

# City of Newport Annual Report of City Council Actions for 2018



Back row: Councilor Dean Sawyer, Councilor Mark Saelens, Council President Dietmar Goebel,  
Councilor David Allen.

Front row: Councilor Laura Swanson, Mayor Sandra Roumagoux, Councilor Wendy Engler

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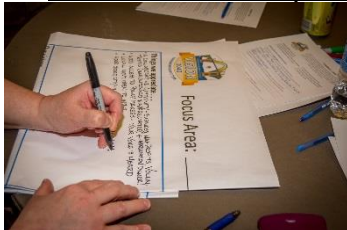
Each year it is important to take some time to reflect on the accomplishments and issues tackled by the City Council and staff over the previous 12 months. A summary of highlights of these activities is included in this report. I have also identified what I believe were the top 20 issues that have, or will have, a significant impact on the City of Newport in 2018 and into the future.

The calendar year 2018 was another very busy year for City staff, various advisory committees, task forces, work groups, and for City Council.

## TOP 20 HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2018 FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT

### Planning for the Future

1. The Greater Newport Area Vision 2040 - Throughout the course of 2017, the Greater



*Vision 2040 Strategies*

Newport Area was engaged in the development of Vision 2040. In 2018, the Council established a permanent Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, made up of various stakeholders and citizens within the Greater Newport Area, and charged this group with the responsibility of being a catalyst to move certain strategies forward. This Committee has been meeting on a regular basis since late summer to define this role in moving forward. The Committee has made great

progress in developing a structure which will facilitate fulfilling this role for City Council. It is my belief that this Committee will play an influential part in helping the Greater Newport Area realize the aspirations outlined in the Vision 2040 Plan.



*Vision 2040 Community Meeting*

2. The Mid-Coast Regional Water Planning Effort - This effort continues to move forward. Unfortunately the process has been slowed by lack of resources to moving forward in a timely fashion. As the Central Coast encounters periods of drought, and with the expanding population of Lincoln County, it is important this process be properly funded by the various stakeholders for the area to realize the potential benefits of regional cooperation to address water issues for municipal, industrial, agriculture and environmental perspectives. Fresh water during the summer months is a precious commodity that needs to be managed on a more effective regional basis.

3. Vacation Rental Dwelling Regulations - Throughout this year, a work group appointed by the Planning Commission has been addressing the complex issues regarding the operation of vacation rentals within the City, and their impact on neighborhoods throughout the community. While it was hoped that this issue would be brought to a conclusion by the end of the calendar year, the ultimate decisions on how to proceed with this matter will lie with the City Council that will be seated on January 7. There are many important issues that have been explored in this arena, including, regulatory impacts on property owners, neighborhoods, enforcement issues, housing, and economic issues relating to the vacation rental dwelling industry, which is being developed.

4. Big Creek Dams - The City continues to determine how to best address the seismic instability issues relating to the two Big Creek Dams which create reservoirs for municipal water purposes for the City of Newport. A relatively small seismic event could result in failure of these structures. There could be loss of life with a failure of the dams. Furthermore, the impact on the community from a loss of domestic water would have very significant long-term impacts on the residents and economy of Newport. The current estimates for building a new roller compacted concrete dam is in excess of \$70 million dollars. During this year, the City evaluated how to finance a cost of this magnitude for the community. The City has been working with state and federal agencies in order to try to secure funding to offset a significant portion of this expense. Even with a substantial contribution by state and federal sources, the financial impact on the local community would be significant.



*Big Creek Lower Dam*

### Development Projects

5. Reuse of the Former Municipal Pool by the Lincoln County School District - Through an intergovernmental agreement, the City leased the former municipal pool building to the school district for \$1 per year. In exchange, the school district made certain public improvements, provided funding for additional street improvements in the neighborhood, and for Forest Park, and has successfully converted the former pool building into a support services facility for the district. This project saved the City the cost of demolishing the structure, saved landfill space by reutilizing the existing structural components, and provided the school district a very functional facility, helping to meet the administrative needs of the school district for many years to come. This project was truly a win-win project for the schools, the City and taxpayers.



