# NEWBERG CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR SESSION July 17, 2017, 7:00 PM PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (401 E. THIRD STREET)

A work session was held at 6:00 p.m. preceding the meeting. Present were Mayor Bob Andrews, Councilors Patrick Johnson, Scott Essin, Denise Bacon, Mike Corey and Stephen McKinney. Also present were City Manager Joe Hannan, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Public Works Director Jay Harris, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Finance Director Matt Zook, Library Director Leah Griffith, Human Resources Director Anna Lee, Information Technology Director Dave Brooks, Police Department Captain Jeff Kosmicki, City Engineer Kaaren Hofmann and Assistant to City Manager DawnKaren Bevill.

Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order. Revisions to tonight's agenda: Resolution 2017-3377 was pulled from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Andrews made a revision to the minutes of June 5, 2017.

IT Director Brooks reported on creation of a disaster recovery site and Dispatch Center upgrade. The department's monthly average was 459 calls closed, up from 392 two years ago. They had also doubled their after-hours call outs. There was discussion regarding the upgrade to Dispatch.

Library Director Griffith said the Summer Reading Program had more than 2,000 sign up. There was great attendance at programs. The Library was a summer lunch site, and 100 to 140 kids showed up for lunch every day. Upgrades were going to be made to the Library work areas. She reviewed the Master Plan components for the Cultural District and projects. The Cultural District Board meets monthly.

Finance Director Zook reported on the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) beginning in September, reconciling databases with water meter information, and implementation of the equal pay program. The City received a rating upgrade its pension bond. His department was finishing year end for FY 2016-17. Property tax revenue was looking strong. He was working on the Long Range Financial Plan, challenges with future funding, and financial policies.

Police Captain Kosmicki said year to date there had been 18,558 calls, 647 adult arrests, 69 juvenile arrests, 5,000 traffic stops that resulted in 1,937 citations and 2,703 warnings, 60 DUIs, 71 mental health calls, 71 suicide calls, and K-9 Hammer had been on the road for about two months.

Human Resources Director Lee said there was a tentative union contract agreement with the Police Union, AFSCME had notified her that they wanted to open up the contract for negotiation in September, and Safety Committee tasks. There had been 30 hires since June 2016. Job descriptions, contracts, and salary scales would be posted on the City's website. There would be a customer service and teamwork seminar for all staff. Recommendations for employee benefits had been made to request coverage from CIS. The Legal Department was reviewing the Employee Manual.

Public Works Director Harris announced the new employees in Engineering. He reported on a water main break, oxidation ditch repairs and roof repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, public outreach for the Transportation Utility Fee, paving projects and work on Villa Road sidewalks. Some ADA upgrades had been made to several facilities as well as painting, carpeting, and repairs.

Community Development Director Rux reported a new Building employee and they had implemented the new Trak-It permit software system. They were continuing to work with Dundee, Lafayette, and Dayton on outstanding fees for building permit fees. The City received grants for the Cameo Theatre for historic designation and exterior improvements, the Historic Commission approved the Cultural Center patio and the Affordable Housing Commission made a recommendation on the grant to Habitat for Humanity manufactured

home repair program that Council approved. All of the Community Development Block Grant contracts had been signed and the TLT Ad Hoc committee was soliciting applications for Destination Development grants. Several annexation applications were in process along with development code work on marijuana regulations and the R-3 annexation issue. The Planning Commission had also reviewed the Stormwater Master Plan, plan division regulations, residential and Accessory Dwelling Unit parking. He notified DLCD about fixes needed to the Urban Growth Boundary expansion process. He reviewed the subdivisions and design reviews in process, Code adjustments, Conditional Use permits, cell tower, and miscellaneous projects.

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Mayor called the business session to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Bob Andrews

Scott Essin

Stephen McKinney

Mike Corey

Denise Bacon

Patrick Johnson

\*District 1 seat vacant

Staff Present:

Joe Hannan, City Manager

Truman Stone, City Attorney

Sue Ryan, City Recorder

Doug Rux, Community Development Director

Steve Olson, Senior Planner

Kaaren Hofmann, City Engineer

Jay Harris, Public Works Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Andrews proclaimed the week of July 27-30, 2017 as Newberg Old-Fashioned Festival Week. He presented the proclamation to the NOFF court.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Report on Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue IGA Council: Council President McKinney said they had divided the process for TVF&R into two pieces – a resolution and an ordinance. The resolution included a recommendation from the Council to go forward with the annexation. The ordinance included the steps for the annexation with an election in November. He said the board of TVF&R was interested in the recommendation of the Council and the public outreach had taken some time. Annexation was valuable in an economic way to secure the best possible Fire Department for the citizens that lived within the City of Newberg. Mayor Andrews said there was an Intergovernmental Agreement Council that consisted of representatives from both TVF&R and the City that met on the ongoing contract. They had also discussed the dispensation of equipment and buildings.

