
**City of Newberg
City Council
November 21, 2022
Hybrid meeting format**

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

Councilors Present: Council President Elise Yarnell Hollamon Councilors: Mike McBride, Jefferson Mildener, Stephanie Findley and Peggy Kilburg.

Absent: Mayor Rogers, District 3 vacant

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

PRESENTATIONS: Taste Newberg

Leigh Jensen, Executive Director, presented Taste Newberg's quarterly report. She discussed the website analytics, website and social media content, Facebook insights, Instagram insights, email marketing, public relations successes, media mentions highlights, partners collaboration, and marketing support, transient lodging tax revenue recap, and 2022-23 budget highlights. She then discussed the economic impact of travel in Newberg, summary of direct travel impacts, taxable lodging sales, visitor spending, and travel industry employment.

There was discussion regarding public relations impressions, recovery from the pandemic, and comparison with other cities.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion of District 3 Vacancy:

The Council discussed:

- Allowing more time for applications – setting the deadline further out
- Urgency due to special election on December 20
- New Council makeup

- Ensuring a cushion for a quorum in case of sickness
- Scheduling of LOC Elected Essentials trainings
- Waiting for the new Council to have input
- Cancelling meetings if there was no business
- How not having a quorum might hold up business

There was consensus to spend \$1,000 from one of the discretionary line items for the yearly Christmas tree.

BUSINESS SESSION –

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

Councilors Present: Council President Elise Yarnell Hollamon Councilors: Mike McBride, Jefferson Mildenberger, Stephanie Findley and Peggy Kilburg.

Absent: Mayor Rogers, District 3 vacant

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Police Chief Jeff Kosmicki, Administrative Specialist Zaira Robles Muniz, Intern Joshua Hren, Finance Director Kady Strode, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Library Director Korie Buerkle, Public Works Director Russ Thomas, Planner Ashley Smith, and Housing Planner Mary Heberling-Creighton.

Council President Yarnell Hollamon said this evening they would be honoring Councilor Denise Bacon, who died October 21, 2022. She shared how Councilor Bacon had mentored her on Council and Councilor Bacon's accomplishments. She asked other Councilors and staff to share their thoughts.

Police Chief Kosmicki spoke about Councilor Bacon's accomplishments as well. City Manager Worthey said before she died, Councilor Bacon called each department head to ask each one to focus on their duty.

Councilor Mildenberger discussed Councilor Bacon's legacy. Councilor McBride discussed Councilor Bacon's friendship.

Councilor Findley discussed how Councilor Bacon was a trailblazer for women. Councilor Kilburg discussed Councilor Bacon's activism and kindness.

Council President Yarnell Hollamon suggested two motions to honor Councilor Bacon.

Action: To re-name the Public Safety Training Room the Denise Bacon Community Room.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Kilburg

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent [Rogers, District 3 Vacant]

Action: To leave Councilor Bacon's placard out until the end of her term (December 31, 2024).

Councilor Kilburg asked where the placard would be placed. Council President Yarnell Hollamon clarified somewhere in the room.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Kilburg

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent [Rogers, District 3 Vacant]

PRESENTATIONS:

Council President Yarnell Hollamon proclaimed November 26, 2022 as Small Business Saturday and encouraged community members to shop locally.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Worthey gave the monthly statistics to the end of September 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rebecca Wallis spoke about the passing of Councilor Bacon and how she represented all the citizens of Newberg.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2022-2910, Vacation of Right of Way

Council President Yarnell Hollamon opened the public hearing. She called for abstentions or declarations of conflicts of interest. There was none.

Planner Smith presented the staff report. This was a request for a vacation of unnamed public right-of-way north of Mountainview Drive. She gave a background on the application, proposed area to be vacated, vacation criteria, petition that was filed for the vacation, landowners' consent, notice of hearing, City of Newberg criteria, and staff's recommendation for approval.

Public Testimony: None

Council President Yarnell Hollamon closed the public hearing.

Action: Waive 2nd reading

Motion: Councilor Mildenerger

Second: Councilor Findley

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent [Rogers, District 3 Vacant]

Action: To adopt Ordinance 2022-2910, An Ordinance vacating 6,800 square feet of right-of-way of an unnamed street connecting to the northside of E Mountainview Drive, east of N Center Street and west of N Villa Road to be read by title only.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor McBride

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2 Absent [Rogers, District 3 Vacant]

NEW BUSINESS: Housing Work Program Annual Update

Planner Heberling Creighton presented an update on the housing work program. She discussed the projects completed and those that were ongoing.

The Council discussed:

- Construction Excise Tax
- RV regulations

Resolution 2022-3870, ODOT – IAMP:

Community Development Director Rux gave a background on the creation of the Interchange Area Management Plan, its purpose, goals, and compliance with City's plans.

Action: To approve Resolution 2022-3870, A Resolution recommending the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Transportation Commission approve the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass OR18-OR219 Interchange.

There was discussion regarding the phases of the interchange. Councilor Kilburg did not understand the report as it was too technical, and so would not vote for it. She suggested a future Work Session on the Bypass.

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Mildenerger
Vote: 4 Yes 1 No [Kilburg] 0 Abstain 2 Absent [Rogers, District 3 Vacant]

District 3 Vacancy:

Public Comment: Jesse Cadd thought they should appoint the vacancy after the special election.

John Fortmeyer agreed the appointment should be postponed until after the new Council was seated.

The Council discussed:

- Good policy to have more decision makers at the table.
- Honoring the citizens and waiting for the election.
- This was the same procedure as previous vacancies.
- No difference in numbers if the Council waited to appoint until January.
- Don't like the process as outlined in the staff report.

Action: To approve Resolution 2022-3873, A Resolution declaring a vacancy on Newberg City Council (District 3) and setting forth a process to fill the position at the December 19, 2022 Council session.

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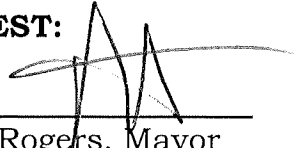
Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Mildenberger
Vote: 3 Yes [Yarnell Hollamon, Mildenberger, Findley]
2 No [Kilburg, McBride]
0 Abstain 2 Absent [Rogers, District 3 Vacant]

COUNCIL BUSINESS

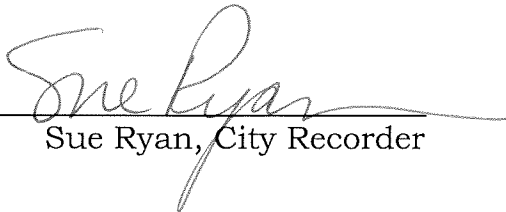
City Recorder Ryan gave an Elected Essentials Training reminder.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rick Rogers, Mayor



Sue Ryan, City Recorder