

September 2, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Allen, Beemer, Busby, Sawyer, and Swanson, Roumagoux, and Saelens.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, Community Development Director Tokos, Finance Director Murzynsky, Public Works Director Gross, and Police Chief Miranda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council, staff, and the audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

LeOra Johnson addressed Council regarding the city's interpretation of its city water billing policy. She explained a situation that her neighbor had. Nebel noted that he had approved a payment plan for Johnson's neighbor. He added that he is happy to meet with any citizen at any time. He noted that the city plans to take a comprehensive look at all its water and sewer policies. Allen asked that Nebel report back to Council the outcome of the policy examination and meeting with Johnson.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation - September as Disaster Preparedness Month. Roumagoux proclaimed September as Disaster Preparedness Month in the City of Newport. Miranda and Murphy accepted the proclamation.

Presentation by the 2014 Mombetsu Sister City Student Delegation. Ted DeWitt, Warren Sparks, Jennifer Wrazen, Dave Campbell, Mia Estabrook, McKenzie Figuracion, Rosemary Hume, Sophie Dziak, Natalie DeWitt, Alex Rash, and Gabby Campbell reported on the recent student exchange to Newport's Sister City - Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan. DeWitt reported that the 50th anniversary of the exchange will occur in 2016, and that residents of Mombetsu are discussing exchanges for that year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of City Council minutes from the regular meeting of August 18, 2014, joint meeting with the Urban Renewal Agency and joint executive session of August 18, 2014, and the special meeting and executive session of August 25, 2014;

- B. Approval of a recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to grant a change of ownership for off-premise sales for Bevan's Market;
- C. Approval of a recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to grant an off-premise sales license to Nye Beach Sweets;
- D. Ratification of the following Mayoral appointments:
 - 1. Laura Anderson to the Bayfront Parking District Committee;
 - 2. Debra Smith to the Airport Committee for a term expiring on December 31, 2015;
 - 3. Susan Painter to the Airport Committee for a term expiring on December 31, 2015;
- E. Approval to pay for the registration of Council President Swanson to attend Leadership Lincoln;
- F. Approval of emergency expenses for the Schooner Landing sewer failure in the amount of \$50,099.77.

Busby asked that item E. be removed from the consent calendar.

Busby asked whether the city had liability insurance coverage for the Schooner Landing sewer failure. Nebel noted that there have been no liability claims, to date, relative to this sewer failure.

Allen noted that he had changes to the minutes which he had discussed earlier with Hawker.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Allen, to approve the consent calendar with the changes to the minutes as noted by Allen. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Approval to pay for the registration of Council President Swanson to attend Leadership Lincoln. Busby stated that he asked that this item be removed because he believes that this type of training should be at the Councilor's expense. Allen noted that Swanson has requested to attend this training in lieu of attendance at the LOC Conference. He added that the city sends employees to Leadership Lincoln on a regular basis. He stated that city officials, both elected and appointed, from other jurisdictions also attend this training. MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to approve the payment of \$495 tuition for Council President, Laura Swanson, to attend the Leadership Lincoln program for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution No. 3690 Providing for a Supplemental Budget and Making Appropriation Adjustments to the Airport Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that as was indicated during the budget process, any projects that were fully appropriated in the previous fiscal year were estimated as if the entire appropriation would be spent in the past fiscal year. He added that this was for purposes of calculating a clean beginning fund balance in the various funds that projects are appropriated from. He stated that as was indicated at budget time, it is our intent to carry over the unspent capital outlay funds appropriated in the previous fiscal year through a series of budget amendments.

He noted that the first budget amendment is for the airport projects. He reported that at the end of the last fiscal year, a new set of accounts was created to pull the capital outlay funds out of the airport operating fund and place the funds in the capital projects fund for the major runway project as well as other smaller projects appropriated in the previous fiscal year. He stated that this amendment will carry over the unexpended project funds from the previous fiscal years to complete these projects in the current fiscal year. He stated that this will amount to \$6,863,838 in grant and local funds that remain available for the projects with the expenditures of \$241,000 for maintenance and repairs to the FBO building and T hangars, and \$6,632,838 to complete the runway reconstruction work that was initiated in the last fiscal year.