Council Priorities Report: City Manager Hannan said the Council had established 13 priorities. Priorities included: Maintaining and Enhancing the 9-1-1 system and radio communications system, Road Repair and Maintenance, Community Visioning and Community Communication Plan, Utilizing Technology in every department and Reducing Redundancies, creating a five-year Financial Plan and Financial Policies, expanding the Urban Growth Boundary, Affordable Housing, developing a Riverfront Plan, implementing an Emergency Preparedness Program, implementing the Economic Development Strategy, improving the Newberg Employee Retirement Plan, deciding on the TVF&R annexation, and improving the Transit System. There was discussion on the underserved populations of the City including Hispanics and minorities.

Councilor McKinney asked if the charts in the report were available to the public. CM Hannan said staff would work on how to make them available and connect them to the City's Communication Plan.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Hannan went to City Manager Association conference, worked on the Villa Road project, potential tree ordinances and heritage tree and urban forestry programs,

worked on dog control issues with multiple parties, a grant to purchase the development rights from FAA, Old Fashioned Festival, discussed veterans' banners, legislation regarding land use, annexation, Accessory Dwelling Units, and transportation, emergency preparedness, worked on the Communications Plan, continued Dispatch Center radio upgrade discussions, met the new Mid Willamette Council of Governments Director, monitored and supported Code Enforcement actions, worked on the topics for the joint Council meetings with CPRD and the School Board, and attended the SDC hearings at CPRD.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kirby Faircloth, Newberg Veterans Group, said their group was comprised of veterans from all services. He presented the service person banner program. The program was designed for active military. Eagle Scouts showed the Council banners to be mounted. They were raising funds to mount the banners along local roads.

Dave Adams, KYLC Radio, said they had started Oregon Pulse Network including new online programs: the Eagle to honor all veterans and Lifeline Radio to reach people who were contemplating suicide.

Rebecca Wallis, Family Pet Partners, said Police Chief Casey had granted them permission to accept calls on the Fourth of July weekend. They were able to reunite 10 pets with their owners.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Andrews said Resolution 2017-3377 had been pulled from the Consent Calendar and would be discussed under Ordinance 2017-3387. He recused himself and left the dais due to a conflict of interest. Council President McKinney took over the meeting.

MOTION: Bacon/Corey moved to approve the Consent Calendar as amended including Council Minutes for June 5, 2017; Resolution 2017-3379, A Resolution to provide a monthly stipend for the Mayor in the amount of \$300; Resolution 2017-3396, A Resolution 2017-3397 to approve the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles for the Newberg-Dundee Police Department; and Resolution 2017-3388, A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Knife River Corporation-Northwest for the Pavement Preservation and Utility Replacement project in the amount of \$847,344.60. Motion carried (5 Yes/0 No/1 Recused [Andrews]).

Mayor Andrews came back to the dais and presided over the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

# Resolution 2017-3377, Villa Road Easements:

City Engineer Hofmann said this was an agreement with KWDS, the property owner at the corner of Park Lane and Villa Road. KWDS would pay the City \$342,750 which was their share of the improvements to the road and they would dedicate the right-of-way and easements for construction of the project. When KWDS came in for development, they would still have to do improvements on Park Lane and pay their SDCs. The agreement did say that the funds and dedications would be forwarded to the City within 30 days after the award of the construction contract. She recommended adoption of the resolution. Councilor Essin asked if the design team had ever saved a tree. CE Hofmann said yes, in other jurisdictions. Councilor Essin wanted to know the location of the trees that had been saved.

Proponents:

Mark Carleton, Newberg resident and Traffic Safety Commission member, work two miles away from where he lived and there were no safe ways for him to walk or bike to work. He was asking for the Council to continue to build more sidewalks for the safety in Newberg. This project would not help his commute, but as a general philosophy he urged the Council to take every opportunity for connectivity in the City.

