
**City of Newberg
City Council
August 15, 2022
Hybrid meeting format**

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Police Chief Jeff Kosmicki, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Public Works Director Russ Thomas, Administrative Specialist Zaira Robles Muniz, Information Technology Director Ian Rodriguez, Finance Director Kady Strode.

There was discussion regarding adding Councilor McBride to the SDC Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Exempt Public Records

Start: 6:03 p.m.

Stop: 6:36 p.m.

Topic: Legal Memo

Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Denise Bacon, Mike McBride, Jefferson Mildenerger, Stephanie Findley, and Peggy Kilburg. City Attorney James Walker and City Manager Will Worthey.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CM Worthey discussed who had filed for the November election. He then gave monthly statistics to June 2022.

BUSINESS SESSION –

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Police Chief Jeff Kosmicki, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Public Works Director Russ Thomas, Administrative Assistant Zaira Robles Muniz, Information Technology Director Ian Rodriguez, Finance Director Kady Strode.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-3863, A Resolution Referring to the Voters of the City of Newberg A Measure Requiring A Public Vote to Support Certain Temporary Housing and Prohibiting Support of Certain Temporary Housing Near Schools

Public Comments:

Robyn Wheatley shared the reason for the initiative, to protect children. She had worked with Council to change the wording to make it as legally sound as possible. If this did not go to the November ballot, the City would have no say in the wording on the May ballot.

Paige Barton discussed issues with the wording in the petition, cost of the election, and how this might set a precedent for other initiatives. She recommended denying the resolution.

Tate McAuley listed the reasons she became homeless and how transitional housing and services had helped her. She did not think the resolution should be passed.

Joni Zimmerman thought the initiative was bad policy. She did not think the homeless harmed children, but homelessness did harm children. She suggested forming a citizens committee to come up with solutions for homelessness.

Emma McNeal discussed Newberg's reputation for intolerance and how they needed to help the homeless instead of exclude them.

Kathleen McNeal thought they needed to build community instead of dissonance. Children were among the homeless and the petition went against Council's Goals.

Chris Murphy spoke about his church and its close proximity to the emergency shelter. He encouraged the Council to vote no on the resolution to allow creativity in helping the homeless and prevent polarization.

Action: To approve Resolution 2022-3863, A Resolution referring to the voters of the City of Newberg a measure requiring a public vote to support certain temporary housing and prohibiting support of certain temporary housing near schools.

Motion: Councilor McBride
Second: Councilor Bacon

Discussion: Letting the voters decide on the issue, putting the issue on the ballot sooner rather than later and one that had been revised, upholding the democratic process, amending the Charter and need for more collaboration, risks for the City and use of City resources, issues with the content of the resolution and not following the process, and need for real solutions to the problem and addressing homeless children.

Councilor McBride withdrew his motion, and Councilor Bacon withdrew her second.

No vote was taken.

PRESENTATIONS

Solidarity with Ukraine Proclamation

Mayor Rogers read the proclamation declaring August 24, 2022 as Solidarity with Ukraine Day.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Action: To approve the appointment of Council subcommittee of Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilor Denise Bacon, and Councilor Mike McBride for a term of September 2022 to August 2023 to review the City's System Development Charge (SDCs) program and make recommendation to the Council for adoption at a future date.

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon
Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

There was discussion regarding including citizens on the committee as well.

Action: To ratify the Newberg Urban Area Management Commission's (NUAMC) selection of the Member At Large position of Ken Summers for a term of August 16, 2022 to August 16, 2025.

Motion: Councilor Bacon
Second: Councilor Mildenberger
Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Talt discussed his code violation complaint about three dwellings located on North Valley Friends Church property. He thought a citation should be given for the violation.

Dennis Tripley spoke about high rent increases and air conditioner units.

Mary McGrew said the apartment managers were not answering phones and less was being done than before. She also spoke about rent increases.

Holly Lee discussed an issue she had with apartment maintenance of her wall and possible mold. She thought the petition was misleading and she had signed it unaware of the intent.

Nicki Sherman was uncomfortable with continuing to live in the apartments if the current apartment managers stayed. She asked if the City could help residents move.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: To approve Resolution 2022-3862, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a Letter of Commitment in lieu of a Performance Bond for the School District Bond Projects; 2022-3852, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Trench Line Excavation, Inc. for the N. College Street Waterline Improvement and Valve Insertion Project in the amount of \$ 1,283,854.29; and Resolution 2022-3845, A Resolution initiating an amendment to the Newberg Comprehensive Plan, VII, 2017 Water System Master Plan and Addendum – Groundwater Treatment Plant.

Motion: Councilor Mildenberger
Second: Councilor Bacon
Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

NEW BUSINESS 2021-2022 Notice of Funding Availability Documents:

CDD Director Rux explained the scoring criteria that had been adjusted. There was discussion regarding median household income numbers.

Action: To approve the content of the 2021-2022 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Newberg Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) as shown in Attachment 1 and authorize staff to proceed with notification and publication of the NOFA with a September 30, 2022 application deadline.

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor McBride
Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Resolution 2022-3808 NUAMC Rules:

CDD Rux discussed the proposed changes to the NUAMC bylaws.

Action: To approve Resolution 2022-3808, A Resolution approving amendments to the Rules to Govern the Conduct of Business of the Newberg Urban Area Management Commission.

Motion: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon
Second: Councilor McBride
Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Resolution 2022-3807 NUAGMA Agreement:

CDD Rux described the updates to the agreement. There was discussion regarding coordinating with the County.

Action: To approve Resolution 2022-3807, A Resolution approving amendments to the Newberg Urban Area Growth Management Agreement (NUAGMA).

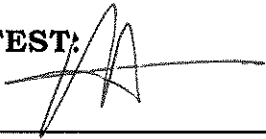
Motion: Councilor Bacon
Second: Councilor Findley
Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

COUNCIL BUSINESS

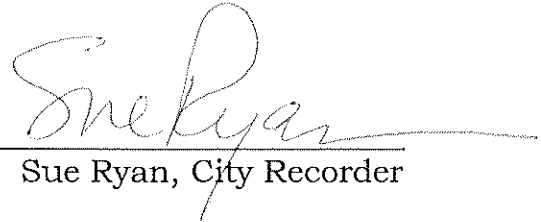
Councilor Bacon shared a story about the community serving pets of low income. The September 6 meeting was cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rick Rogers, Mayor


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