Nebel recommended an increase in appropriations of \$80,000 from the airport fund due to a higher than anticipated fund balance on June 30, 2014. He stated that this will provide an additional \$46,000 in building and grounds funding to the FBO building repairs, and \$34,000 for the capital projects including the runway with those funds being transferred from the airport fund to the capital projects fund.

Nebel recommended that Council hold a public hearing on Resolution No. 3690, which provides for a supplemental budget through adjustments to the airport fund by transferring unspent appropriated project funding in the previous fiscal year to the 2014/2015 fiscal year, and increasing the amount of appropriation from the airport fund by \$80,000 due to a higher than anticipated available beginning fund balance with these funds being transferred to provide \$34,000 additional funding to meet the needs of the runway project and \$46,000 of additional funding for the repairs to the FBO building and T hangars.

Roumagoux opened the public hearing at 6:55 P.M. She called for public comment. There was none. She closed the public hearing for Council deliberation at 6:56 P.M.

Busby referred to an e-mail that he had sent earlier regarding the FAA grant match. Nebel addressed the accounting and noted that staff is working on project tracking accounting procedures that will provide timely and accurate information in the future.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to adopt Resolution No. 3690 with attachment A, a resolution adopting a supplemental budget for the fiscal year 2014/2015 and making appropriations and changes for fiscal year 2014/2015. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the Tourism Facilities Grant Review Task Force - Recommendations for Tourism Facilities Grant Awards. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that the Tourism Facilities Grant Review Task Force has reviewed four applications for funding from the \$100,000 of room tax funding that remains from the \$1,000,000 that was originally allocated for an event center. He noted that the Task Force consists of Stan Rowe, John Lavrakas, Margaret Dailey, Ann Aronson, Caroline Bauman, Julie Hanrahan, Randy Getman, Dean Sawyer, Council Liaison, and staffed by Peggy Hawker City Recorder/Special Projects Director. Task Force members in attendance were Rowe, Dailey, Bauman, and Getman. Nebel noted that the Task Force met and developed a list of questions for each applicant and requested that responses be submitted in writing. He stated that the Task Force met again to hear presentations from the four applicants and review the responses to the questions. He added that as a result of the applications, and the responses to the questions, the Task Force recommended

that the City Council enter into grant agreements in the following amounts: 1. \$10,000 for the Sea Lion Docks Foundation; 2. \$14,000 for the Lincoln County Historical Society; and 3. \$50,000 for the Pacific Communities Health Foundation. He stated that the Task Force did not recommend funding a request from Salmon for Oregon in the amount of \$25,000, noting that the Task Force felt that the project was not ready to be funded at this time. Nebel reported that Hawker provided notice to the applicants that the Council would be making a decision on funding at the September 2, 2014 Council meeting and suggested they may want to be present in the event there are any questions from the City Council. He stated that staff has not scheduled any presentations to the Council since the Tourism Facilities Grant Review Task Force did a thorough job in their evaluation of the four proposals.

Nebel reported that one of the things that he and Allen discussed today is the process for anyone not recommended for funding to appeal that decision. He added that the process exists; there were time limits; and staff did not provide notification. He noted that it is intent to begin the time clock on the five day appeal after applicants are notified of the Task Force recommendations. He added that if there is an appeal, it would be heard by Council in October.

Sawyer applauded the committee for its work over the years.

Caroline Bauman gave a brief overview of process the Task Force used in soliciting and evaluating the grant requests.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Sawyer, to award a tourism facility grant to the Sea Lion Docks Foundation in the amount of \$10,000, MOTION by Allen, seconded by Beemer to direct the City Manager to develop a grant agreement for the disbursement of these funds. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Swanson, seconded by Saelens, to award a tourism facility grant to the Lincoln County Historical Society in the amount of \$14,000, and direct the City Manager to develop a grant agreement for the disbursement of these funds. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Beemer stated that he has a real problem with using these funds for this purpose requested by the hospital foundation. He reviewed the reasons for this concern.

Roumagoux declared that she has worked with the foundation in teaching classes and training and will likely also be offered in the new facility.

Swanson stated that as private citizen, she was part of the promotional video, and also a member of a group that would use facilities. Swanson recused herself. Allen noted that Roumagoux has a potential conflict of interest, and that Swanson should probably have declared a potential or actual conflict of interest.

Allen noted that he would like input from the hospital foundation, Lorna Davis, and others.

