

**City of Newberg  
City Council Minutes  
February 21, 2023**

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**WORK SESSION** – Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Bill Rosacker, Councilors Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Mike McBride, Molly Olson, Robyn Wheatley, Derek Carmon, and Peggy Kilburg.

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Police Chief Jeff Kosmicki, Finance Director Kady Strode, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Library Director Korie Buerkle, and Public Works Director Russ Thomas.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Library Director Buerkle gave a presentation on the Library, its history, statistics, programming, shared services, Board, Friends & volunteers, Foundation, and staff. There was discussion regarding computer classes and cultural passes.

CDD Rux gave a presentation on the department and Planning Commission. He explained the department functions, land use planning, ORS and OAR laws, Comprehensive Plan, master plans, Development Code, types of applications, coordination with other agencies, Building Division, Economic Development, third party services, Planning Commission role and responsibilities, Newberg Urban Area Management Commission, and community visioning.

There was discussion on vacation applications, appeals, airport zoning, and Urban Growth Boundary expansion.

Finance Director Strode gave a presentation on the department and the Budget Committee. She discussed the finance/court staff, finance staff objectives, accounting staff responsibilities, utility billing staff responsibilities, court staff responsibilities, accomplishments, Budget Committee role, responsibilities, members, and meeting dates.

**BUSINESS SESSION –**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Bill Rosacker, Councilors Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Mike McBride, Molly Olson, Robyn Wheatley, Derek Carmon, and Peggy Kilburg.

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Police Chief Jeff Kosmicki, Finance Director Kady Strode, Community Development Director Doug Rux, and Public Works Director Russ Thomas.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

CM Worthey reported on the December 2022 monthly statistics.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Action: To consent to the Mayor's appointment of Judy Brown to the Budget Committee to fill a vacant position for a term beginning February 22, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

Motion: Councilor Kilburg

Second: Councilor Olson

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

The City Council appointments to the County Parkway Committee was tabled until the March 6 Council meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Soppe discussed his concerns about the non-utility fees on the Municipal Services bill and financial burden to citizens. He gave the Council options moving forward.

Truman Stone discussed lack of transparency and violation of public meetings law in not allowing virtual attendance at the February 18 Council Retreat.

Kristen Stoller discussed supporting local small businesses with ARPA funds that had not been distributed, including her business, Chehalem Valley Dance Company. This would open opportunities for free dance classes for the community.

Councilor Yarnell Hollamon read Tiffany Darwich's comments regarding ARPA funds for her childcare expansion project that should go to other small business projects.

There was written public comment submitted by Tiffany Darwich and Robert Soppe (Exhibits A & B).

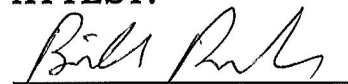
## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**


Resolution on Council goals was tabled until March 6.

City Recorder Ryan said the annual reminder about filing Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) with the state commission was in the meeting packet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

## **ATTEST:**

  
Bill Rosacker, Mayor

  
Sue Ryan, City Recorder