

CITY OF NEWPORT
RESOLUTION NO. 4037

RE-ESTABLISHING A CITY COUNCIL STIPEND/COMPENSATION WORK GROUP

WHEREAS, the Newport City Council has discussed this issue in some depth, during meetings with comments ranging from value is received by volunteering in the Community, to representation on the Council is impacted due to voluntary service barriers; and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of practices in Oregon concerning providing compensation for elected municipal officials' during their tenure on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newport currently provides elected officials technology resources such as laptops, or tablets for the performance of City business, the payment of conference registration fees, travel reimbursement and lodging/dining expenses for City related travel; and

WHEREAS, a segment of the Newport population may be excluded from considering service on City Council due to financial limitation when time off needs to be taken from work to attend City functions.

WHEREAS, the Newport City Council adopted Resolution 3965 on January 17, 2023 and the work group efforts haven't been commenced due to limited applications for the at-large community member slots.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Resolution 3965 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Newport hereby establishes a City Council Stipend/Compensation Work Group with the following composition eight total members (8):

A. Four (4)- Former/Retired Members of the City Council;

B. Four (4) -At Large Members of the Community, with reasonable attempt made to seat two current budget committee members in this category.

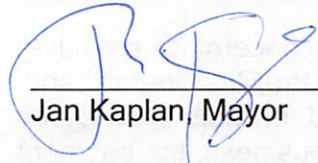
Section 3. It is envisioned that the Work Group work will meet a minimum of once a month. The work will be concluded with a report to the City Council no later than the June 16, 2025 City Council meeting. The work group is charged with studying elected official compensation strategies including but not limited to: monthly salary, per meeting stipend, insurance coverage, education reimbursement; and producing a report with a recommendation to the City Council which identifies what compensation, if any, should be provided to elected officials in Newport, Oregon, and when that compensation would be initiated.

If compensation is recommended, the work group will advise the Council as to whether the issue should be referred to the electors of the City of Newport, or adopted directly by the City Council.

The Work Group is empowered to meet at additional dates and times to complete its work.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Newport on August 19, 2024.



Jan Kaplan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erik Glover, Assistant City Manager/City Recorder