Ursula Marinelli, director of the Pacific Communities Health District Foundation, reported that the Foundation has raised about 2.3 million dollars to build the Center for Health Education on Highway 101. She added that this facility will help beautify Highway 101; will help this community; but also provide a space for medical conferences and health-related workshops that will bring participants who will use lodging and other tourist-related facilities. She noted that it is anticipated that during the first year or two 20% of the participants would come from outside the area. She stated that the Foundation has been raising money for this project for years. She reported that if the grant is not awarded, the Foundation will continue to fundraise to complete the facility.

Allen noted that based on information provided by the Task Force, he is comfortable that this meets the definition of a tourism-related facility. He noted that nonprofit organizations and governmental entities are allowed as applicants for these grant funds. He stated that based on this, he is comfortable in supporting the Task Force recommendation.

A discussion continued regarding Swanson's recusal. She noted that the potential conflict of interest would occur by virtue of the group she is associated with.

Nebel noted that the Council Rules indicate that every Councilor shall vote unless a majority of Council allows a Councilor to abstain.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to allow Swanson to recuse herself and not participate in the vote on the grant application from the Pacific Communities Health District Foundation. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Sawyer, to award a tourism facility grant to the Pacific Communities Health Foundation in the amount of \$50,000, and direct the City Manager to develop a grant agreement for the disbursement of these funds. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Saelens, to provide written notification to Salmon For Oregon, of the denial of its grant application by the Tourism Facilities Grant Review Task Force, and include in the notification, its appeal rights under city policy. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

From the Airport Committee - Recommendation to Explore the Contractual Operation of Part or All of the Newport Municipal Airport. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that he has developed a draft report on the Newport Municipal Airport covering the history of the airport, the description of current airport operations, and discussion with airport stakeholders, which resulted in the development of preliminary issues that have been identified for review. He stated that this report has been submitted to the Airport Committee in draft form for their review and comments. He added that one of the specific issues on which he has asked for input is what type of management structure would work best for the long-term operation of the airport. He noted that he indicated that the current arrangement with the City Manager fulfilling some of the requirements of the Airport Manager, along with utilization of the Airport Operations Manager, and assistance from city engineering staff is not a sustainable management structure for the continued operation of the airport.

Nebel reported that during the discussion with the Airport Committee, he outlined five potential scenarios that could be pursued for the long-term management structure of the airport which are as follows: 1.) Hire an Airport Manager with that position being a department head position with the city, as has been done in the past, to operate the fixed base operations and the airport; 2.) Utilize an airport maintenance supervisor and seek proposals for the fixed base operations services at the airport; 3.) seek proposals for an FBO to provide service for the general maintenance and operations of all airfield activities as well; 4.) Seek proposals from private operators of the airport to operate all operations (this is virtually the same as alternate 3.); and 5.) operate the airport as part of the Public Works Department.

Nebel reported that there was considerable discussion at the Airport Committee meeting on these various options. He stated that while there was support for having a

management company operate the airport, there were also concerns regarding the commitment that a private operation would have in maintaining airport infrastructure. He added that there were also concerns that by hiring an Airport Manager as a department head, what level of control the city could effectively have if that person proved not to be a good fit for the airport. He noted that there were questions on who might be available on a private contractual basis to operate the airport. He stated that it was suggested by the Airport Committee that perhaps a first step would involve soliciting "letters of interest" from private operators to gauge potential interest, benefits, and detriments of operating the airport under a private contractual basis for airport services (FBO) and for maintenance services for the airport. He noted that ultimately, the Airport Committee unanimously recommended that the city pursue "expressions of interest" from private operators in the operation of the Newport Municipal Airport." Nebel recommended pursuing expressions of interest from parties interested in running airport.

Nebel reported that based on the discussion that has occurred regarding the management of this facility, he has had a few airport operators express interest in the airport. He stated that if the City Council concurs, it would be his intent to put together a packet of information to solicit expressions of interest for the operation of the airport with some preliminary information for the review by the Airport Committee and himself regarding the possible validity of seeking a full request for proposals for all or part of the operation of the airport.

Nebel stated that he thinks it is a good suggestion from the Airport Committee to do a preliminary test of the waters to determine how feasible contracting operations would be and what benefits (or lack of benefits) would occur under this type of an operation. He added that this would also give the city an opportunity to view other airports that may be using a similar model at this time.

