
**City of Newberg
City Council
April 21, 2022 Emergency Meeting
Virtual meeting format**

BUSINESS SESSION –

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Denise Bacon, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Mike McBride, Jefferson Mildenerberger, and Stephanie Findley.

Absent: District 2 seat vacant.

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, and Community Development Director Doug Rux.

Prior to New Business Mayor Rogers discussed adding an item, Urban Renewal flyer in an incoming municipal bill, to the agenda. Council agreed to add the item.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-2898 DCI relocation:

Community Development Director Rux prefaced that as a result of the fire on April 10th the DCI facility was considered a total loss, leaving about 80 employees displaced. This facility, which did the assembly operations, was a critical aspect to their business flow of work. The City reached out and met with DCI along with other organizations to brainstorm ideas and outline potential relocation options. The former Rite Aid building became an option.

City Attorney Walker stated that Ordinance 2022-2898 will set the framework to allow DCI to occupy the Rite Aid property and restart its operations. The ordinance includes the state of emergency as well as the temporary suspension. Walker continued to read the ordinance in full.

Mayor Rogers asked Council if they had any questions for staff. Mayor Rogers asked staff if the City did any outreach to the local businesses.

City Manager Pro Tem Worthey said he personally provided flyers to 19 business and received 8 positive responses. He also sent an email to A-dec to ensure as a competitor they would not want to begin legal action.

Mayor Rogers added that he spoke with Jordan Beanblossom, A-dec's Corporate Communication and Outreach Manager, Jordan said that A-dec is very happy to help and knows DCI would do the same. He also spoke with that the manager of Azalea Gardens Mobile Manor who was also on board.

Tim Murph from DCI joined the meeting to thank the City for the work they have done to make this possible.

Action: Waiver of 2nd reading
Motion: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon
Second: Councilor Bacon
Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent [District 2 seat vacant]

Action: To approve Ordinance 2022-2898, An Ordinance to declare a local state of emergency as a result of destructive fires at 305 N Springbrook Road, and to suspend application of the local development code at 1150 N Springbrook Road (former Rite Aid Building).

Motion: Councilor Bacon
Second: Councilor McBride
Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent [District 2 seat vacant]

Urban Renewal Plan Flyer Discussion:


Mayor Rogers started the discussion on adding a flyer with information about the Urban Renewal Plan in an incoming municipal services bill. City Attorney Walker recommends sending the flyer to the Sectary of State to ensure that it is factual. Council consensus to not do an elections flyer, but instead refer to material already on the city website.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rick Rogers, Mayor



Sue Ryan, City Recorder