Karl Birky, Newberg resident and Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission, was also a traffic and civil engineer. He discussed the difficulty of having a bike lane on only one side of Villa Road. This was a difficult decision,

but it was the time to make the right decision for safety. The trees were in the wrong place and needed to be removed.

# Opponents:

Kathy George, County resident, said she was giving her time to Mr. Rydell.

Robert Soppe, Newberg resident, opposed Resolution 2017-3377 because it did not explain how the amount KWDS would pay the City had been determined. He suggested no action be taken until the Council had received and reviewed this information. Regarding Resolution 2017-3387, he was concerned about the planned removal of two important trees. He thought another design of the road could have saved the trees. He encouraged the Council to look at the left-turn warrant analysis for northbound Villa Road at Park Lane. He cited several technical factors.

Kevin Marugg, Newberg resident, was concerned about what he perceived as an attack on heritage trees in the community. He listed several important trees that had been removed recently. The Council received information from Renee Harbor, horticulture specialist, about the Oak trees and an article by Oregon Wine Press entitled "Disappearing Act, Willamette Growers Sign Accord to Save Oregon White Oaks." He read a few paragraphs of the article about how the Oaks were in peril. The Council's decision would help decide whether Oregon White Oaks would thrive in the valley or not. He measured the Oak to determine its age and believed it could live another 200 years. He urged the Council to preserve the trees.

#### Undecided:

Amelia Brownell, Newberg resident, said her home might be impacted if the street design was pushed over to preserve the trees. She hated to see the trees go, but she had purchased her home two years ago and put a lot of work into it for herself and her family. She liked this neighborhood and wanted to make it her long term home.

# Opponents:

Patricia Farrell, Newberg resident, spoke on behalf of the Oaks. She did not believe there was any intention to preserve the Oaks. The City could allow variances and exemptions to the design standards. Moving a sidewalk was easier than moving the trees. She asked the Council not to approve the contract until all of the design options were thoroughly investigated. The turn lane on Park Lane was the cause for the removal of the trees and she urged that part of the project to be reassessed. The trees could not be replaced and were in good condition. It would be a disservice to the community to cut them down.

Mayor Andrews said Mr. Rydell could have 10 minutes for his testimony.

Leonard Rydell, Newberg resident, said he was an engineer. He gave a PowerPoint presentation. He agreed sidewalks and bike lanes were needed on Villa Road. He did not think the Oak trees were made clear by the surveyor. He also did not think a left turn lane was needed. Narrow streets were safer than wider streets as they reduced vehicular speeds. He counted cars on the road and compared his numbers to the traffic study. He found that traffic coming from the north matched the traffic study, traffic coming from the south was about two-thirds of what the traffic study said, and the left turn traffic onto Park Lane was about 50% of what the traffic study said. The traffic study was based on 168 units from future development, yet staff said it might only be 140 units. He was not sure if there was a problem that needed to be fixed. The left turn lane was for traffic in the future and there were no other left turn lanes proposed for other intersections. They could eliminate 8.5 feet of fill for the vertical curves if they followed the existing grades. There were environmental issues as well, such as increasing the impervious area and stormwater quality. This section was currently environmentally friendly. He gave examples of street designs that preserved trees and still had pedestrian and bicycle amenities. He recommended not building a left turn lane in this area. A bike lane could be put on one side of the trees and a sidewalk on the other side of the trees. He thought the width of the bike lanes and sidewalks could be reduced to save the trees. He hoped the Council would not blindly follow the standards, but take into account the

community they wanted to live in. They could build a lot of pedestrian and bike paths with the cost savings of not putting in a left turn lane that would only benefit a few people.

City Engineer Hofmann said in order to look at the alternatives, the project would be delayed. The trees were on private property and there was no way to protect them. She thought this project was the best way to provide safe pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic. She recommended adoption of the two resolutions.

# **Deliberations:**

Councilor Essin asked if the decision to remove the trees was made a year ago. CE Hofmann said they had been shown to be removed for more than a year on the plans. The issue of the trees was never discussed with the City Manager or Council as there were no tree protections in place. Councilor Essin asked why the trees were evaluated by an arborist. CE Hofmann said the evaluation was done per Council request. If the Council wanted the street redesigned, they would have to renegotiate acquiring right-of-way. There was no direction from Council to save the trees and there was no policy in place to save them.