*Lincoln County School District Teaching and Learning Center*

6. Skate Park Project - Working with a committed group of skate park users, the City contracted to have significant renovations completed to the skate park facility, located off of Spring Street in the Nye Beach area. In addition, the area has been regraded and vegetation cleared out to make this a more inviting location for recreation, and less inviting for inappropriate uses of this area. This project has been a partnership with a group of volunteers committed to revitalizing a skate park facility in Newport.

7. Lincoln County Commons Project - This project appeared on the Urban Renewal Agency agenda a number of times during the course of 2018. While this is not a City project, funding has been identified in the Urban Renewal Plan for possible facilitation of this project. Presentations and comments were taken on a number of occasions in 2018 regarding support or opposition in proceeding with this project. This is an issue that will continue to be discussed in 2019.

8. Pacific Marine Energy Center - This is a project that, if completed, will help further Newport's place as an international marine science and research center. City Council provided support in an effort to secure state funding for this project to match the federal funding that is in place. This is to demonstrate and test the commercialization of production of energy from waves. Energy produced by this facility will be incorporated into the electrical grid. This will certainly put Newport on the map relating to the testing of the production of electricity from wave energy.



*Marine Studies Initiative Building*

9 Housing - After a number of years of very limited

activity, the Community Development Department is dealing with a number of housing related issues. Construction is underway for 28 apartment units at the Wilder Subdivision, construction is planned for a 19-suite memory care facility project, construction is planned for 66 market-rate, multifamily units at 31<sup>st</sup> and Harney, and Discussions on OSU Student Housing project (initial costs were higher than what was anticipated by OSU and they are evaluating the next steps on this project). In addition, a couple of small subdivisions are in various stages of development, with a small subdivision off of Yaquina View Drive, and a second subdivision off of Bay Boulevard, across from the Embarcadero.



*Wilder Housing Project*

10. General Building Activity - The number of building permits in 2018 will be the highest since the 2009 crash, with over 200 permits being issued. Furthermore, the construction value through December 6, 2018, was just under \$30 million dollars. This dollar value is down from 2017, which included permits for the hospital and OSU, but continues a healthy progression of significant investment taking place in the community.

The first phase of the hospital is expected to be occupied early in 2019. Construction on the Oregon State University's Marine Studies Initiative Education facility is underway. This facility will feature Oregon's first vertical tsunami evacuation site included as part of a building. Other commercial projects permitted in 2018, include the Oregon Coast Aquarium office facility, Goodwill Industries drop-off building, and a retail structure, Les Schwab Tire Store on US Highway 20, Yaquina Industrial Park project facility, Newport Brewery on Canyon Way Drive, and a new Ace Hardware store on Coast Highway.



*Old and New Hospital*

11. Yaquina Industrial Park - The excavation work has been completed and building construction will follow, on the first phase of development of the Yaquina Industrial Park located adjacent to the Port of Newport's International Port Terminal on McClean Point.

It is the intent of this facility to facilitate added growth and development of Newport's significant fisheries and marine economy.

### Council Issues

12. Resignation of City Councilor, Laura Swanson - The City Council accepted the resignation of City Councilor Laura Swanson this year. Councilor Swanson served on the City Council for 5 ½ years. She served as liaison to a number of City committees, and did thorough homework in order to prepare for meetings in her role as City Councilor. We wish Laura well in her retirement from the City Council. City Council elected not to fill this position until after the elections and the new Council members are sworn in to office on January 7.

13. Changes on the City Council - With the resignation of Councilor Swanson, and the decision of Mayor Roumagoux, Councilors Engler and Saelens not to run for re-election, the Newport City Council will have four new members (out of seven), as the new term of the Council begins on January 7. This is the most significant turnover on the Council in a number of years. On November 6, City Councilor Dean Sawyer was elected to serve as Mayor for a two-year term. In addition, Ryan Parker and CM Hall were elected to fill the positions being vacated. We are looking forward to the new energy and insights that Councilors-Elect Parker and Hall will bring. Furthermore, on January 7, 2019, the Council is scheduled to appoint two additional members to fill the remaining two-year terms of Councilor Swanson and the two-year term of Mayor-Elect, Dean Sawyer, who will be assuming the Mayor's role on January 7.

14. Citizen Involvement - With the creation of the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, various work groups and task forces the Mayor appointed 82 citizens to various boards, committees, work groups and task forces this year. The City Council certainly values having this type of input to develop important policy issues that best reflect the community wishes for consideration by Council. City Council values the commitment of these citizens who serve, with no compensation, to help guide and vet various committee issues for the Council and staff.