Nebel reported that these are always difficult decisions to make and they certainly could have an impact on current airport employees depending on the extent of services contracted. He expressed his appreciation to Lance Vanderbeck for his efforts during this time of change. He added that in a short period of eight months, the airport has gone from three full-time employees, including Lance Vanderbeck as Airport Operations Manager, Terry Durham as FBO Manager, and a lineman position, to Lance being responsible for all the day-to-day operations and FBO responsibilities. He noted that despite these significant changes in operations, Lance has worked very hard to keep the airport functioning on a day-to-day basis, managed airport operations through the tragic loss of one of the Newport-based pilots, with the impacts that this type of accident has on airport operations. He added that Lance has seen the airport through a Part 139 review with the comments coming back from the FAA indicating that the airport is in the best shape it has been over the past three years as it relates to this inspection and other activities.

Nebel responded to Council questions related to this recommendation.

Roumagoux reported that there was not a great response from individuals invited to be a part of the Airport Advisory Task Force on regionalization issues. It was noted that this matter will be delayed until November based on the minimal responses.

MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Beemer, to authorize the city administration to pursue "expressions of interest" from private operators for the possible operation of various services at the Newport Municipal Airport with this information being utilized to determine whether pursuing a private management option would be in the

best interest for the long-term operation for the Municipal Airport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Consideration of Resolution No. 3691 Declaring the Intention to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Obligations. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that as part of the 2014/2015 fiscal year budget, it is the city's intent to finance costs relating to the upgrading of the city's water system through tax-exempt bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000. He stated that in order to include expenses incurred as part of this bonding issue prior to issuance of the bond, it is required that the City Council approve a resolution which will allow the city to incur expenses that can be reimbursed through the bond issue provided that these expenses are not incurred more than sixty days before Resolution No. 3691 is approved. He added that the resolution indicates that the expenses included be documented in writing no later than eighteen months after the expenditure is paid or the project is placed into disservice. He noted that the resolution will bring the city into compliance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 relating to expenditures financed with tax-exempt bonds for improvements to the city's water system. He recommended approval of the resolution.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 3691 declaring the City of Newport's intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of tax-exempt obligations issued for improvements to the city's water system. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2068 Vacating Portions of SW 31st Street, SW 32nd Street, SW 33rd Street, SW Coho Street, SW Brant Street, SW Abalone Street, and SW Anchor Way. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that at the August 18, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council held a public hearing on the vacation of a portion of SW 31st Street, SW 32nd Street, SW 33rd Street, SW Coho Street, SW Brant Street, SW Abalone Street, and SW Anchor Way. He added that no comments were received by the Council, and the public hearing was closed and action on the ordinance was deferred until agreements on acquisition of right-of-way from the OMSI, Investors XII, LLC, and Richard Murry were negotiated and approved by the Planning Commission. He stated that the Urban Renewal Agency, earlier this evening, approved the purchase of the right-of-way and easements, and that the City Council is now able to approve the vacations.

Nebel reported that the proposed street vacations will be effective once the plat of Sunset Dunes is recorded and a conservation easement is put in place over Lot 1, Block 1 of the plat. He added that the conservation easement will allow for low impact public access to this area once the street vacations are effective.

Allen noted that there are more extensive findings supporting this matter in the written materials.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Sawyer, to read Ordinance No. 2068, an ordinance vacating portions of SW 31st Street, SW 32nd Street, SW 33rd Street, SW Coho Street, SW Brant Street, SW Abalone Street, and SW Anchor Way with the vacation being effective once the plat of Sunset Dunes is recorded and a conservation easement is put in place over Lot 1, Block 1 of the plat, by title only, and place for final

passage. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. Hawker read the title of Ordinance No. 2068. Voting aye on the adoption of Ordinance No. 2068 were Allen, Beemer, Busby, Roumagoux, Swanson, Saelens, and Sawyer.

