
**City of Newberg
City Council
July 6, 2020**

Meeting held electronically due to COVID-19 pandemic

WORK SESSION

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

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

Councilors Absent: District 4 seat vacant

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Weinheimer, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, and Community Development Director Doug Rux.

PRESENTATIONS:

Community Development Director Rux presented on Council Goal #3, Housing and Economic Development. He explained what had been completed for housing in the City, projects underway, and the future. He discussed the DLCD grants and the NewBERG Community Vision housing list. He then explained current economic development and the future. He asked for direction on defining the housing and economic development goal, the Council's vision for housing and economic development, the strengths and areas of improvement the City had to achieve with the housing and development goal, whether the focus should be inward looking (do it ourselves) or outward (partnerships) to achieve the goal, programs to prioritize based on a 37 item list, and what successfully addressing housing and economic development looked like.

The Council discussed how housing and economic development were interwoven, getting a proposal from staff for prioritizing the item list, looking for partnerships for housing and capitalizing on opportunities, making space for current businesses to expand, focus on workforce housing and items that would make a local difference, which items could be done by consultants vs. internal staff, what could be done to accomplish housing in the City, and deed restricted housing.

Councilor Piros introduced the issue of pet waste in neighbor's yards and adding a provision regarding cats at large to the code. There was discussion regarding an ordinance on pet waste, enforcement, and consensus to move forward with a campaign.

BUSINESS SESSION:

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

Councilors Absent: District 4 seat vacant

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Weinheimer, City Attorney Truman Stone, City Recorder Sue Ryan, Community Development Director Doug Rux, Interim Public Works Director Russ Thomas, Senior Planner Keith Leonard,

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Action: To appoint Stephanie Findley as Council President for the remainder of 2020 due to the resignation of Councilor Patrick Johnson.

Motion: Mayor Rogers

Second: Councilor Martinez Plancarte

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No [District 4 seat vacant]

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Weinheimer reported on the City's compliance with the Governor's orders for people to wear masks inside buildings, reimbursement under the CARES Act, posting for open positions, program based budgeting project, inclusion and equity training, renewal of the Dundee police contract, working with Newberg sustainability group, forming an employee sustainability group, City County Management Association Conference, and reminder about the census.

City Recorder Ryan discussed HB 4212 which stated a physical space was not required for people to attend public meetings due to Covid-19. This was a temporary provision and she explained how the public could submit comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action: 1) Resolution 2020-3689, A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. for Phase 1 of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure System Project in the amount of \$338,569.00.

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Martinez Plancarte

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No [District 4 seat vacant]

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance 2020-2864, Holveck Comp Plan amendment

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

CA Stone gave the opening legal announcements.

Associate Planner Leonard presented the staff report. This was a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map amendment for property on N College Street. He described the subject site, Comprehensive Plan amendment from Commercial to Medium Density Residential, Zoning Map amendment from C-1 and R-1 for the access easement to R-2, land use analysis, population forecast, need for additional housing, applicable criteria, no conflicts with Statewide Planning goals, availability of utilities, and Transportation Planning Rule analysis showing a reduction in the intensity of the use. The applicant planned to put duplexes on the property. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the application.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing.

Public Comments – Kennedy Schultz, representing the applicant, said they were taking two different types of land uses the City had excess of and converting them into a use that the City had a deficit of. It was a net benefit to the City.

Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing.

CA Stone read the closing legal statement. The applicant agreed to waive the seven day period for submitting final written arguments.

Action: Waive second reading of Ordinance 2020-2864

Motion: Councilor Bacon

Second: Councilor Findley

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No [District 4 seat vacant]

Action: Approve Ordinance 2020-2864, An Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan Map designation from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) and Zoning Map designations from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Medium Density Residential (R-2) for Yamhill County Tax Lot 3218-02901 and a Comprehensive Plan Map designation from Commercial (COM) to MDR, and a zone change from Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) to R-2 for property located at 717 N College Street, Yamhill County Tax Lot 3218-03100 to be read by title only.

Motion: Councilor Bacon

Second: Councilor Martinez Plancarte

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No [District 4 seat vacant]

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2020-3688, declaration of District 4 vacancy

Mayor Rogers said this was in response to Councilor Johnson's resignation. Applications would be open until August 5 and interviews would be held on August 17.

Action: Approve Resolution 2020-3688, A Resolution acknowledging the acceptance of the resignation of Councilor Patrick Johnson, expressing the City's appreciation for his service, declaring a vacancy and announcing the advertisement for qualified persons for appointment to fill the vacancy (District No. 4 with a term ending December 31, 2022.)

Motion: Councilor Findley

Second: Councilor Martinez Plancarte

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No [District 4 seat vacant]

2. Resolution 2020-3686, Plans amendment

Community Development Director Rux said several City plans would need to be updated to implement the Riverfront Master Plan. All of the funds to update these plans were in the current year budget.

Action: Approve Resolution 2020-3686, A Resolution initiating an amendment to the Newberg Comprehensive Plan to update the Transportation System Plan, Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan and Stormwater Master Plan.

Motion: Councilor Bacon

Second: Councilor Piros

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No [District 4 seat vacant]

3. Council Goal: Urban Renewal

CDD Rux reviewed the Council Goal for creating an Urban Renewal Plan and authority. He explained the work that had been done and what was in progress, Citizens Advisory Committee work, proposed tax increment financing area, community engagement, and next steps.

There was discussion regarding the messaging to the community that Urban Renewal did not raise property taxes and the impressive body of work that had been done.

4. Resolution 2020-3687, Intergovernmental Agreement

CDD Rux said Newberg provided planning services to the City of Dundee, but due to staffing shortage, the Mid-Willamette Council of Governments provided these services. This would extend the current agreement to the end of December 2020 after which the new Planning Manager should be able to do the work.

Action: Approve Resolution 2020-3687, A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments for land use planning services.

Motion: Councilor Findley
Second: Councilor Martinez Plancarte

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No [District 4 seat vacant]

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Findley thanked Public Works for wearing masks in their vehicles.

Mayor Rogers reported on the Equity Task Force, Newberg Downtown Coalition, and weekly partner calls.

2. Council Committee Assignments

Mayor Rogers said they would need to redistribute Councilor Johnson's assignments.

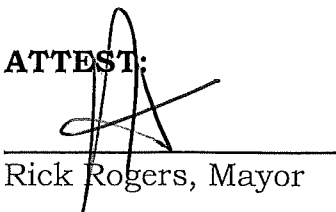
Urban Renewal Citizens Advisory Committee and Parkway Committee – Councilor Findley
MWACT alternate – Mayor Rogers
Pension subcommittee - vacant

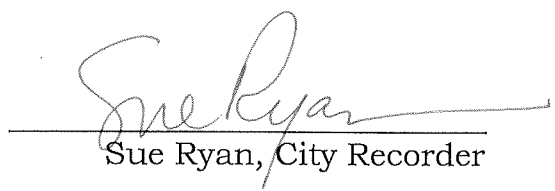
3. LOC Legislative Priorities

The Council chose Covid-19 economic recovery investments, digital equity and inclusion, housing and services investment, and new mobility services for the LOC Legislative Priorities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Rick Rogers, Mayor


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