*Citizen Participation at Vision 2040 Meeting*

### Environmental Issues

15. Citizen Concerns Related to Environmental Issues - A number of environmental issues have been the focus of the Council's time during this year. Included were concerns about the use of herbicides as part of commercial forest practices within Big Creek watershed, the use of biosolids as a fertilizer on agricultural land, and concerns regarding the government's role in addressing climate change. These are certainly important issues where local governments are being asked to play specific roles, both at a local level and beyond, relating to various environmental issues and concerns facing communities.

16. Water Supply Issues - In 2018, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Lincoln County due to water levels at or near record lows in area streams. The City of Newport enacted a voluntary restriction on water uses to help preserve water in the Siletz River during this time. The Siletz River is a continual supply of water for industry, agriculture and for municipal water for Toledo, Seal Rock and the City of Newport. Low

water in the Siletz also has significant environment impacts on the water shed. As the Central Coast faces the possibility of future years of drought, the pressure on our water sheds will continue to grow. As the Central Coast faces further years of drought, this may become a much more significant issue in the future.

## Administrative Issues

17. Naming of Facilities and Parks. -- The City Council has had the opportunity to honor important individuals who have contributed to the development of the City of Newport by naming facilities after these citizens. This includes the renaming of the Don Davis Park to the Don and Ann Davis Park to honor the important roles that both Don and Ann played in the development of this community. It also includes the naming of the Black Box Theatre in the Performing Arts Center after David Ogden Stiers; and, the naming of a future piano rehearsal room at the Performing Arts Center after Ramona Martin. The Council certainly



*Rededication of Don & Ann Davis Park*

appreciates the very significant contributions these individuals have made to the City of Newport and the Performing Arts Center.

18. Abatement at 445 and 455 NW Nye Street - In October of this year, two residential structures located at 445 and 455 NE Nye Street were torn down to address various code violations. In this case, the property owner had contested the City's determination that the structures were not salvageable. The Council approved new code provisions developed by the City Attorney that allowed the Court to designate a temporary receiver to address code violations in accordance with a plan accepted by



*Nye Street Lots before Mitigation*



*Nye Street Lots after Mitigation*

the Court. The Assistant Fire Chief served as the receiver and coordinated the efforts to remove the structures, and restore the property in accordance with the court order. This ended a long chapter of addressing code violations of these properties.

19. Salary Study Implementation - A comprehensive salary study was done to determine average pay for all non-union positions within the City of Newport. The study showed a number of positions that were significantly below the average wages paid for those same type positions in similar-size coastal and rural communities in Oregon. This was one of the issues that contributed to a significant turnover of staff. The implementation of the salary study was a major task facilitated by City Attorney, Steve Rich, Human Resources Director, Barb James, Finance Director, Mike Murzynsky, and the entire Finance office. I certainly appreciated the cooperation and patience of the employees for completing this monumental task. The salary study results are being implemented over four separate fiscal years, with the first two years being retroactively affected and the last year of adjustment occurring in the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

20. Finance Work Group - City Council approved the establishment of a financial work group consisting of City Council members, members of the Budget Committee, and members of the Audit Committee, to do a comprehensive review of the financial trends of the past three years, and what would happen if those same trends carried forward over the next five years. The work group determined that if revenues and expenditures continued growing at the current rate for the General Fund, the ability of the General Fund to fund various City services, would be threatened in the next few years. Over the next budget years, it will be incumbent upon City staff, administration, Budget Committee and Council to consider these long-term financial impacts of any decisions made, to keep the City in sound financial condition. Overall, I appreciated the time that the Committee members put into these three meetings to review this matter. I appreciated all the efforts that the Finance Department put in to developing historic financial trends, as well as, the projections for review by this work group.