Report on the Finance Department Reorganization. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that one of the key tasks that Interim Finance Director Bob Gazewood and he had initiated early in 2014 was a complete review on the operations of the Finance Department with the goal of looking at opportunities to reorganize in order to improve the timeliness and accuracy of work done by the department. He stated that with regular changes of departmental leadership and City Manager's on a recurring basis, the continuity of management for the Finance Department has been in flux. He noted that in recent years much of the work responsibility has been centered on one position in the department which made it impossible to complete aspects of departmental work on a timely basis. He added that many times, one project had to be set aside for a more urgent one, and there was not sufficient time for review of work prior to completing the task. He stated that throughout this process, he and Bob met with all the employees of the department to get their perspective on how operations could be improved. He added that two part-time positions were consolidated into one full-time position with that position recently being filled. He noted that this will bring the department up to full staffing. He stated that with the new Finance Director starting his position in July, he and Gazewood felt it would be best to hold off on the reorganization of responsibilities until Murzynsky was on board.

Nebel reported that he, Murzynsky, and Gazewood spent a day working through all the various tasks that are required to be done by the Finance Department and dividing those tasks up among the personnel working in the Finance Department including the Finance Director. He added that certain tasks are being shifted to the city's new human resources position. He stated that the new allocation of job responsibilities was presented back to the departmental staff with a few minor modifications being made and has since been implemented. He noted that he believes this is a reasonable reallocation of responsibilities that will lead to more timely processing, improved accuracy of reporting, and better internal service with departments that rely on the Finance Department for support. He asked that everyone have patience with this reorganization as these job responsibilities have been shifted around and different employees will be at different points on the learning curve with some of their new obligations. He stated that as part of the reorganization, the responsibilities for completing the work necessary for the audit has been spread to several staff members. He noted that Murzynsky is working hard to have a timely annual audit for this year, and if this goal is met, it will be a good sign that the reorganization efforts are working.

Nebel expressed appreciation for everyone's willingness in the department to explore new ways of accomplishing the required tasks. He also expressed appreciation for the active role that Mike Murzynsky will be playing in the operation of the department.

Murzynsky gave a brief report on some of the specific changes that have been made to the operation of the Finance Department.

Allen asked when the next meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled. Staff agreed to follow-up.

Report on Process to Review and Amend Title X of the Municipal Code Relating to Electronic Messaging Signs in Publicly-Zoned Districts. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that at the August 18, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council heard a request from the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts to upgrade the signage for the Performing Arts Center utilizing electronic signs instead of the current 4X8 sheets of plywood with vinyl with hand-painted images on those signs. He noted that since the Performing Arts Center is a city facility, it would be necessary for the City Council to approve the concept of electronic signs which ultimately would become city property. He added that the City Council would then need to initiate amendments to the Newport Municipal Code that would allow electronic signs on publicly-zoned properties and specifically address any restrictions that may exist in the Nye Beach area that is included in the code. He stated that based on the City Council's support of the concept of an upgrade of the signs at the Performing Arts Center that would include electronic signage, the Council requested a report on how to proceed with any zoning changes that would be necessary in order to permit this type of use. He stated that the packet contains a report from Tokos outlining the history of electronic sign regulation, along with the process that would be necessary to initiate changes to land use regulations. He added that if the City Council wishes to proceed with this matter, it would be appropriate to initiate, by motion, a referral to the Planning Commission. He stated that public hearings would then be held before the Planning Commission and the Council, and if modifications are approved then the Performing Arts Center could proceed in submitting a proposal to the city for upgrading the signage consistent with any modification to the existing sign code.

Nebel reported that at the August 18, 2014 City Council meeting, there was also discussion regarding the electronic sign located at the high school. He stated that Tokos has done some research which is included in his report in the packet. Nebel noted that the school sign is legal, and a non-conforming use, as it relates to city's zoning code.

Nebel reported that, at the August 18 meeting, the City Council discussed the possibility of utilizing any potential changes to electronic signs as a way to reduce other sign clutter that occurs within the city through the use of various forms of temporary signage in the community. He stated that it would be appropriate for Council to request that the Planning Commission consider these issues as part of this overall discussion on sign regulations.

MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Saelens, to initiate amendments to Title X of the Newport Municipal Code that will allow electronic messaging signs on publicly-zoned properties and to refer the matter to the Planning Commission so they may develop appropriate standards regarding the time, place, and manner in which such signs can be installed, with the further provision that the Council encourage the Planning Commission to consider any appropriate steps that could be taken in order to reduce overall sign clutter in exchange for expanding message opportunities that electronic message signs can offer. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

The City Council, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, considered the next two agenda items.

