a wonderful way to end my tenure as City Manager. I also greatly appreciated the gesture of memorializing my time as City Manager with a gift of a bench on the Bayfront!
- The final event on my last day was having the Council hosting a dinner for Angela and me at Clearwater. This was a great last day of work for me. Angela and I appreciate the effort by everyone to close out my service as City Manager for the City of Newport. Thank you to Council for your gracious support over the years and for your dedicated service to the community.

One postscript - During the past couple of weeks post retirement, I have volunteered some time for the City to finish a few projects that I could not get prior to July 9, including updating the retirement handbooks with the changes approved by the City Council, and editing several parts of the handbook, updating the Employee Culture Report with various reporting and completion dates through the end of 2024, editing of the employee evaluations reflecting the meetings that were held with each employee, prepared a report with preliminary recommendations on the salary study, with my final carryover project being the editing of this report. It was good to have a

bit of post retirement time to complete these tasks and turn them over to Nina in a more complete, and hopefully, understandable way.

Upcoming Events:

- The last day to file the SEL form as a candidate for Mayor or City Councilor is Tuesday, August 27.
- Monday, September 2 is the Labor Day holiday. Council meetings will be held Tuesday, September 3.
- The annual ICMA meeting is going to be held from September 21 - 25, 2024, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I encourage my successor to participate in the annual ICMA meetings. These there are very important professional development opportunities for members of ICMA. There is a wealth of information that is provided at these conferences and the experience of traveling to different cities to participate in various demonstrations and tours to view how other cities tackle various municipal problems is extremely beneficial. Please encourage your new manager to participate in the ICMA meetings.
- Monday, September 30 at 6 PM is scheduled for a town hall meeting.
- The League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference will be held from October 17-19 in Bend, Oregon. Erik will be contacting Council in early summer to determine attendees to secure rooms for this event. It is important that Erik secure rooms the first hour of conference registration to assure everyone stays in the conference facility.
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- City offices will be closed for Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11.
- November 21 and 22, City offices will be closed due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- On Tuesday, December 24 City offices will be closed half day and a full day on Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday.
- City offices will be closed, Tuesday, January 1, 2025 in observation of the New Year holiday.
- The last meeting of the current Council and the organizational meeting for the new Council will occur on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Attachments:

- Attached is the parking report provided by Derrick Tokos for the implementation of paid parking on the Bayfront.
- Attached is a report from the LOC showing the results of the May 21 election as it relates to various City measures. The voters were fairly friendly to Cities during the May elections with 68% of the measures passing (including our gas tax) and 32% of the measures failing.
- Attached is a column from the LOC President, Dave Drotzmann, indicating that Cities in Oregon are facing a revenue crisis. This is a well-written article that really sums up what is happening to Cities across the state of Oregon including the City of Newport.
- Attached is an article of the partial failure of a dam in Minnesota. With the significant shifts in weather occurring with Global Warming including an

increase in severity of rain events, dams are being tested like they have never have been tested in their history.

One last bit of gratitude to share. I want to thank Melanie Nelson for her support and assistance since she came to the City Manager's Office from the Fire Department to serve as my executive assistant. Mel has played a key part in keeping my schedule straight, transcribing thousands of pages of reports, recommendations, budget messages, year-end reports, goal reports, coordinating employee and volunteer dinners and has been a great gatekeeper for me, allowing me time to do the work needed for this position. Thank you, Mel, for all your support over the years! Some good news for you...this is the last status report that you will have to transcribe for me!!!

Finally, I wish the best for Nina as she assumes the role of City Manager. I would like to say that I was able to address all of the challenges that faced the City of Newport, but this is not the case. The City of Newport has many significant challenges ahead and Nina will require the full support of the Council and staff to navigate the City of Newport through continued challenging times. The Council made an excellent choice in hiring Nina Vetter as City Manager. I have let her know that I am only a phone call away for free consultation!