Councilor Corey would like to save the Oak trees. He asked if the left turn lane was needed. CE Hofmann said the concern was as traffic continued to increase on Villa Road that turning onto Park Lane would stop cars going south. The left turn lane was warranted in that location. If they did not construct the left turn lane, it could affect traffic operations in the future. Councilor Corey said the traffic study showed the number of people turning left was low. If there was no left turn lane, the sightline would still give people time to slow. CE Hofmann said they were taking into account future traffic. She also pointed out if Mr. Rydell's traffic count was done when school was on summer break, it could make a difference with the numbers. Councilor Corey said his goal was to save the trees. He suggested eliminated the left turn lane and sidewalks on the tree side, putting in a bike lane, and not lowering the grade to save the trees.

There was discussion on sidewalk placement and grade changes. CE Hofmann said all of these ideas could be investigated.

Councilor McKinney said with the completion of Crestview Drive to Highway 99W and further north, it created a northern corridor to help alleviate traffic. He was concerned about sidewalks especially with the apartment complex and additional graduate school campus there would be more pedestrians and vehicles on the street. The City was already not meeting the needs for sidewalks. Park Lane would expand to the south. Along with the expanded Aquatic Center nearby, the City had yet to anticipate all of the problems that would come with increased traffic. The City needed to be more ambitious in the plans for Villa Road due to these factors.

Councilor Bacon asked about the speed limits analysis and the left turn lane. CE Hofmann explained the design speed was 25 mph. About 85% of the existing traffic through this corridor went 32 mph. When Engineering did the Traffic Study, they looked at the existing speed on the road and the 40 mph curve. How fast people would go once the road was built they did not know. They were being conservative and the Kittleson Engineering report used the 40 mph curve rather than 25 mph because of existing traffic conditions. Mayor Andrews asked if they could put a traffic control device on Park Lane instead of a turn lane. City Engineer Hofmann said they did not want to stop the traffic on Villa Road as it was a main collector. It would slow people down in both directions. The City would install rapid flashing beacons at both Park Lane and Haworth for pedestrian crossings.

Councilor Johnson asked the grade change. City Engineer Hofmann said they were lowering the grade on the north and raising the grade on the south to help with site distance with the curves. The grading took into account the constraints of the railroad trestle, creek, and the existing homes. Councilor Johnson asked what Villa Road would look like in 10 years. CE Hofmann said it would be comparable to College Street and Springbrook Road. There was discussion on alternative street designs, that there currently is no development application, future traffic studies and that there were no tree regulations to protect trees on private property.

Councilor McKinney asked what had staff done for this project in anticipation of the completion of Crestview Drive as related to Villa Road. City Engineer Hofmann said this project helped create the north to south connection and would provide pedestrian connectivity all the way through Villa Road. In the future there would be sidewalks and bike lanes on Mountain View and Elliot roads, which would make a complete loop and connection. There was discussion on sidewalk widths and that the Aquatic Center traffic was in the traffic study. There was discussion on what would happen if the City moved the road and impacted homeowners, the possible cost and process of acquiring additional right of way.

Councilor Essin said the problem was the Council had not decided whether or not to save the trees. City Engineer Hofmann said it was the Council's decision whether or not to approve the contract for the current design and whether or not to look at alternatives to the design. Councilor Corey thought the developer of the apartments should put in the sidewalk on the back side of the trees. City Engineer Hofmann said that would cut into the site development and the developer had not shown a willingness to do that. Mayor Andrews asked if that put the City in an inverse takings situation. City Attorney Stone said the trees were on private property and could be cut down now by the property owners. The Development Code also did not require protection of the trees so the developer would not be required to build around them.

There was a 10 minute recess.

City Engineer Hofmann thought this was the best design option for this corridor for safety. She recommended adoption of the resolutions. Councilor Bacon thought the resolutions should be tabled in order to look at other design options to save the trees. City Engineer Hofmann said the decision had to be made on the contract award within 60 days.

**MOTION:** Bacon/Essin moved to deny Resolution 2017-3387, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with K & E Excavating, Inc. for the Villa Road Improvements, Haworth to Park Lane – Phase 2 project and reject the bids submitted for the project.

## Discussion:

Councilor McKinney said delays would cost additional money. The property owners could cut the trees down tomorrow. The delay could be all for nothing.

Councilor Essin said this was a difficult decision, but thought the trees could be saved with a design that would be beneficial for the future.

Councilor Bacon said there were no regulations currently regarding protection of trees. They were planning for the future, but they did not know when developments would be built or what the future would hold. She did not see an issue with taking time to come up with a design that would save the trees. It was their obligation to do the right thing for those that did not have a voice, and they had not done their due diligence to say that cutting down the trees was the right thing to do.

Councilor Corey said the Council did not request staff to save the trees and there was no ordinance to save the trees. The Traffic Safety Commission recommended bicycle lanes and sidewalks for safety, especially with future developments and increased traffic. If they chose to delay the project, the cost would be higher and the property owner could cut the trees down tomorrow. He would be voting against the motion because he saw no way to save the trees at this point.

CM Hannan said Councilor Bacon asked about the timing of the delay. In the short term the contract with the bid must be decided by the next Council meeting.

Councilor Johnson understood how important the Oregon White Oaks were, but on the other hand there was the staff time, cost, and effort that had gone into the design of the street which would be a major collector. It was not fair for the City to negotiate a contract and not follow through. The Council should be mindful of their tone when addressing issues and staff.

Councilor McKinney would not support the motion. It put the City in the tree business and over someone else's personal property and that was not right. Villa Road would continue to be more vital in the future. He apologized to City Engineer Hofmann if she was offended by what was said tonight.

Mayor Andrews clarified the bid did not need to be awarded tonight. There was no vote on the motion.

**MOTION:** Andrews/Essin moved to table Resolution 2017-3387 to the next meeting on August 7, 2017. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No).

CE Hofmann asked for direction on what to bring back to Council. Mayor Andrews said the pros and cons of Mr. Rydell's proposed plans, the current bidder's opinion, and the other public input given tonight. City Recorder Ryan asked if Resolution 2017-3377 was also being tabled. Mayor Andrews confirmed that was the case.

Resolution 2017-3389, College Street ODOT agreement: City Engineer Hofmann said ODOT approved a \$2.4 million grant that would fund all phases for N College Street bike lanes on both sides of the street and sidewalks on the west side of the street and associated improvements from Aldercrest Drive to just south of Foothills Drive. The City would provide a match of \$274,271. The City would also be responsible for non-participating costs or any costs in excess of the available funds. ODOT would manage the project. To help mitigate for any cost overruns from the project, the City and ODOT added alternatives if needed to reduce project scope to stay within budget. Once the contract was awarded the costs could not be changed. Construction was planned for 2018-2019. There was money budgeted this fiscal year to pay for design and right-of-way acquisition and staff planned to put money in next fiscal year's budget for the construction. Staff recommended adoption of the resolution.

Councilor Johnson was concerned about pedestrians crossing College Street to get to the sidewalk. Were there plans to improve pedestrian crossings at major intersections? City Engineer Hofmann said there was a signal on Mountain View that would be upgraded. There had been discussions about other crossings but ODOT had control over where they would be located. Councilor Bacon was nervous about actual costs for the project especially due to the last time they partnered with the state on a project. She did not trust this kind of deal. Councilor McKinney asked about the overage from the last time. CE Hofmann said the City previously paid 40% of the project instead of the 10.27% match. This contract did add in the ability for alternatives to reduce the costs at several points in the process. Staff told ODOT that the City would be monitoring the project closely. There was discussion on the last project and reasons for the overage.

Robert Soppe, Newberg resident, said when similar improvements were done on College Street south of Aldercrest, he raised an issue regarding whether any of the properties along the project limits had waivers of remonstrances or any other legal obligations that could be applied to the project. He was asking the same about this project. If such obligations existed, he asked why they were not being considered to be used to reduce the City's portion of the funding.

**MOTION:** Corey/Johnson moved to approve Resolution 2017-3389, A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon that provides \$2,396,329.00 through their Multimodal Transportation Enhance Program for a sidewalk, bike lanes and associated improvements to N. College Street (OR 219) from Aldercrest to Foothills with a corresponding local match of \$274,271.00. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No).

# Resolution 2017-3397, Street Seats Renewal:

Senior Planner Olson said this was a request for a two-year renewal of the Street Seats program. One Street Seat had been built by Ruddick Wood Restaurant. The program had accomplished its goals by adding vitality to downtown and by conserving parking spaces. No issues or complaints had been reported. Staff recommended approval of the resolution. There was discussion on the design of the structures.

Paul Losch, Ruddick Wood Restaurant, said as a business owner, he thought it provided a more affordable and fun option for bringing in customers and making a business attractive.

Robert Soppe, opposed the program as it allowed public property to be used for private profit without adequate compensation. He thought there were safety issues with the construction.