### 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

Regular City Council Meetings	22
Urban Renewal Meetings (URA)	13
Special City Council Meetings	0
Work Sessions	24
Executive Sessions (Council and URA)	13
Proclamations Issued	20
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduations	3
Minutes Approved (Council and URA)	67
Oregon Liquor Control Commission Licenses Issued	6
Appointments to Boards, Committees, Work Groups & Task Forces	82
Public Hearings	35
Ordinances Adopted	18
Resolutions Adopted	40
Supplemental Budgets Approved (Council and URA)	8
Local Contract Review Board Contracts Awarded	46
Local Contract Review Board Change Orders Approved	4

### PROJECTS AWARDED BY THE COUNCIL IN 2018

Through the course of 2018 a number of projects were awarded, and change orders approved, by the Local Contract Review Board. These are typically projects in excess of \$50,000. I've included several smaller projects that add significant Council involvement that were awarded administratively, since they were under the \$50,000 limit, as well. These projects include:



*Nye Beach Pump Station*

- The Nye Beach Pump Station.
- Bay/Moore Storm Drainage Improvement Project.
- Replacement of City Hall doors.
- Implement software for maintenance management at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. .
- Rebuild centrifuges at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.



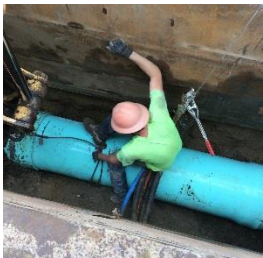
*Thermoblender at the WWTP- Used for Pasteurizing Class A Biosolids*

- Rebuild the pasteurization system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Approved a final change order for the Big Creek Pump Station replacement project.
- Authorized a sidewalk and retaining wall to be built around the Recreation and Aquatic Center on SE Benton and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Utilized a new receivership ordinance and led a contract for demolition for the Azar homes.
- Installed automatic locks and rehabilitated Library doors.



*SE Benton and 10th Street Sidewalk and Retaining Wall*

- Authorized various engineering services to address seismic stability issues for the City's two reservoir dams.
- Authorized new aerial imagery to be conducted for the City of Newport.
- Authorized renovations of the skate park.
- Authorized a contract for the replacement of the HVAC system in City Hall.



*Power Ford/Sunwest Motors Storm Drain Project*

- Authorized the storm sewer work, including, some street resurfacing to address the Power Ford and Sunwest Motors storm sewer issues.
- Authorized sanitary sewer work and street restoration for the Grove Street Sewer Replacement Project.
- Authorized a joint agreement with the hospital for various water main street and sidewalk improvements that will take place in the construction area for the new



*NW Grove Street Sewer Project*

hospital.

- Authorized an environmental assessment at the airport for the tree removal project and storm sewer rehabilitation project.
- Contracted to replace power ventilation heater units at the Recreation Center.
- Contracted to replace vents at the Recreation Center.



*Aerial - Central View*

- Authorized a replacement of the bulk fuel storage facilities at the airport.
- Authorized various improvement projects on Oceanview Drive. (Please note that the white striping work could not get completed due to weather. This work will be done in the spring).
- Authorized a contract in the amount of \$9.1 million for the Agate Beach Wastewater Improvement project. This includes replacement of two lift stations and installation of a new force main and gravity main associated with those life stations.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES OF CITY COUNCIL DURING 2018

Throughout the course of 2018, City Council was engaged in a number of significant issues.

### Highlights of those activities are as follows:

- Held several work sessions and implemented a salary study for non-represented employees.
- Developed the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee to play a role as a catalyst in promoting implementation of strategies outlined in the community vision, reporting progress on the limitation of the vision to City Council, and periodically reviewing and updating the vision.
- City Council elected Dietmar Goebel to serve as Council President for 2018.
- Amended the Newport Municipal Code regarding street numbering and assignment of secondary addresses.
- Passed an ordinance amending the zoning maps to allow the Lincoln County School District to reuse the old municipal pool site.
- Approved a special event waiver fee for the Chamber of Commerce for the Seafood and Wine Festival.
- Heard a report from Newport Skate Park requesting a collaborative effort to renovate that facility.
- Amended a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lincoln Community Land Trust.
- Approved a Resolution amending the City's Public Records Request policy to make a consistent with changes in Oregon State law.
- Heard a report on Council activities for 2017.
- Authorized the free use of the Recreation Center to families of active Military personnel.
- Approved a resolution adopting a corrective plan of action for findings related to the 2016/2017 annual audit.
- Authorized an economic development administration grant for the former Hallmark Fisheries site on Bay Boulevard.
- Authorized a grant agreement with the Meyer Memorial Trust for the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership.
- Accepted a gift from the Estate of Sylvia Henck to the Newport Public Library.
- Heard a report that the contract with TCB Security at the Library has been very favorably received by Library customers, and has functioned well.
- Held a number of work sessions, public hearings, and ultimately approved a new utility rate structure for water, sewer, and storm sewer for the City of Newport.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend the airport facility section for the Newport Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the recently adopted Airport Master Plan.
- Approved various tourism marketing grant applications for events throughout the course of the year
- Had numerous reports throughout the year on the Planning Commission's review with an ad-hoc committee of City policies regarding vacation rental dwellings.
- Awarded a contract to upgrade the Nye Beach pump station.
- Conducted interviews for citizen members of the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee.

