
**City of Newberg
City Council
February 18, 2020**

WORK SESSION

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

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Stephanie Findley, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Gene Piros, Patrick Johnson, Denise Bacon, and 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, City Engineer Kaaren Hoffmann, Joseph Falbey from Information Technology Department, Interim Human Resources Director Alison Seiler, Library Director Will Worthey.

Sidewalks Discussion:

City Engineer Hofmann explained reasons for sidewalk improvements, current program, public involvement, recent sidewalk inventory, funding needs, identified critical routes that would be priorities, and options for moving forward. She discussed sidewalk grant and loan programs for property owners. City projects would also be done to repair sidewalks, install them where there were gaps, and include them in new projects.

There was a discussion on tree types that would not cause sidewalk impacts, street tree removal and replanting, proactive steps, need based grant program, public education and outreach.

Roy Gathercoal said Newberg had not followed legal requirements on sidewalks. Residents with mobility disabilities could not use City sidewalks safely because of the gaps and lack of ramps. It made many stay in their homes and not be part of civic life.

There was a discussion on priorities and options for the future, identification of primary, secondary, and tertiary critical routes, community outreach, City video shared on YouTube.

Council Rules Discussion:

Mayor Rogers reviewed the Council Rules through a PowerPoint presentation.

1. Ordinance 2020-2856 – 2nd reading

CMPT Clyne said at the first reading of this ordinance there was some suggested language to be added regarding a budget restriction, but it didn't make sense to add it. He suggested going back to the ordinance as presented by staff.

Action: Approve Ordinance 2020-2856, An Ordinance amending the Newberg Municipal Code relating to purchasing and contracting pertaining to the authorization limit of the City Manager as well as the limit for small procurements awarded at solicitation agent's discretion to be read by title only.

Motion: Councilor Johnson

Second: Councilor Findley

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council Goals ratification

CMPT Clyne said these goals were before Council for ratification.

Discussion: Councilor Johnson clarified the Urban Renewal goal; they were still setting up the boundaries for the feasibility study. Councilor Yarnell-Hollamon thought Workforce Housing should be included in Affordable Housing category. The focus should be on temporary affordable workforce housing and housing for the unhoused. There was consensus to use the wording: Promote development of housing affordability such as houselessness, transitional housing, and workforce housing.

Action: Approved Resolution 2020-3641, A Resolution ratifying multi-year goals of the City Council as amended.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

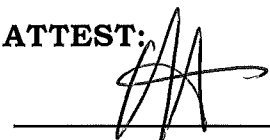
1. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Johnson reported on the Bypass and how they would be testifying at the legislature. Councilor Piros had attended a Mabel Rush School class about what being on City Council was like. Councilor Bacon discussed Design Stars.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Rick Rogers, Mayor