
**City of Newberg
City Council
February 3, 2020**

WORK SESSION

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

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Stephanie Findley, Elizabeth Curtis Gerneroy, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Gene Piro, and Patrick Johnson, Denise Bacon, Julia Martinez Plancarte.

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem David Clyne, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Finance Director Matt Zook, Public Works Director Jay Harris, Library Director Will Worthey, Police Chief Brian Casey, Captain Jeff Kosmicki, Information Technology Director Dave Brooks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sue Delventhal thanked the Mayor and Council for their service, especially during the recent problems and tensions. She especially thanked Councilor Curtis Gerneroy for her efforts and welcomed new Councilor Martinez Plancarte. She asked that everyone work together to accomplish one of the Council's goals, creating an honest and transparent City government.

Sarah Grider was disappointed in the City. She had been in the military and worked in law enforcement. She had come to believe that blind loyalty was a flawed characteristic, and integrity should be the utmost characteristic they all upheld. They needed to choose integrity over loyalty, and it should be their legacy moving forward.

Kaylin Kent said she was trying to be more involved with the City and to stand with the Council and other citizens.

Brandon Buerkle thanked the Mayor and Council for their hard work. He thanked Councilor Curtis Gerneroy for her time on Council and welcomed Councilor Martinez Plancarte.

Bridget Czarnecki gave an update on the Sustainable Solutions meetings. She looked forward to working with the City more.

Mayor Rogers said they could be hopeful about the future and engagement of youth.

Oath of Office – City Recorder Ryan conducted the oath of office for Councilor Julia Martinez Plancarte.

EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)e Real Property Transactions

Start: 6:30 p.m.

Stop: 6:50 p.m.

Staff present: Public Works Director Harris, City Manager Pro Tem Clyne.

City Attorney Stone

Other: None

Topic: Real Property - WestRock

BUSINESS SESSION:

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

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Stephanie Findley, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Patrick Johnson, Gene Piros, Denise Bacon, and Julia Martinez Plancarte.

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem David Clyne, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Library Director Will Worthey, Information Technology Director Dave Brooks, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Finance Director Matt Zook, Public Works Director Jay Harris, Interim Human Resources Director Alison Seiler, Library Director Will Worthey.

PRESENTATIONS:

Shannon Buckmaster presented the Chamber quarterly report. There were fewer walk in visitors than last year due to the holidays being in the middle of the week and the slow season. Website numbers continued to be high. They were performing under budget.

Mayor Rogers proclaimed February 3rd, 2020 as Public Servant Family Appreciation Day.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Jenna Morris to the Planning Commission for a term effective immediately to December 31, 2020.

Roger Kuhlman to the Traffic Safety Commission for a term effective immediately to December 31, 2022.

Kaspar Czuk to serve as Traffic Safety Student Commissioner for a term February 3, 2020 to May 31, 2020.

Action: Approve the appointments as listed.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Piros

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ISSUE TRACKER:

Cherice Bock discussed a resolution passed a few years ago about making Newberg an inclusive city. She thought having their first Latina Councilor was a good step in that direction. She saw the connection between inclusivity and sustainability. Bock supported the City working toward sustainability.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

CMPT Clyne read a statement into the record regarding a statement from the Police Department, inclusivity, and the City Council acting as one.

Councilor Bacon said individual Council members had to stand up for what they believed and the citizens they represented. They were not all of one mind and that was not what democracy stood for.

Mayor Rogers said they represented all citizens and Mr. Clyne had done yeoman's work to get them to the place they were now. This community had a lot of potential and that was the objective.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance 2020-2856 – Legislative Hearing

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing and read the hearing statement.

Declarations of abstentions or conflicts of interest: None

Staff report – Finance Director Matt Zook explained the changes that would be made to the purchasing policy. It would allow the City Manager to authorize purchases of up to \$100,000 without coming to Council for approval. This would help reduce staff and Council time. It would also allow certain contracts up to \$10,000 to be awarded at the solicitation agent's discretion. This change would allow City departments to gain efficiencies by awarding the contract in any manner deemed appropriate.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing.

Questions:

Councilor Johnson asked how difficult it would be to amend the ordinance to include in the wording for the City Manager purchases "if budgeted".

City Attorney Truman Stone said to make that change, it would go under Section 1 General Authority. They could approve the ordinance as amended, or approve the first reading and have staff bring back the amended ordinance for second reading.

Action: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-2856 to be read by title only and to direct staff to bring back the amended ordinance as discussed to the February 18, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Councilor Johnson

Second: Councilor Bacon

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

NEW BUSINESS:

1. National League of Cities warranty program – Public Works Director Harris said the marketing agreement was with a utility service partner for private line warranties. The City received some negative feedback from the community. 128 citizens were currently enrolled in the program. The marketing agreement was good until May 2021. He asked for direction to either continue or discontinue the program.

Discussion:

- Contract was for marketing services.
- Providing insurance not the government's role.
- Concern over usage of City letterhead to promote commercial product.

Action: Direct staff to bring back options on discontinuing the contract and to add this to the Issue Tracker for staff to research all of the options to publicize on the City's website.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Johnson

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Findley reported that there was not a quorum at the Cultural District meeting. She asked the Chair to attend a Council work session to report on the district and its future.

Councilor Johnson said Urban Renewal Advisory Committee reviewed laws and definition of Urban Renewal. He was frustrated about the lack of process and communication for the past 6 months. He thought the majority of the problem was communication. Council should be going in the same direction and without communication it would not happen.

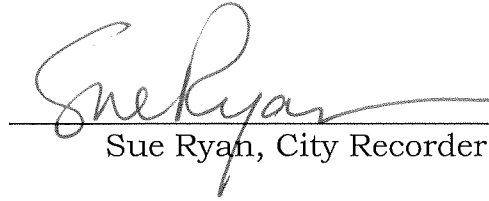
Councilor Yarnell Hollamon said Taste Newberg marketing plan was going out soon, and she acknowledged the work that had been done to pull everyone together. Newberg Housing Solutions was working on some projects in the community.

Councilor Piros discussed the Economic Opportunity Analysis Committee orientation meeting.

Mayor Rogers reported on the Downtown Coalition membership recruitment, Reframing Racism training, need for other Councilors to attend various events, and Friends of Yamhill County meeting.

2. OGEC filings – CR Ryan reminded Council about the filing deadline.
3. LOC April 24 Hermiston training – CR Ryan reminded Council about the training.
4. MWVCOG – CA Stone stated the MWVCOG annual meeting and dinner would be held on February 19.
5. Local Government Dinner – CA Stone said Newberg would be hosting the Local Government Dinner on February 20.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Rick Rogers, Mayor