- Heard a report from the Visual Arts Steering Committee regarding partner usage rates for the Visual Arts Center.
- Acting as the Urban Renewal Agency, the Council had several updates on the Lincoln County Commons Project.
- Heard an update on the Oregon Marine Debris Action Plan.
- Heard an update on the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts Capital Campaign.
- Adopted an ordinance relating to conflicts of interest for members of advisory boards and committees.
- Heard an update on the geological permit application adjacent to NW Spring Street.
- Granted a special event fee waiver for the 2018 Loyalty Days Parade.
- Submitted final airport layout plans to the FAA for official FAA approval.
- Replaced various exterior doors for City Hall, including installation of electronic access for employees.
- Held a joint work session with Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and various mutual interests between the City and the County.
- Conducted the annual Goal Setting meeting.
- Conducted performance evaluations for the City Manager and City Attorney.
- Recognized the Newport High School Boys' Swim Team on their state championship.
- Heard a report from Thompson's Sanitary Services on world market changes impacting recycling in the United States.
- Heard a report from the Audit Committee on the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year audit.
- Increased funding for the July 4 fireworks display.
- Accepted a report on City goals for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year.
- Approved a resolution opposing offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration.
- Authorized a letter of support for state funding for the Pacific Marine Energy Center South Energy Test Site.
- Closed out the Big Creek Pump Station Project.
- Heard a report on the status of the parking study recommendations.
- Discussed developer requirements for public infrastructure improvements.
- Heard an update from Lincoln County District Attorney, Michelle Branham, which concurred with the recommendation from the Airport Committee to relinquish the Part 139 Airport Certification for the Municipal Airport.
- Heard a report from the 60+ Advisory Committee on the services provided at the center.
- Entered into an agreement with Hatfield Marine Science Center to store the emergency water purification system obtained by OSU at the airport.
- Authorized a resolution for submission of an application for redesignation of Newport as a Coast Guard City (this is still pending).
- Authorized an application for a local government grant for the development improvements at Sam Moore Parkway and Betty Moore Field. This application was not funded.
- Created a Parks System Master Plan Advisory Committee to assist with the development of the Parks Master Plan.
- Authorized an amendment to the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund for improvements to the Agate Beach Wastewater System.

- Scheduled and held a meeting with Lincoln County elected and appointed officials on a regional approach to addressing housing issues in Lincoln County.
- Heard a report on concerns regarding the Newport Municipal Codes and deregulation of taxi cabs.
- Discussed the possibility of relocating the clock tower on US Highway 101 from Angle Street to Hurbert Street. Subsequent discussions on this matter have included that Hurbert Street may not be the best location for a clock tower.
- Selected a City Council member to assist in reviewing proposals to conduct the Newport Transportation Plan update in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Transportation.
- Heard a report from the Parks and Recreation Committee on creating free day passes to Newport residents who complete recreational usage surveys. Please note that the first round of passes was issued for a survey conducted for the Parks Master Planning Process. These will be used for the next round of surveys for the Parks Master Plan and a general survey the Recreation Department plans to initiate in 2019.
- Authorized a creation of an ad-hoc work group to develop recommendations for distributing affordable housing construction excise tax revenues. This ad-hoc committee has not been established at this time due to the current work load relating to VRDs, Park Master Planning, and other major projects. This will be initiated early in 2019.
- Granted a special event permit fee waiver for the 2018 Newport Marathon.
- Authorized a contract extension for the annual audit with Boldt, Carlisle, & Smith. There is one additional extension left on the original contract for auditing services.
- Authorized the purchase of easements by the Urban Renewal Agency for the SE 35<sup>th</sup> and US Highway 101 signal relocation project.
- Heard a report from Catherine Rickbone on the annual activities conducted on behalf of the City by the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts.
- Initiated the process and ultimately renamed Don Davis Park to Don and Ann Davis Park.
- Heard a report on a possible appeal of a condition of approval contained in the Planning Commission's decision regarding a minor re-plat for Central Lincoln PUD. PUD opted not to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission on this matter. The former operational facility has since been sold by PUD.
- Council heard a report on the possible repurposing of modular houses moved from 70<sup>th</sup> Street for transitional employee houses. This proved not to be feasible.
- Heard a report on Lebanon's coalition on homelessness. The Council subsequently established a task force that will be appointed in 2019, modeled after the City of Lebanon's efforts to tackle certain components of homelessness.
- Acting as the Urban Renewal Agency, the Council approved Amendment 13 to the South Beach Urban Renewal Plan, extending the deadline to initiate projects in that plan. This did not extend the life of the plan.
- After much discussion, the Airport Committee opted to recommend cancelling the Pavilion Project at the fixed base operator building at the airport, due to the high cost and value of proceeding with that project at this time. Council concurred with this conclusion.

