
**City of Newberg
City Council
November 18, 2019**

WORK SESSION

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

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Stephanie Findley, Denise Bacon, Patrick Johnson, Elizabeth Curtis Gerneroy, and Gene Piros

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem David Clyne, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Finance Director Matt Zook, Information Technology Director Dave Brooks, Police Chief Brian Casey, Police Captain Jeff Kosmicki, Support Services Mary Newell, Library Director Will Worthey,

City Recorder Ryan administered the Oath of Office to new City Councilor Gene Piros.

Body Cameras presentation: Police Chief Brian Casey, Police Captain Jeff Kosmicki, and Information Technology Director Dave Brooks presented. IT Director Brooks said they had looked into several different options. While initially they could do this in-house, he thought it would be less expensive in the long run to outsource it because of the manpower it would take to run the program.

There was discussion on how the system would work, and the issue with Police Department tasers being out of date.

IT Director Brooks discussed the body cam uploads to Axon's cloud product. This allowed them to share information with partner agencies, attorneys, and social media. He gave an example of how the system worked. The Officer Safety Plan included body cameras, tasers, evidence.com, cartridges, batteries, and training. It was a subscription model and a five-year plan. He explained how the public records law applied to the system as well as redaction studio capabilities. He discussed some of the features of the cameras including officer location, real time alerts, gun-shot detection and activation, automatic turn-on when weapons were drawn, clear frame technology, and car connections. They would get 24 hour support and replacement of equipment as well as any needed training.

There was discussion on the data storage, cost for the system, how there would be no extra cost for upgrades and trading in of the old equipment, policy on using these cameras, how this was a subscription service and they would have to give the equipment back if they did

not renew the contract, how the department was looking forward to having the cameras, and possible need to re-negotiate with the union.

There was discussion on how the expenditure fit into the city's financial plans, asking other departments how it had worked for them, and that it was a request for this year's budget.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

CMPT Clyne reported on City activities including the recent power outage and how an after action report would be done this Wednesday, creation of the IT Master Plan, newspaper publication of the Patton case investigation and follow-up, and City Manager recruitment. They had 24 applicants for the City Manager position, 8 had been screened out, and 1 dropped out.

BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- PRESENTATIONS:

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

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Stephanie Findley, Denise Bacon, Elizabeth Curtis Gemeroy, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Patrick Johnson, and Gene Piros.

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem David Clyne, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Senior Engineer Paul Chiu, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Finance Director Matt Zook,

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ben Hartley, Newberg resident, wanted to encourage the Council to develop a closer relationship with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. He gave a history of Philip Sheridan who was memorialized by the Sheridan Street signs in the City. Sheridan had led military campaigns against Native Americans across the American West. His actions should not be memorialized and he asked Council to change the signs.

Pat Haight, Newberg resident, said every town had a drug problem, but no one talked about it. There was a lack of consciousness among the public about the issue. Both the Newberg Police Department and TVF&R had said most of the calls made in Newberg were for overdoses of drugs. Her son was on drugs and Captain Kosmicki had saved her life one day because of it. She thought more education focused on youth needed to be done.

Councilor Bacon said she and Councilor Yarnell Hollamon worked with the community on intervention as their day jobs.

Michael Gunn, Newberg resident, was skeptical the Council was taking the Patton case seriously. He discussed the adopted investigative reports. The *Newberg Graphic* wrote a slanted article that put Casey, Brooks, and Kosmicki in a bad light. It appeared that the Council was eager to accept verbatim the investigative reports. He thought the investigative report was not objective or based on fact. He questioned those who had done the investigation. The Council had released this report to the media when the personnel

matters should have been kept private. He wanted to know what had been done to hold the people accountable for what got them into this mess. He did not think the Council was doing their job.

Rebecca Wallis, Newberg resident, discussed public records requests. McMinnville had a portal on their website for records requests, and she encouraged the same type of thing for Newberg. She had put in several records requests through email and in person. She had complaints about the current process with needing to put in specific key words and dates, the length of time to get a response, and the cost. The process needed to be more automated.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chamber Quarterly Report – Shannon Buckmaster, CEO of the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce, gave the first quarter report on the Visitors Center. They had a high number of walk-ins, significant increase of website visit durations, higher personnel costs for seasonal support, and lower overall operating expenses due to not moving to the new location until April. She had added a new category of reporting that better showed the services they were providing.

Elliott Road Improvement Project – Senior Engineer Chiu said Elliott Road was a capital project in the City's budget and Transportation System Plan. It would provide safety and infrastructure improvements on Elliott from Highway 99W to the high school. This was a critical route for bicycles and pedestrians. He explained the current condition of the street and how the width of the street varied with incomplete curbs and sidewalks and very little ADA improvements. Currently there were no bike lanes and in the winter several locations flooded. There were high pressure sodium street lights hanging from existing utility poles. Currently about 3,000 cars traveled on the street per day when the high school was in session and there was speeding on the road. They had reached out to the property owners and stakeholders about the project and received feedback. They had also done two walking tours and one open house.

Staff did not have the discretion to change the standards, but they could address median types, striped bike lanes, and on street parking. The City Engineer also had some latitude to address the sidewalk width, curb tight or not curb tight sidewalks, and issues with intersections and bike lanes. Five alternatives were developed to address public concerns of speeding, accessibility, and bike lane connections.