This concludes my last status report for the City of Newport. Again, I want to thank the Mayor and Council, Department Heads and staff for your support over the past and 10 ½ years. Newport is fortunate to have the quality of elected and appointed people to really do amazing things with the limited resources that we have. There will be many challenges ahead, but I truly believe that this organization will face those challenges head-on and continue to make Newport a wonderful place to live, work and recreate.

It has truly been an honor for me to have had this opportunity to close out my career as Newport's city manager.

Respectfully submitted,



Spencer R. Nebel, City Manager

cc: Department Heads

T2 Iris Transaction Summary 07/01/2024 8:26 AM PDT

Date/Time: 07/01/2023 12:00:00 AM to 06/30/2024 11:59:59 PM PDT
 Organization: City of Newport
 Pay Station: T2-MobilePay
 Stall Number: N/A
 Ticket #: All
 Coupon Code: N/A
 Transaction Type: All
 Plate Number: N/A
 Grouping: Location

Location: Abbey St. Lot Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	3581	\$8306.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		3581
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	3581	\$8306.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	3581	\$8306.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	3581	\$8306.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Bay St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1654	\$3775.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1654
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	1654	\$3775.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1654	\$3775.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1654	\$3775.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Case St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	861	\$1806.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		861
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	861	\$1806.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	861	\$1806.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	861	\$1806.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Central Boardwalk Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1267	\$2840.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1267
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	1267	\$2840.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1267	\$2840.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1267	\$2840.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: East Boardwalk Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	559	\$1355.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		559
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	559	\$1355.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	559	\$1355.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	559	\$1355.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Fall St. Lot Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	475	\$1185.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		475
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	475	\$1185.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	475	\$1185.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	475	\$1185.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Fall St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1674	\$3867.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1674
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	1674	\$3867.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1674	\$3867.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1674	\$3867.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Hurbert St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	356	\$795.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		356
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	356	\$795.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	356	\$795.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	356	\$795.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Lee St. Lot

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	210	\$470.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		210
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	210	\$470.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	210	\$470.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	210	\$470.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: West Boardwalk Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1233	\$2711.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1233
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	1233	\$2711.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1233	\$2711.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1233	\$2711.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Overall Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	11870	\$27110.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		11870
Revenue	0	\$0.00	Revenue	11870	\$27110.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	11870	\$27110.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	11870	\$27110.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

T2 Iris Transaction Summary 07/01/2024 8:25 AM PDT

Date/Time: 07/01/2023 12:00:00 AM to 06/30/2024 11:59:59 PM PDT
 Organization: City of Newport
 Location: Abbey St. Lot Station, Bay St. Station, Case St. Station, Central Boardwalk Station, East Boardwalk Station, Fall St. Lot Station, Fall St. Station, Hubert St. Station, Lee St. Lot, Unassigned, West Boardwalk Station
 Stall Number: N/A Plate Number:
 Ticket #: All
 Coupon Code: N/A
 Transaction Type: All
 Grouping: Location

Location: Abbey St. Lot Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	50	\$76.70	Total Collections	5403	\$12496.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		5478
Revenue	75	\$76.70	Revenue	5403	\$12496.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	5453	\$12572.70
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	5478	\$12572.70
Refund Tickets	4	\$5.70									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	4	\$5.70									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Bay St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	102	\$155.95	Total Collections	2747	\$6058.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		2861
Revenue	114	\$155.95	Revenue	2747	\$6058.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	2849	\$6213.95
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	2861	\$6213.95
Refund Tickets	11	\$5.95									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	11	\$5.95									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Case St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	33	\$41.55	Total Collections	1603	\$3303.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1639
Revenue	36	\$41.55	Revenue	1603	\$3303.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1636	\$3344.55
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1639	\$3344.55
Refund Tickets	4	\$0.55									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	4	\$0.55									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Central Boardwalk Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	89	\$144.10	Total Collections	2421	\$5296.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		2516
Revenue	95	\$144.10	Revenue	2421	\$5296.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	2510	\$5440.10
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	2516	\$5440.10
Refund Tickets	13	\$12.10									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	13	\$12.10									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: East Boardwalk Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	71	\$118.55	Total Collections	1265	\$3023.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1338
Revenue	73	\$118.55	Revenue	1265	\$3023.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1336	\$3141.55
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1338	\$3141.55
Refund Tickets	10	\$9.55									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	10	\$9.55									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Fall St. Lot Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	106	\$178.70	Total Collections	1069	\$2562.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1177
Revenue	108	\$178.70	Revenue	1069	\$2562.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1175	\$2740.70
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1177	\$2740.70
Refund Tickets	4	\$3.70									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	4	\$3.70									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Fall St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	212	\$343.50	Total Collections	2126	\$4820.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		2343
Revenue	217	\$343.50	Revenue	2126	\$4820.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	2338	\$5163.50
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	2343	\$5163.50
Refund Tickets	26	\$16.50									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	26	\$16.50									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Hubert St. Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	69	\$97.80	Total Collections	1066	\$2300.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1141
Revenue	75	\$97.80	Revenue	1066	\$2300.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1135	\$2397.80
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1141	\$2397.80
Refund Tickets	7	\$6.80									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	7	\$6.80									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: Lee St. Lot

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	15	\$19.00	Total Collections	1135	\$2467.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		1152
Revenue	17	\$19.00	Revenue	1135	\$2467.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	1150	\$2486.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	1152	\$2486.00
Refund Tickets	0	\$0.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	0	\$0.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Location: West Boardwalk Station

Group Summary

CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	117	\$158.15	Total Collections	2291	\$4947.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		2420
Revenue	129	\$158.15	Revenue	2291	\$4947.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	2408	\$5105.15
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	2420	\$5105.15
Refund Tickets	8	\$3.15									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	8	\$3.15									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									

Overall Summary

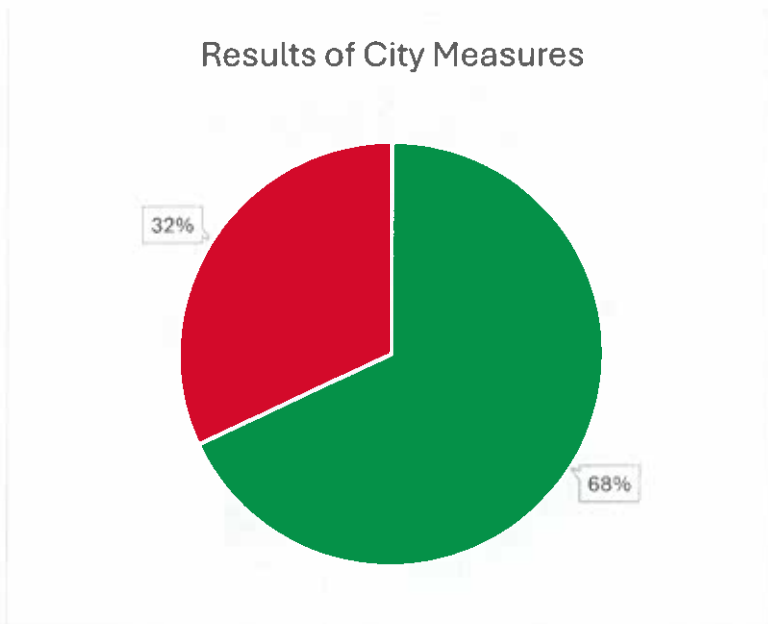
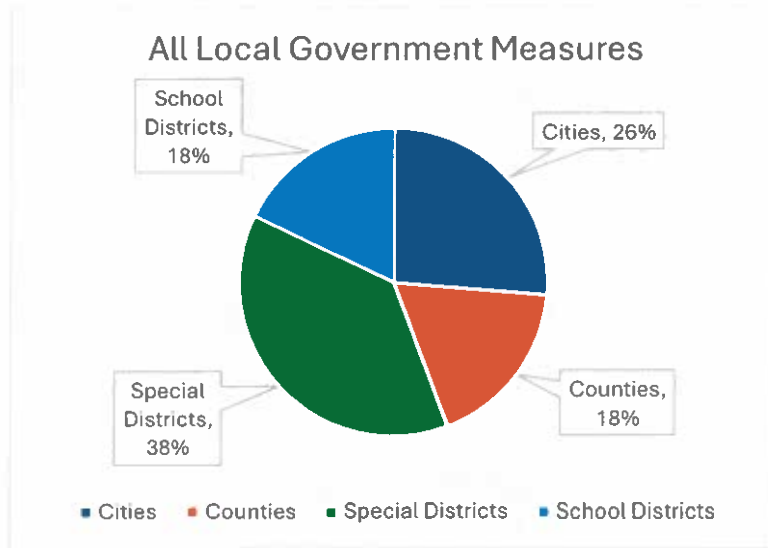
CASH			CREDIT CARD			PATROLLER CARD			TOTAL		
Total Collections	864	\$1334.00	Total Collections	21126	\$47272.00	Revenue	0	\$0.00	Total Transactions		22065
Revenue	939	\$1334.00	Revenue	21126	\$47272.00	Test Transactions	0	\$0.00	Total Collections	21990	\$48606.00
Change Issued	0	\$0.00							Revenue	22065	\$48606.00
Refund Tickets	87	\$64.00									
Total Refunds	0	\$0.00									
Excess Payment	87	\$64.00									
Attendant Deposit	0	\$0.00									