- Heard a report from Hancock Forest Management regarding a possible Memorandum of Understanding relating to source water testing. Concerns were expressed from citizens regarding allowing any use of herbicides within the Big Creek watershed as part of commercial forest activities. As a result, Hancock has subsequently held off on the concept of an MOU regarding this issue.
- Heard a request to place a moratorium on the issuance of business licenses for vacation rental dwellings while the Planning Commission is awaiting regulatory changes to homes used for these purposes. Council did not take any action on the moratorium request.
- Authorized a grant agreement with the State of Oregon regarding the expansion of the Newport Performing Arts Center.
- Authorized an agreement with Portland State University regarding the Mid- Coast Watershed studies.
- Authorized the termination of the agreement with AIRBNB and the collection of room taxes. Please note that AIRBNB is still observing the guidelines included in this agreement as a basis for submitting collected room tax to the City. These discussions have been ongoing between the City Attorney and AIRBNB, with the main hang up being verification of where taxes are collected from.
- Extended the Bayfront, City Center, and Nye Beach Parking Districts for a 12-month period.
- Heard a status report from Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Regina Martinez, regarding the City's efforts to prepare itself for emergencies.
- Heard several updates on the Planning Commission's efforts to address the provisions to the vacation rental codes.
- Approved the rate adjustment for the collection of solid waste recycling and composting with Thompson's Sanitary Service.
- Approved an ordinance annexing territory at 4401 S. Coast Highway.
- Heard an annual report on the operation of the Newport Visual Arts Center.
- Applied for and received designation as Bee City, USA.
- Acquired property adjacent to the Newport Municipal Airport.
- With FAA Funding, approved contractual staffing contracts to fill vacant engineering positions in the Public Works Department.
- Approved an ordinance renaming Don Davis Park to Don and Ann Davis Park. A rededication service was conducted in November with Don Davis present for this rededication.
- Heard a request from the Lincoln Community Land Trust for an extension on the use of housing funds to provide for affordable homeownership for the City of Newport. Council granted this extension.
- Heard a presentation from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Advisory Committee on the proposed Lincoln County Management Plan.
- Approved the recommendations and a partner usage plan report from the Visual Arts Center.
- Established a work group to review long-term financial issues for the City of Newport. This group completed their work with the report going before the City Council in December.
- Council made a pledge of funding for phase seven of the Performing Arts Center renovations in the amount of three \$200,000 appropriations each year through the

2020/2021 Fiscal Year, contingent upon OCCA raising funds in the amount of \$2.5 million for this work.

