

October 3, 2011
Noon
Newport, Oregon

Councilors present: McConnell, Brusselback, Allen, Bertuleit, Roumagoux, Beemer, and Sawyer.

Staff present: Voetberg, Hawker, Clark, Marshall, Gross, and Miranda.

Also in attendance were: Charlie Plybon, Matt Hawkyard, Rolla Cleaver, and Mark Saelens.

Council discussed the following items:

1. Council discussed a "plastic bag community plan." It was noted that the packet includes a model ordinance. Plybon noted that Surfrider's is still conducting research and has a meeting with the Northwest Grocer's Association on October 11. Allen asked whether local input would be taken at the October 17 meeting. Plybon reported that he has feedback from some local businesses. McConnell read letters from Messrs. Redding and Rampley. Hawkyard distributed information regarding outreach that has been undertaken by Surfrider's. He noted that 40 businesses were receptive to the idea of a ban, and that some thought that Styrofoam should also be banned. He added that some folks also thought that this would be a good branding opportunity. It was noted that although some folks were concerned about the cost, they still supported having a bag fee. Plybon noted that the idea is not to get folks to switch to paper, but rather to switch to a reusable bag. He reiterated the importance of receiving community input on the issue. He distributed branding information in the form of a sign that merchants could place in their windows supporting the idea of "bringing your own bag." He also distributed a list of local businesses that have been contacted regarding this issue. Allen asked whether Surfrider's is focusing locally in order to put pressure on the state level. Plybon noted that he would prefer a statewide policy. He added that different groups are leading the efforts in other communities. McConnell asked for suggestions on where to go from here. Plybon suggested that Surfrider's continue outreach and petition support. He added that October 17 is a good opportunity for a public discussion, and that Surfrider's will move forward with the branding effort. McConnell noted that October 17 would be a time to share ideas and viewpoints, but that no ordinance would be presented at that time. He also mentioned that funding might be available at the community level. Cleaver noted that he would like to see the state adopt legislation banning single use plastic bags. He added that this is an opportunity for the city to brand itself and be the first in with the brand that would be environmentally responsible to the research, tourism, real estate, fishing and other interested communities. Sawyer suggested seeking input from the homeless community, and folks using Food Share. Beemer agreed to check with Food Share. Hawkyard noted that October 17 is a good

opportunity for public input, and that it is nice to have a way forward. Plybon agreed to bring policy options to the October 17 meeting. Allen suggested including the compilation of outreach in the Council packet.

2. Voetberg reported that Miranda has scheduled training for Police Department supervisors outside the community.
3. Voetberg reported that the Lincom executive board will meet on October 12 for an update from the user board. He noted that in order to improve efficiencies, services, and recognize cost savings, it is anticipated that dispatch services will be contracted to the Willamette Valley Communications Center.
4. Voetberg addressed the Deco Park issue, and asked that Council confirm that it wants to proceed with the construction of the pylon. It was agreed to place this issue on the work session of December 5.
5. Voetberg reported that the ConnectOregon IV grant is due in November. He noted that staff will have ideas to be presented at the next work session.
6. The issue of Nye Beach flooding/contamination was discussed. Gross reviewed the history of the Georgia-Pacific franchise monies. He noted that staff has been testing for e-coli; conducted some smoke testing; determined that a serious problem exists, and that additional manpower is needed to adequately address this issue. He stated that the city needs a comprehensive stormwater map, and possibly an ordinance that would limit connections to the stormwater system, as well as a program to smoke test the entire community to identify illicit connections. He noted that an additional person could test every inlet and develop a program - essentially, this would be the lead stormwater person. He discussed NPDES regulations. Voetberg suggested that a recommendation be made that annual fees from the Georgia-Pacific franchise, with the exception of the monies identified for use by the Technical Advisory Task Force, be used to fund this position. Allen asked whether the work could be contracted on an annual basis. Marshall stated that the streets fund has a negative fund balance and that a supplementary budget will be required to handle the negative balance. It was noted that an employee group is looking at health benefits, and urged caution in adding employees. Allen suggested contracting the position for a few years and then analyzing whether a full-time employee is a possibility. Voetberg reported that he is confident that the monies from G-P will continue. He also noted that the bargaining unit might push back if a contractor was utilized for these services. McConnell noted that no one had projected the cost of an employee or stabilizing employee costs. He urged caution. Gross noted that he would like to use this money for base mapping that would allow for better management of the system and flooding. He added that the base map is the precursor to the stormwater management plan. Voetberg suggested using the 2011 and 2012 G-P franchise fees toward the base map upgrades on a contracted basis. Gross will develop a scope of services and plan for public input. McConnell suggested including the Technical Advisory Task Force in any discussion regarding use of these funds. Plybon agreed with the proposed use of monies. Gross updated Council on small projects that have been completed to mitigate some of the flooding issues in Nye Beach.
7. Council agreed to hold an Urban Renewal Agency Town Hall Meeting on November 16, 2011, at 6:00 P.M., at the Guin Library, at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. It was asked that Tokos review the plan phases.

8. McConnell referenced an e-mail from Gary Smith regarding street corner beggars. Council acknowledged the message, but opted not to pursue the matter.
9. McConnell reported that he had received several messages regarding wild animals and questions regarding responsibility.
10. Brusselback suggested Council outreach could be maximized by the city having a booth at the Farmer's Market manned by Council and staff.
11. McConnell noted that a clear format and calendar should be established for the Town Hall meetings.
12. McConnell asked about the Adopt-a-Park policy. Voetberg reported that this policy and the herbicide use policy were undergoing legal review, and would likely be scheduled for the next work session.
13. It was agreed to place the Tree City USA item on the October 17 agenda.
14. McConnell asked whether the open space policy was still undergoing Planning Commission review.
15. It was noted that the ConnectOregon IV item would be discussed at an upcoming meeting.
16. Other upcoming discussion items include: update of public contracting rules; erosion control; and economic development.
17. It was noted that a business license meeting is scheduled for Thursday.
18. It was agreed to place the public art policies on the November 7 work session agenda.
19. Bertuleit suggested focusing on what the city should look like in the future.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.