May 21, 2024 Election

Unofficial Results as of 5/30/2024

Summary of City Measures



All Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(95 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	25	68	32
Counties	17	52.94	47.06
Special Districts	36	72.22	27.78
School Districts	17	47.05	52.95

Advisory Question Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(4 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	3	33	66
Counties	1	100	0
Special Districts	N/A	N/A	N/A

Levy Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(26 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	3	100	0
Counties	3	33	66
School Districts	2	50	50
Special Districts	18	61.12	38.88

Tax Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(19 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	3	33	66
Counties	5	40	60
Special Districts	11	81	19

Bond Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(23 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	3	66	33
Counties	1	100	0
School Districts	15	40	60
Special Districts	4	75	25

Charter Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(19 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	12	75	25
Counties	7	57.14	42.86
Special Districts	N/A	N/A	N/A

Annexation Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(1 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	1	100	0
Counties	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Districts	N/A	N/A	N/A

District Measures by Local Gvmt.			
(2 total)	No. of Measures	Pass%	Fail%
Cities	N/A	N/A	N/A
Counties	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Districts	2	50	50

Running on Empty – Facing a Revenue Crisis

When I first joined the LOC Board of Directors in 2018, I told my colleagues from around the state that our cities were “heading towards a cliff” when it came to maintaining financial stability and providing services to residents. Today, as your LOC President, I can tell you that the narrative has changed, but not for the better. Cities are now “plummeting off the cliff” and into financial crisis.

Throughout this year, I’m hosting a President’s Regional Meeting in each of the LOC’s 12 regions. The focus is on hearing from you, my fellow city leaders and members of the LOC, about the fiscal challenges you’re facing. Specifically, I want to hear about your revenue challenges, as well as any potential barriers you’re facing that prevent your city from having stable revenue sources.

At the time of this writing, five meetings have been held, hosted by the cities of Dufur, Fossil, Sumpter, La Grande and St. Helens. Attendance has been great, and the feedback has been informative and insightful—cities have consistently told us that revenue shortages are a harsh reality, and they are unable to provide the services their residents need and demand.

For the majority of cities across the state, property taxes remain the primary source of consistent revenue to fund basic and needed services. Unfortunately, Oregon’s current property tax structure does not provide enough funding for cities to meet even the most essential needs of its residents and business owners.

Here is just a small sample of some of the notable feedback we’ve received thus far at the Regional Meetings—in each case, the city has indicated that its expenditures exceed its revenues:

- “This is particularly true when it comes to road maintenance and transportation needs. The funding gaps to maintain and improve roads are substantial. The gas tax collected in the city for the last several years was only sufficient enough to pay for two curb ramp replacements—gas taxes will not alleviate this problem.”
- “There is no saving for future needs in our city. We are financially required to wait until something breaks and then do our best to locate limited funds to fix or replace the item. Wages for employees, particularly within the fire department, are not competitive, which results in vacant positions or high turnover. Additionally, inflationary costs have proven highly problematic.”
- “The only way we could balance our budget this fiscal cycle was by selling off an excess parcel of land the city owns. The sale of the property will balance the budget for this year, but this approach will not be sustainable in the long term.”
- “Our expenditures exceed revenue, and this is for a city with a 14% fund balance. We are considering adding a fee for police and the library; if the council does not pass the fee, the city will be facing layoffs.”