- Authorized a bond for storm water projects.
- Authorized a letter of support to Lincoln County for a county-wide regional approach to promote affordable housing. This grant was funded.
- Had several updates on the dam project and potential funding opportunities. This is a huge project that will take a creative process in order to secure funding from a variety of sources (state, federal, and city) to complete this task.
- Reviewed processes relating to the enforcement of code issues in unsafe buildings.
- Received, reviewed and adopted a budget for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year.
- Approved an ordinance relating to the airport overlay zone.
- Authorized an application for a port security grant for the purchase of a fireboat. This grant was not funded.
- Adopted a resolution setting up reserve funds and setting parameters on the use of those funds.
- Formally expanded the Don and Ann Davis Park to include the City-owned property located along Cliff Street.
- Reviewed the continuation of an ordinance establishing a local gas tax.
- Identified legislative priorities for the League of Oregon Cities.
- Approved an ordinance allowing the transfer of credits for system development charges for construction of qualified public improvements.
- Discussed the issues of the use of biosolids for agricultural purposes.
- Named and renamed the Black Box Theatre at the Performing Arts Center in honor of David Ogden Stiers, and the piano rehearsal room after Ramona Martin.
- Accepted the resignation of City Councilor, Laura Swanson. Councilor Swanson served on the City Council for five and-a-half years. She served as liaison to a number of City committees, and did thorough homework in order to be prepared for her role as City Councilor. We wish Laura well in her retirement from the City Council.
- Approved a three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Newport Police Association.
- Provided additional funding from the City to support the Mid-Coast Water Planning partnership.
- Heard an update from David Youngentob regarding Oregon RAIN.
- Discussed the impacts the drought was having both on the availability of the drinking water for the City of Newport, and on the Siletz River. As part of the drought, the City of Newport composed a voluntary restriction on excess water usage in the City to try to reduce flows.
- Entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Pacific Communities Health District for public facility improvements affiliated with the Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital expansion.
- Received FAA funding to pay for 90% of an environmental assessment being conducted for a storm water project and tree removal project.
- Held two joint City Council Planning Commission work sessions on the development of the Parks System Master Plan with one being on Thursday, August 30 and the second being on December 13.

- Had discussions on EMS response priorities. This is an issue that will come back to Council in 2019 with some specific recommendations.
- Approved an ordinance streamlining the process for naming or renaming components of various facilities or parks in the City.
- Approved an ordinance adding a definition to the transient room tax to address the role of intermediaries play in the collection of the room tax.
- Adopted an ordinance amending the South Beach Urban Renewal Plan to allow for projects within that district to be initiated up to 2025. The district still expires in 2027.
- Heard a report from Patti Ferry from the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce regarding the tourism promotion fulfillment and development report for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.
- Heard a report from the Retirement Board of Trustees regarding revisions to the investment policy. Now that that retirement fund is approaching full funding, the Board has elected to use a more conservative investment strategy going forward. (Certainly based on market activities on the last quarter of this year that may have been a very wise decision!)
- Discussed the policy of displaying certain statements on the walls within City Hall. The Council concluded that that would not be appropriate policy to adopt.
- Council discussed the process for filling the vacancy caused by Councilor Laura Swanson's resignation. A decision was made to do that after the elections, and that the selection would be made by the Council seated on January 7, 2019.
- Approved a resolution establishing a social gaming fee schedule in accordance with the Newport Municipal Code.
- Adopted a new policy regarding the State of Oregon Law Enforcement Data System to bring our policy in compliance with requirements for this program.
- Approved a goods and services contract with Heard Farms for the pick-up of unpasteurized sludge to be processed for use as agricultural fertilizer due to the necessity to rebuild the City's biosolids pasteurization system.
- Approved a request to ODOT to conduct a speed study on Highway 101 and SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. Approval by Lincoln County is also required to conduct a speed study. Lincoln County intends to discuss this after the beginning of the new year.
- Approved an amendment to the covenants, conditions and restrictions relating to property sold by the Urban Renewal Agency to The Whaler Motel, as part of a transaction regarding the sale of The Whaler Motel to Hallmark Hotels.
- Heard a presentation from the Small Business Development Center by Dave Price from the Oregon Coast Community College.
- Approved an ordinance limiting the feeding of wildlife in the City.
- Approved a resolution establishing policies regarding recognition of neighborhood associations by City Council.
- Approved funding for the purchase of a new Recreational Management software.
- Approved an ordinance regarding the unlawful transfer of materials or goods from a vehicle from a public right-of-way to a pedestrian.
- Approved an ordinance allowing for extended stay housing facilities as requested by Pacific Seafood.
- Adopted an ordinance establishing a fee schedule for multiple false alarms.
- Issued a request for proposals for passenger service to the Newport Municipal Airport.

