

January 21, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL AND THE
LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilor Members present: Roumagoux, Swanson, Busby, Saelens, Engler, and Allen. Sawyer was excused.

Commissioners present: Thompson, Hall, and Hunt.

Staff present: Nebel, Hawker, Rich, Tokos, Gross, Murphy, Belmont, Herring, Miller, and Kinion.

Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Introductions were made.

WIND FEASIBILITY STUDY/GENERATION - CITY INVOLVEMENT

Saelens reported that the proposal is to place wind measure implementation on a tower to vet the area as a wind resource. Belmont reported that the County has funding for this project for this year and next. He noted that a potential site is property adjacent to the landfill, but that a site within the city limits is being sought. It was asked whether the city would agree to place the tower on city-owned property north of the landfill. Busby asked what the data will provide that the existing station does not provide, and whether there is a cost to the city. Saelens noted that data exists but that it is not bankable. It was reported that there will be no financial impact to the city. The City Council was agreeable to allowing the tower to be placed on city-owned property.

FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN

Belmont reported that discussions have occurred regarding what might happen with the fairgrounds. He noted that the County has been looking at different types of centerpiece structures. He asked whether a centerpiece structure at the fairgrounds might be something that could be funded by a new northside urban renewal district if one is created. Tokos reported that the City Council will consider resolutions to initiate the process, including identifying potential boundaries and bonded indebtedness in March.

UPDATE FROM LAST YEAR - ROADS AND PROPERTY AND UPDATE ON THE URBAN BGROWTH BOUNDARY AMENDMENT - CITY RESERVOIR AREA

Belmont reported that the County is looking at transferring Yaquina Heights Road, Big Creek Road, and Avery Street to the city. It was noted that all the roads must be within

the city limits in order to transfer to the city. Belmont stated that there are other property issues from last year that require additional work.

EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

Thompson reported that grant money is being used to develop supply caches. Hunt noted that \$25,000 is available for grant applications up to \$2,500 for next year on a first-come/first-served basis. Hunt reported that Lincoln County is updating its COOP Plan and Emergency Operations Plan. Thompson noted that the Commissioners are participating in FEMA training. Murphy reported that the city has a staff emergency committee, and reviewed its activities. He noted that the city had received a \$1.4 million grant for a seismic upgrade to the main fire station. Saelens noted that all Lincoln County cities will be working on rewriting the emergency debris management plan. Hunt noted that there will be a Cascadia event training exercise in the summer of 2016.

WORKFORCE HOUSING ISSUES INCLUDING OSU EXPANSION HOUSING NEEDS

Allen reported that the City Council had formally the workforce housing report. Hall noted that a resolution of support of the report would be on an upcoming county agenda. Hall reported that the Lincoln County Land Trust had contracted with Proud Ground, of Portland, to serve in the role of executive director of the LCLT. Nebel noted that the city is also considering partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a house on city-owned property, and that this discussion will continue in the future. Allen requested an update, from Hall, on the change in staffing for the Lincoln County Land Trust.

WARMING CENTER FOR HOMELESS - FAIRGROUNDS OR OTHER SITE

Hall reported that there have been leadership transitions with the group operating the warming center. He noted that Lola Jones is spearheading the effort, and that the Salvation Army was at the table this year.

AIRPORT REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Roumagoux reported that the Airport Regional Task Force is moving forward and that anyone having agreed to participate is still listed as a member. Hunt noted that he is the county representative on the Task Force. Busby noted that a request for expressions of interest in operating the airport had been released, and letters of interest are due by February 5.

CURBSIDE COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Hunt reported that Belmont will be meeting with Thompson's Sanitary Service, and he hopes to obtain information about the experience to date. Allen noted that Nebel can provide information submitted by Joe Cook at a recent Council meeting at which an update on the program was presented. Allen noted that Thompson's, along with city staff, will be preparing a survey for users. Hunt noted that there are varying degrees of interest with other county haulers. Saelens reported that Newport's experience is that the opt-out

was higher, but the goals were exceeded by 38%. Saelens noted that Thompson's is working on a commercial pilot program.

U.S. COAST GUARD AIR FACILITY - UPDATE

Thompson thanked the city for its support in the effort to keep the U.S. Coast Guard Air Facility in Newport. Nebel updated the group on the advocacy efforts adding that these efforts need to continue. Belmont updated the group on the status of the litigation. Thompson noted that the goal is to get the standard changed.

COMMENTS

Thompson reported that the half-marathon is sold out and the full marathon is nearly sold out.

Nyla Jebousek stated that with the OSU housing needs issue, this is a good time to look at housing generally. She added that she would like the groups to look at low-income housing and suggested checking with lookhousing.org. Hall reported that there is a lot of awareness of these issues, and there may be a significant opportunity to make progress in the housing area. He noted that the governor's budget proposes \$100 million to house homeless and low-income people. Jebousek reported that the USDA has loans available for low-income housing. Allen suggested adding homeless housing to the Land Trust discussions.

Nyla Jebousek suggested that the Yaquina Bay State Park could attract tourists in December if something similar to Shore Acres was accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.