
**City of Newberg
City Council
March 7, 2022
Hybrid meeting format**

WORK SESSION –

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Julia Martinez Plancarte, District 4 seat vacant.

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan,

The Council interviewed Jefferson Mildenberger, a candidate for the District 4 Vacancy. Mr. Mildenberger discussed his background including employment, community service, and family.

The Council asked about his views on City transportation, funding and services for police, creating a safe and inclusive community, and finding common ground and understanding.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Pro Tem Worthey reported on staff's work in February, Bluezone air treatment systems, emergency water pods, staff retirement, and solar farm which was now operational.

The Council discussed: new tiny home village, City Manager recruitment, thanks to the library for their service, and community court.

BUSINESS SESSION –

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Julia Martinez Plancarte, District 4 seat vacant

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Human Resources Project Specialist Alison Seiler, Finance Manager Kady Strode.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Action: To appoint Jefferson Mildenberger as the District 4 representative to City Council for a term of March 7, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Motion: Councilor McBride

Second: Councilor Bacon

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent [Martinez Plancarte, District 4 seat vacant]

Action: To appoint Ted Eborra and Steph St. Cyr to the Budget Committee for terms of March 8, 2022 to December 31, 2024.

Motion: Councilor Bacon

Second: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent [Martinez Plancarte, District 4 seat vacant]

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Rogers read the proclamation declaring March 2022 as Women's History Month.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: To approve Resolution 2022-3811 authorizing the City Manager Pro Tem to appoint Alan McKeel to the Engineering GIS technician position, and Resolution 2022-3812, Initiation of several ARPA funded projects.

Motion: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon

Second: Councilor Bacon

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent [Martinez Plancarte, District 4 seat vacant]

PUBLIC HEARING – Order 2022-041 Public Safety Fee

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing. He asked for any conflicts of interest, bias, ex parte contacts, abstentions, or objections to jurisdiction. There were none.

City Attorney Walker made the legal announcements.

Finance Manager Strode presented the staff report. She gave a history of the Public Safety Fee, current rates, CPI rates if the fee had been indexed, and proposed new rates.

There was discussion regarding a smaller increase, difference between what was already approved and what was being proposed, and why the Rate Review Committee was not involved.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Walker read the post-hearing announcements.

Mayor Rogers wanted to see what was previously approved, and the process to take this fee to the Rate Review Committee in the future. He suggested postponing the decision. Councilor McBride agreed. He also would like to see the increase reduced to 15% instead of 32%.

Councilor Yarnell Hollamon thought it needed to be approved now so it could be implemented by July. There should be public outreach to explain the increase. Councilor Bacon thought they could pass this tonight and still have staff come back with the information.

Action: To approve Order 2022-041, An Order amending Order 2009-0021, which established a Public Safety Fee (PSF) in the amount of Three (3) Dollars per Equivalency Dwelling Unit (EDU per month for the purpose of funding three (3) police officer positions by adding a consumer price index to adjust the fee annually for inflation.

Motion: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon
Second: Councilor Bacon
Vote: 2 Yes 3 No [McBride, Rogers, Findley]
2 Absent [Martinez Plancarte, District 4 seat vacant]

Action: To table Order 2022-041 to the March 21 meeting.
Motion: Councilor McBride
Second: Councilor Findley
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent [Martinez Plancarte, District 4 seat vacant]

NEW BUSINESS – Library Update

Interim Library Director Buerkle gave an update on library operations. She discussed connectivity, findability, and community. There was discussion regarding donations.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – Proposed compensation change for Council

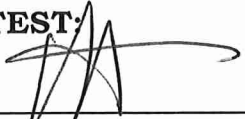
Finance Director Strode and City Recorder Ryan gave a history of Council compensation and payroll process. They suggested changing the method to a set monthly stipend to be established during the City's budget process. This could be done through a phased or a complete approach. It would be brought back to Council in April.

The Council discussed:

- Going to the Budget Committee for the compensation rate
- Creating equity with a larger compensation
- Making the process easier for staff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTEST:

Rick Rogers, Mayor