Approval of the Purchase of Two Police Vehicles. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that in the current fiscal year, funds were appropriated for the replacement of two vehicles for the Police Department. He stated that the two old cars that are being removed from the fleet are a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor, and a 2007 Dodge Durango. He noted that for many years, the Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor was the police vehicle of choice, but that this vehicle is no longer being made. He added that the Police Department, as well as many other departments, have had mixed success with the Dodge Chargers and the smaller police package vehicles produced by Ford and GMC, primarily because of the small size for transporting prisoners in the backseat, and for housing the various equipment that needs to be part of a modern day police car which utilizes a significant amount of space in the front seat area of the vehicle. He recommended the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles through the state contract.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Saelens, to approve the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoes through the state purchasing contract in the amount of \$66,086.92. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Approval of the Purchase of a 2013 John Deere 410K Backhoe Loader. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that in the current year, funds were budgeted for the replacement of a backhoe loader from the Water Fund. He stated this purchase is being sole sourced as the city has many attachments that are set-up for a John Deere backhoe, and by staying with John Deere, this equipment will not need to be replaced. He stated that the only Oregon authorized John Deere dealer for industrial equipment is Pape Machinery.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Beemer, to approve the purchase of a 2014 John Deere 410K Backhoe Loader in the amount of \$93,180 which includes the trade-in of the existing John Deere 510D 1992 Loader in the amount of \$11,600. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Roumagoux reported that Council met in executive session on August 25 to review applications/proposals from individuals/firms interested in providing City Attorney services to the city. She noted that Council will interview Steven Rich, from Grants Pass, and Dave Gordon, of counsel with the firm on Ouderkirk and Hollen on September 4.

Roumagoux reported that she judged the Mayor's Choice Award at the Quilt Show.

Roumagoux reported that she attended the recent Niska Illahee presentation of royalty where Bud Lane and several dancers performed the feather dance.

Roumagoux reported that she gave a welcome speech to the Oregon Music Teachers Association when they were meeting in Newport.

Roumagoux reported that she met with Gary Maffei, from OMSI, to select art for OMSI's Newport facility. She noted that he provided an update noting that 6,000 students will be bussed to the Newport facility during winter months.

Roumagoux reported that she attended the Coastal Economic Caucus and introduced Senator Wyden.

Roumagoux reminded everyone of the Don Davis book signing on Friday, September 5.

Sawyer reported that he had out-of-town guests last weekend who toured Newport. He commended hospitality workers for their dedication and treatment of visitors and locals alike.

Sawyer reported that CERT training starts on September 16, and anyone interested should contact Melanie Nelson at the Fire Department.

Saelens reported that the VAC re-envisioning group had met and worked with Nebel to formalize the relationship between the city and that group. He noted that the group continues to be energetic and is working on projects to recognize a greater income for the VAC and to promote tourism. He noted that October will bring a stump rubbings exhibit, and November will include a surf art show.

Saelens reported that he is unable to attend the special City Council meeting on Thursday and requested an excused absence. MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Allen, to excuse Saelens from the special City Council meeting of September 4, 2014. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Saelens noted that a meeting with OMSI and potential contractors has been scheduled. Roumagoux reported that the meeting will be held on September 5 at the OCCC.

Swanson suggested that the Gatekeeper Referral Program could be used to refer people to places to obtain help on a variety of issues, including folks who use frequent city services for issues such as falling.

Roumagoux reported that she has material regarding OMSI's new campus that she will leave in the City Council office for others to review.

Busby reported that the Business License Working Group will meet on September 8, 2014, at 3:00 P.M. He noted that Tokos has prepared a draft of a proposed ordinance for discussion.

Busby reported that the Public Arts Committee did not meet last month due to lack of a quorum.

Busby reported that the Airport Committee is organizing a grand reopening of airport facility on October 18.

Beemer reported that he attended the Port Commission meeting last week, at which a discussion ensued regarding dredging of the area adjacent to the dock during the dredging of the turning basin.

Beemer that he, Jim Golden, and Paul Brookhyser met with Gary Chapman, CEO of the Corvallis to Coast Trail, and explored the east end of the trail.

Allen reported that the City Manager's Evaluation Sub-Group will meet on September 8 to finalize documents and procedures. He added that the group will report to Council on September 15 and move forward with evaluating the City Manager later in September.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor