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**City of Newberg  
City Council  
December 16, 2024**

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

Councilors Present: Mayor Bill Rosacker, Councilor Mike McBride, Councilor Robyn Wheatley, Councilor Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Councilor Peggy Kilburg, Councilor Glenn Cloyd, Councilor Derek Carmon

Staff Present: City Manager Will Worthey, City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Rachel Thomas, Community Development Director Scot Siegal, Library Director Korie Buerkle, Finance Director Kady Strode, Newberg-Dundee Police Department Chief Jeff Kosmicki, Eric Ronning

**ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Will Worthey provided an overview of various statistics surrounding city operations for October 2024. He continued to provide an overview of some of the City of Newberg's expenses and open positions within the city operations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Column Riley, 8-Year Newberg Resident**

Riley raised concerns about the sale of the Butler Property and expressed a desire to retain the property as a park. He also urged the city to promote the Willamette River access more frequently and control the launch more.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Oregon Building Codes Division Support Agreement**

Scot Siegal provided a presentation showcasing the benefits of the Oregon Building Codes Division Support Agreement, which can provide some mutual aid, and address workload imbalances and temporary

workforce shortages. Siegal said the agreement is similar to what the City of Newberg has set up with other cities.

Councilor Kilburg asked about the advantages, to which Siegal responded it would allow collaboration with any city or county in the state.

Action: Approve Resolution 2024-3955 authorizing the City Manager to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Oregon for building evaluation Services.  
Motion: Councilor Wheatley  
Second: Councilor Kilburg  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

### **7.2 City Manager Evaluation**

Council conducted City Manager Will Worthey's evaluation. Mayor Rosacker said an employee survey revealed one respondent who rated Worthey's performance as "satisfactory", while the other rated him as "much higher than that." Councilors all expressed appreciation for Worthey's dedication to the role and performance over the past year.

Worthey said he received feedback about ways to improve, and he will work on implementing those changes.

Action: Approve Resolution 2024-3956 to accept Newberg City Manager Will Worthey's annual review.  
Motion: Councilor Kilburg  
Second: Councilor McBride  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

### **7.3 Board, Committee, and Commission Interviews and Appointments**

Mayor Rosacker and Newberg City Councilors interviewed candidates for the following committees:

#### **Affordable Housing Committee**

Casey Banks  
Randy Rickert  
Branden Fale-DeBusk  
Samatha Cooley

Action: Move to approve affordable housing member appointees  
Motion: Mayor Rosacker  
Second: Councilor Wheatley  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

#### **Budget Committee**

Raquel Peregrino de Brito

Judy Brown  
Theodore Ebor  
Austin Cracraft  
Elias Semenyuk  
Action: Move to approve Budget Committee member  
appointees for the next four years  
Motion: Councilor Carmon  
Second: Councilor Yarnell-Hollamon  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

**Historic Preservation Appointees**

Debbra Buerkle  
Brian Engstrom  
Karen Tozer  
Action: Move to approve Historic Preservation Member  
Appointees  
Motion: Councilor Wheatley  
Second: Councilor Carmon  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

**Planning Commission**

Matthew Mansfield  
Elise Steffen  
Linda Newton-Curtis  
Jason Dale  
Action: Approve Planning Members Appointees  
Motion: Councilor Kilburg  
Second: Councilor McBride  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

**Traffic Safety Commission**

Russell Johnson  
Action: Approve Traffic Safety Member Appointees  
Motion: Councilor McBride  
Second: Councilor Cloyd  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

**Library Board**

Jessica Hopkins-Hubbard  
Action: Motion to approve Library Board Appointees  
Motion: Councilor Carmon  
Second: Councilor Wheatley  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

**COUNCIL BUSINESS: -**

**In Remembrance of Denise Bacon**

As late Councilor Denise Bacon's term would have ended on December 31, 2024, the council took the time during this meeting to honor her contributions to the City of Newberg. City Manager Worthey provided

remarks about his experience with Bacon, who encouraged his pathway to City Hall. NDPD Chief Jeff Kosmicki provided words, describing Bacon as kind and courageous. Mayor Rosacker said Bacon's influence is well-defined, but the people of Newberg will continue to remember her for a long time to come.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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Rachel Thomas, City Recorder

**ATTEST:**



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Bill Rosacker, Mayor