The preferred alternative would be the generic cross sections that would be applied through the corridor. These options had been taken to the Open House. From that input staff came up with a conceptual design for the project. Some of the sidewalks would be curb tight in order to avoid trees so the trees would not have to be removed.

There was discussion on:

- Right of Way acquisition, widths
- Landscaping strips
- Travel Lanes
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Sarah Crozier, Newberg resident, was undecided. She spent a lot of time on Elliott. She was concerned about costs and questioned if wider lanes were really safer and would slow down traffic. She also questioned the need for bike lanes on both sides of the street.

Nick Morace, Newberg resident, read a statement for the Crocketts who were not able to attend the meeting. They had put together a petition requesting the City consider a maximum road width of 50 feet and discussed their proposed alternative road design.

Robert Soppe, Newberg resident, said there was an ongoing problem of inaccurate cost estimates and there was a problem with the selection of alternatives and the impact to property owners on Elliott Road. When the TSP was revised in 2016, the estimated costs of the projects increased dramatically. He thought the significant increase should get the Council's attention and should not be dismissed. He thought the alternative of 50 feet should be given consideration.

Maryl Kunkel, Newberg resident, would appreciate more bike infrastructure. She was in favor of Alternative #3 where the bike lanes and sidewalks were separated by the landscape. She was in support of the project.

Nick Anderson, Newberg resident, said Elliott Road was a disaster and unsafe. There was a lot of speeding on the road and traffic had increased with recent development in the area. He also was in favor of Alternative #3 with a separation between the bike lanes and sidewalks. He wanted to see sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Roy Gathercoal, Newberg resident, said there was no continuous sidewalk from the high school to the highway. He was in a wheelchair and it was important to improve the infrastructure. They needed to have sidewalks so people could get to the places they needed to go and to connect neighborhoods to major destinations.

Mayor Rogers said four written public comments had also been received and were included in the packet.

The Council took a short break.

Action:	To schedule an Executive Session on December 9, 2019 for evaluation of a public officer – City Attorney.
Motion:	Johnson
Second:	Bacon
Vote:	7 Yes, 0 No

Councilor Yarnell Hollamon left the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS- Consent Calendar

1. a) Resolution 2019-3618, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement in the amount of \$54,930 with ECONorthwest to complete an Economic Opportunities Analysis.

b) Resolution 2019-3630, A Resolution acknowledging the acceptance of Councilor Elizabeth Curtis Gemeroy's resignation, expressing the City's appreciation for her service, and announcing the advertisement for qualified persons for appointment to fill the future vacancy (District No. 2 with a term ending December 31, 2022).

Action: Approved consent calendar items as presented.
Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Curtis Gemeroy
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent [Yarnell Hollamon]

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2019-3619 – Newberg Economic Development Strategy

CDD Rux discussed the update to the Newberg Economic Development Strategy. It had 5 pieces: Industrial; Commercial; Business Development and Workforce; Downtown Newberg; and Tourism. The strategies and actions had also been updated for each area.

Action: Approved Resolution 2019-3619, A resolution approving the updated 2019 Newberg Economic Development Strategy
Motion: Councilor Curtis Gemeroy
Second: Councilor Johnson
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent [Yarnell Hollamon]

2. PERS side account

Finance Director Zook said the maximum they could apply for was \$1.3 million and they would get a 25% match for every dollar they put in. It would be amortized over 20 years and used to reduce the rates.

Action: Approved submitting an application to PERS to create a side account with a lump-sum payment and secure the State's 25% at the maximum match possible with a proposed lump sum payment date of August 2020.

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Curtis Gemeroy
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent [Yarnell Hollamon]

3. Resolution 2019-3627, Acting City Manager Designation

City Attorney Stone explained what the Charter covered for planned and temporary absences of the City Manager.

The Council discussed:

- Length of assignment, and extra workload.
- Extra compensation.
- CMPT Clyne's limitations
- FD Zook agreeing to fill in

Action: Approved Resolution 2019-3627, A Resolution authorizing an Acting City Manager; delegating to the Mayor to appoint a temporary City Manager Pro Tem not to exceed 21 days for unplanned absences; and repealing prior resolutions inconsistent with this resolution.

Motion: Councilor Curtis Gemeroy

Second: Councilor Johnson

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent [Yarnell Hollamon]

4. Resolution 2019-3599, Yamhill County work crew
Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Thomas said this program provided significant financial and time savings to the City in helping with the maintenance of stormwater detention facilities.

The Council discussed:

- Compensation for work crew members
- Reduction in sentence for participation
- Consensus to table resolution

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Council Committee Reports:

Councilor Johnson had a letter he wanted to take to the Oregon Transportation Commission meeting which included language from the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Committee on Transportation.

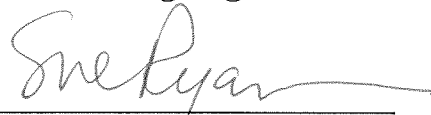
Mayor Rogers attended the Willamette Falls Locks meeting. The Locks were the oldest multi-lift bypass navigation lock in the nation.

Councilor Bacon clarified for the public that the investigative report had a very narrow lens based on the Employee Handbook. That was different than police procedure and the District Attorney was willing to explain the differences further to the Council. CMPT Clyne suggested that the District Attorney do that in Executive Session.

Issue Tracker:

Mayor Rogers discussed getting community input on the Newberg flag.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.



Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Rick Rogers, Mayor