
**City of Newberg
Budget Committee Meeting
May 7, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Shelly Reimer
Ned Knight
Alex Nichols
Theodore Ebor
Steph St. Cyr
Raquel Peregrino de Brito
Judy Brown
Bill Rosacker
Molly Olson
Peggy Kilburg
Mike McBride
Robyn Wheatley

Staff Present:

Will Worthey
Russ Thomas
Kady Strode
Rachel Thomas
Korie Jones Buerkle
Jen Elkins
Jeff Kosmicki
Preston Langeliers
Karen Tarmichael
Dan Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aubrey Nichols, Newberg Downtown Coalition Executive Director

Nichols appeared to request \$10,000 for the Newberg Downtown Coalition's ongoing projects like the Newberg Wednesday Market, the Taste of Truffle event, local murals, and more.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a) Capital Projects Funds, Public Works Funds, SDC Funds

Department heads and staff presented their respective funds related to Capital Improvement Projects, Public Works, and System Development Charges (SDCs).

Public Works Director Russ Thomas presented the Budget Committee with bags of compost from the City of Newberg Newgrow wastewater composting program.

City of Newberg Finance Director Kady Strobe presented the capital projects fund budget. Strobe, City Manager Will Worthey, and Russ Thomas reviewed the projected Capital Improvement Projects in Newberg and the funding requirements. This included street work, wastewater treatment, and groundskeeping.

The committee also discussed the city's debts and assets, as well as provided clarification on the use of System Development Charge (SDC) fees.

The Public Works Department provided a thorough update on the water treatment plan, ongoing maintenance as well as the plans to develop the new water treatment plan and what was allocated in the budget.

Of conversation was the rise of Portland General Electric's (PGE) rates, which will come to a roughly 9% increase in the coming year.

The committee asked about the City of Newberg wastewater compost, stating it is very affordable. Russ Thomas said the compost is in excess, but could be raised in the future if the demand rises. The committee discussed the potential for improvement in marketing and moving the compost more consistently.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kady Strobe, Finance Director

ATTEST:

Raquel Peregrino de Brito, Chair