- “Expenditures in the general fund exceed revenue sources. This upcoming fiscal year the city is facing a \$1.4 - \$1.6 million budget deficit. We will utilize existing reserves to balance the budget this year, but current projections indicate that at the current pace, reserves will expire in five years.”

And this is just a small sample—we still have several more regions to meet with between now and the end of the year.

So, after reading those comments, you may be asking—how is the LOC going to confront this financial crisis?

Well, I’m excited to announce that with the approval of the board of directors, the LOC has contracted with Sound & Vision, a highly regarded consulting firm that will lead a multi-year initiative aimed at reviewing revenue options for cities. LOC Tax and Finance Lobbyist Lindsay Tenes is the point person for this project and has worked with Sound & Vision to create an internal work plan to make sure the project stays on track and on budget. In addition, LOC staff has created a member advisory committee to help ensure cities’ voices are properly considered during this project. This 15-member committee includes representation from all regions of the state, cities of various sizes, elected officials, and city staff.

When it comes to Oregon’s tax system and its impact on the financial health and stability of our 241 cities, change is long overdue. The LOC is making an unprecedented investment in this revenue reform initiative and your board of directors is laser-focused on achieving lasting change that will dramatically improve our ability to serve our residents.

I want to thank the cities that have attended our President’s Regional Meetings so far and provided their feedback. In addition, I look forward to hearing from the rest of you in the coming months.



Dave Drotzmann
LOC President; Mayor,
Hermiston



A drone photo shows a home as it teeters before partially collapsing into the Blue Earth River at the Rapidan Dam in Minnesota on June 25. Andrew Weinzierl / AP

ENVIRONMENT

Dams in distress: Partial failure in Minnesota offers a nationwide warning

Almost 4,100 dams are categorized at the same risk level and condition – or worse – as the Rapidan Dam, according to an NBC News analysis.

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By Evan Bush

The partial failure of Minnesota's 114-year-old Rapidan Dam highlights risks that many communities face as the number of dams in disrepair rises and climate change makes rainfall more frequent and severe.

Before the breach, which led floodwaters to carve away at the bank of the Blue Earth River and [swallow a waterside home](#), local leaders in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, had been



contemplating whether to tear down the old structure or perform costly long-term repairs. Regulators considered the dam a “significant” hazard, and it was graded as in “poor” condition as of April 2023, according to the National Inventory of Dams.

Almost 4,100 dams are categorized at the same risk level and condition – or worse – according to an NBC News analysis of the inventory’s data. Every state has at least one such dam. Ohio has the most at 373.

As a whole, America’s dams – more than **91,000** in total – are aging. Many need expensive rehabilitation. Few were designed for today’s climate, with a warmer atmosphere that can hold – and dump – more water. The number of people living in inundation zones below these dams continues to grow.



— Heavy rains cause high water levels at the Rapidan Dam near Mankato, Minnesota, on Monday.

Mark Vancleave / AP



The average U.S. dam is 57 years old, and dam safety experts say the pace of investment has been too slow to keep the infrastructure up to the standards it was built for, much less for worsening climate hazards.

“It’s falling behind,” said Sharon Tapia, president of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials. “We’re in a situation where we’re seeing more and more dams needing to be rehabilitated or repaired to meet current standards.”

The association estimated in a report last year that **it would take \$157.5 billion** to bring nonfederal U.S. dams up to par. That pertains just to today’s safety standards – it does not factor in enhancements to address additional, future risks from climate change, she said.

President Joe Biden’s 2021 infrastructure bill included **\$3 billion for dam safety projects** – a sliver in comparison to the overall need.