- Heard a presentation from the Newport High School Swim Team parents regarding scheduling at the Newport Aquatic Center. An agreement was worked out among the various parties to address concerns with this schedule.
- Established a homelessness task force with representatives of various aspects of the community to review possible strategies in addressing both the social and property issues impacting the City of Newport.
- Accepted a Homeland Security Grant to implement a Spanish language community emergency preparedness program in the City of Newport.
- Ended the parking enforcement patrol program on a contractual basis, with the City Police Department taking over this function in 2019.
- Held a joint work session with the Port of Newport to discuss various mutual issues. With the leadership of Port Commission President, Stewart Lamerdin, and Interim General Manager, Teri Dresler, it certainly seems that the Port is working hard to try to get operations back on track.
- Heard a report from Sheriff Curtis Landers on the Justice Reinvestment Grant and overview.
- Heard a presentation from the Port of Newport regarding the update of the Port's Strategic Business Plan.
- Under the Council rules, incorporated some administrative processes that had been put into place by Mayor Roumagoux regarding the Council's rule when reviewing time and expense records for the Council's three employees, which include the City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Judge.
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Oregon addressing the deployment of Newport Fire personnel to the devastating forest fires in Northern California.
- Approved an extension of the existing operating agreement between the Oregon Coast Council of the Arts and the City of Newport.
- Held a rededication ceremony for the Don and Ann Davis Park.
- Approved an agreement with Crestmont Farms for the storage and use of Class A biosolids at that facility.
- Heard a presentation from CEO, Leslie Ogden, and Pacific Communities Health District member, Dr. Ralph Breitenstein, on the progress of the Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital.
- Received the official abstract to vote for the November 6 General Election for Mayor and City Council. Again, congratulations to Mayor-Elect Dean Sawyer, Councilor Allen, and Councilors-Elect Parker and Hall on your election to Newport City Council. The final Council for the 2019/2020 term will not be completed until appointments are made by the new Council on January 7 to fill the two-year vacancy created by Laura Swanson's resignation, and the two-year vacancy created by Mayor-Elect Dean Sawyer's election as Mayor.
- Heard a report from the Audit Committee about the progress and evolution that this Committee is planning in reviewing City financial statements.
- Heard a presentation from Lincoln County Counsel, Wayne Belmont, on the development of a regional housing implementation strategy for Lincoln County. This is being funded by the State of Oregon.
- Heard a report from the Finance Work Group on the long-term projections for the various City operating funds. Based on current expenditure trends over the past three years, the City will need to be watching the General Fund to assure that

expenditures do not exceed revenues during this period of time, as indicated by current fiscal trend.

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Proud Ground relating to work force housing in the City of Newport.
- Heard a report regarding the status of the efforts to review the Municipal Code as it relates to vacation rental dwellings.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

There are a number of initiatives that will be moving forward in the coming year, including the following:

- Completion of the Parks Master Plan.
- Initiation of the North Side Transportation Plan in conjunction with ODOT. This project will include Urban Renewal Discussions relating to the City Center, and US Highway 20 Corridor, as well as, the Agate Beach neighborhood.
- Initiation of a Homelessness Task Force to identify steps to be taken in the community to address aspects of this problem.
- Exploration of funding opportunities to address seismic stability issues with the Big Creek Reservoir dams.
- A report from the Fire Department on EMS response priorities.
- A report on the governance structure of the Port of Newport.
- Initiation of the county-wide housing study to address how the cities and county can collectively facilitate a provision for needed housing within Lincoln County.
- Further discussion regarding URA funding to facilitate the County Commons project.
- Housing Excise Tax Work Group to identify how these funds can be used to facilitate housing in Lincoln County.
- In addition, there are numerous construction projects that are in various stages of design that will move forward in 2019, subject to availability of personnel to move these projects forward.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the employees of the City of Newport for the work they do in serving the citizens of Newport. The work and projects illustrated in this report represent many hours of work by dedicated staff to compile information, solicit community input, and provide reports and recommendations for consideration by City Council. Staff is also responsible for following through with implementation of Council actions. Finally, employees of the City of Newport are responsible for providing all of the various services to citizens, including water, wastewater, streets, parks, police, fire, library services, facilitating maintenance, finance, records, human resources, city administration, airport operations, information technology, engineering, and community planning and development. Thank you for all of your efforts throughout this calendar year.



*2018 Employee Appreciation Dinner*



2019 will be a very busy year with a new Council leading the community. I am looking forward to addressing challenges and maximizing opportunities for the City in this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Nebel".

Spencer Nebel  
City Manager