Senior Planner Olson explained staff learned they could not rely on the Building Code to verify the strength of the railings. It was an extra expense for the applicant to hire a structural engineer.

**MOTION:** Bacon/Corey moved to approve Resolution 2017-3397, A Resolution to extend the Street Seat pilot program for two years. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No).

# Housing Newberg Proposals:

CDD Rux said community members began in October 2016 to discuss housing affordability with the City. They met monthly and came up with six proposals for the Council to consider.

Rick Rogers, Housing Newberg, said 36 community members participated. Housing was a crisis in the community. Six proposals came from several meetings. He was glad to hear one of the Council's priorities was housing but wanted further direction. He would like Council to direct staff to codify the proposals and for Council to approve them in the next 180 days. The six proposals included: 1- Any parcel 20 acres or larger would be large annexations and 10% should be reserved for R-3 development, 2 - Accessory Dwelling Units should be permitted in all zones and System Development Charges should be waived for development of Accessory Dwelling Units, 3 - A 1% Construction Excise Tax should be charged on permit valuation for all construction and the funds used to promote a range of housing types using the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, 4 - A City ombudsman for the promotion of housing issues to promote education and community awareness, 5 - Duplexes and triplexes should be allowed on corner lots in R-1 zones to fill the gap in missing middle housing, 6- Development of artist living and work space should be allowed and economic development loan funds should be used to look at the viability of such development. They also made recommendations on the municipal codes that would need to be adjusted to make these changes.

## Resolution 2017-3393, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Annexation:

City Attorney Stone said Council began the annexation process at the last meeting and directed staff to bring back a resolution. He explained the annexation process per the Oregon Revised Statutes.

Robert Soppe was concerned about a 45-second delay that was occurring when calls were being transferred from Newberg Dispatch to WCCCA. He thought Council and TVF&R should find a solution as this was not an acceptable safety risk.

Kevin Marugg thanked the Council for allowing the annexation to go to a vote of the people. He addressed two issues: One was the Council not referring a Charter amendment to limit the City's ability to collect \$1.88 in taxes. The citizens did not trust the Council with their money and if they wanted to vote someone off of the Council, by the time they went through the process the damage would have already been done. He quoted a Newberg Graphic about deciding annexation now and the tax issue later. He did not think it should be a separate issue. He believes there would not be a positive vote on the annexation unless citizens knew in clear and simple language what the tax implications were. The second issue was the negotiation of the ownership of Fire Department equipment and assets, which would happen after the annexation. These assets were paid for by the taxpayers and belonged to the citizens of Newberg not TVF&R. He thought the ownership issue should be known prior to the election. The City needed to negotiate these terms and make them public by October 1.

There was discussion on the delay in transferring calls and whether or not the WCCCA upgrade would remedy the situation. Fire Chief Hallman said the 45 seconds was not dead silence. He said it was 9-1-1 Dispatch asking questions. Sometimes a call had to be transferred depending upon where the call was received. The delay was a nation-wide problem and they were working on processing calls quicker.

**MOTION:** Bacon/Corey moved to approve Resolution 2017-3393, A Resolution proposing annexation of the City of Newberg to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, A Rural Fire Protection District, for the purpose of receiving Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

## Discussion:

Councilor Johnson said TVF&R was a great organization but he had some concerns. One concern was the delay and the other was the financial impact of a possible Charter amendment versus an ordinance. He thought this was the best move for the community at this time. Councilor Bacon was also concerned about the delay and the Charter amendment.

Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No).

# **COUNCIL BUSINESS:** Discussion on Charter Review:

Councilor Bacon was interested in combining the Charter amendment and the ordinance.

Mayor Andrews reviewed the Transportation Bill that had recently been passed in the legislature. He said \$22 million was dedicated toward the Bypass design, which was not the total amount needed for the final project. It was estimated that the increase for Newberg from the first year of the new gas tax would be \$511,000 and over time would grow to over \$5 million. Mayor Andrews confirmed all of the Council would be available for the Old Fashioned Festival Parade. He asked for staff to bring back information to the next meeting about preparations for the eclipse.

There was consensus to postpone the discussion on the Charter Amendments and Council Priorities to the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

**ADOPTED** by the Newberg City Council this 24th of August, 2017

**ATTESTED** by the Mayor this  $6^{1/4}$  day of September, 2017.

Bob Andrews, Mayor