It’s too early for scientists to say whether global warming played a role in the Rapidan Dam’s partial failure, but it made the conditions that led to it more likely.

For every degree Fahrenheit of warming, the atmosphere can hold and deliver about 3% to 4% more moisture, giving storms a stronger punch and making rainfall totals that were once considered rare much more common. That, in turn, raises the risk of devastating floods.





— Views of the Rapidan Dam on Sept. 6, 2011, and on June 26, after floodwaters overcame parts of the structure. Maxar Technologies via AP

The Rapidan Dam, built in 1910 and managed by Blue Earth County, was described on the county’s website as in a “state of disrepair.” After flooding in 2019 and 2020, a power generation company stopped leasing the dam, [leaving it without a hydropower operator](#).

But the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates the dam, was not overly concerned about the structure’s integrity as recently as last month. According to FERC documents, the dam was inspected May 21 and “found to be in overall satisfactory condition.”

“No major dam safety deficiencies were observed that would require immediate remedial action,” the letter said, though it noted severe concrete deterioration, exposed rebar and cracking that it said should be closely monitored.



The inspection, an analysis of the structure's safety and stability, was separate from the assessment by the National Inventory of Dams, which considers the full performance of the project, a FERC spokesperson said.

Blue Earth County officials had been weighing whether to [remove the dam](#), at a cost of more than \$82 million, or [repair](#) it for around \$15 million. Both options had downsides: Repairs might only last 40 years, while removal could take five years to plan and secure permits, according to engineering documents from 2021. A county spokesperson said officials were not able to respond to questions, beyond providing updates at news conferences.



— A riverside home seen on Tuesday before it partially collapsed, near at the Rapidan Dam in Minnesota. Andrew Weinzierl / AW Aerial via AP

The dam's partial failure came after three days of intense rainfall that left the Minnesota River at its third-highest flood height since at least 1881, according to Brennan Dettmann, a National Weather Service meteorologist based in the Twin Cities. The Blue Earth River flows into the Minnesota River.



In the Mankato area, where the dam is located, 7 to 8 inches of rain fell over three days, [based on an analysis from Kenny Blumenfeld](#), a senior climatologist at the Minnesota State Climate Office.

“That elbow of the Minnesota River got hit pretty hard,” he said, adding that in southern Minnesota, such heavy rainfall would have between a .5% and 2% chance of happening each year.

Floods batter the Midwest as concerns grow over Minnesota dam

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Bill McCormick, who led the state of Colorado’s dam safety program from 2011 to 2021, said that extreme rainfall has added strain across the nation.

“We’re getting more frequent, intense storms that are testing the aging infrastructure. Spillways and dams that maybe didn’t see as many storms in a given year are now seeing more storms,” he said. “All those aging systems are now being tested more and more.”

Housing development is raising hazard levels for some dams, too, McCormick added, as people settle in once-rural areas, where dams constructed for farmland are now guarding subdivisions.

Hiba Baroud, an assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at Vanderbilt University, said the Rapidan’s partial failure, among others, should prompt lawmakers to take a hard look at how to bolster dam infrastructure and triage repairs.



“We really need to think proactively to project potential scenarios for all the dams in the U.S. and start prioritizing which dams need to be rehabilitated or upgraded to avoid a situation like this,” she said, “as opposed to witnessing a big event and using it as a wake-up call about this particular dam.”



— Floodwaters continue to carve a channel around the Rapidan Dam on Thursday.

Mark VanCleave / AP

From 2013 to 2023, 283 dams in the U.S. experienced some kind of failure, according to data provided by the Association of State Dam Safety Officials and analyzed by NBC News. Some didn't cause sizable problems, but others had grave consequences. In 2019, a blizzard precipitated [a dam failure that washed away the home of a Nebraska man](#), drowning him.

Tapia said dam rehabilitation is too often constrained by insufficient funding and lengthy environmental permitting processes.



“They’re just taking too long to get fixed because of the funding issues and the permitting issues,” she said. “The engineering is typically the easiest part.”

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