

CITY MANAGER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Meeting Date: 1/2/18

Agenda Item -- Annual Report for 2017:

Each year it is important to take some time to reflect on accomplishments or issues tackled by the Council and staff over the past 12 months. Furthermore, I have identified 21 issues that had, or will have, a significant impact on the City of Newport in the future. (Somehow I ended up with 21 issues - I was planning on 20!) I have also compiled certain actions that the Council took throughout 2017. Needless to say it was a very busy year!

Top Twenty-One (21) Highlights for 2017 for the City of Newport:

Following is a list of twenty-one (21) significant issues that the City of Newport was involved with during the 2017 calendar year. As with any list, there are other significant events that others may be included in this top twenty-one (21). Please note, they are not listed in any order of importance.

VISION 2040:

(1) Greater Newport Area Vision 2040 -- Throughout the course of 2017, the greater Newport area was engaged in the development of Vision 2040. This included outreach to many individuals and groups throughout the community to obtain their aspirations for Newport's future. Over the course of this year, over 1,541 visions, and 1,126 strategies were received through public comments collected from a variety of venues. The various concepts were consolidated into six (6) focus areas, which were further defined into 77 specific strategies to help implement those concepts. In order to provide sustainability for this process, the City Council has also created a Vision 2040 Committee that will provide oversight and report back to the key stakeholders, including the City of Newport. On behalf of the Mayor, City Council, and city administration, I want to thank the steering committee that guided us through the visioning process over the past couple of years, and in particular, thank our residents and visitors for their active participation in this entire process.

PROJECTS:

(2) The Aquatic Center -- The \$9.7 million dollar Aquatic Center was completed and opened in 2017. This project was significantly enhanced with the contribution from the Ken Doerfler Trust, with the lap pool being named after Mr. Doerfler for his advocacy for swimming. The Aquatic Center has received extensive use during its first year of operation. Furthermore, the Aquatic Center resulted in the first Percent for the Arts Project with the installation of the "Happiness Found" sculpture created by C.J. Rench.

(3) Storm Sewer Projects -- A number of storm sewer projects were accomplished during the course of the year, including the \$4.1 million dollar Bay/Moore Storm Sewer Improvements. This project addressed storm water concerns from Eads Street east to the

Embarcadero. This included the revamping of the Bay/Moore intersection into an intersection where visitors now can instinctively figure out how to drive through this location. Storm sewer design has been implemented to address existing storm sewers than run under Power Ford and Sunwest Motors as well. This is one of the efforts that the city has taken in order to reduce erosion and filling of the Bay, eliminating or rehabilitating storm sewers running under the buildings, as well as addressing any interconnects contributing sewage into the storm water flow.

(4) **Fire Hall Seismic Rehabilitation** - The city was the recipient of grant funds from the State to conduct a seismic rehabilitation of the fire station in an amount just under \$1.5 million dollars. During the time this work was underway, fire operations had to move out of the fire hall, and were based at the North Station and South Station, as well as at the Public Works yard. We appreciated everyone's willingness to be inconvenienced during the time this important project was completed.

(5) **Schooner Creek & 48th Street Pump Stations** -- Design work has been initiated to complete the city's obligations under a mutual agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for the replacement of the Schooner Creek and 48th Street pump stations. Also, the property necessary for these upgrades has been obtained by the city.

(6) **Council Chambers Upgrade** -- In order to allow for video streaming and cable viewing of Council and other meetings, the audio/visual system in the Council Chambers is being replaced with state of the art audio and video equipment to resume the broadcasting of City Council meetings. The new equipment will also accommodate other public meetings, and information sessions as well in the Chambers. This will be coupled with having the ability to broadcast live on Charter Cable TV, with connections that will be made between City Hall and Charter Communications.

PLANNING PROJECTS:

(7) **Airport Master Plan** - Over the course of the past two years, the city has embarked on a long-term master plan for future improvements to the Municipal Airport. The majority of this work was funded by the FAA. The Plan has been submitted to the FAA for review.

(8) **Mid-Coast Basin Integrated Water Resources Plan** - The city has been the facilitator for the Mid-Coast Basin Integrated Water Resources Plan during the course of this past year. All of the major water utility systems, as well various environmental groups have been involved in these ongoing discussions. It is the ultimate desire that these discussions will lead to more of a regional approach to distributing the limited water resources for the various needs in the mid-coast area.

REGULATORY EFFORTS:

(9) **System Development Charges & Excise Tax** - A work group had been designated to review the city's system development charges and to consider the possibility of implementing an excise tax to help fund housing initiatives within the City of Newport. The

ultimate plan that was adopted by the City Council resulted in a general reduction in system development charges for most categories of use, and the implementation of a 1% excise tax that can be used to help fund, and incentivize the development of additional housing within the city. The use of the excise tax will be further defined by the City Council after hearing recommendations from a city work group that will be appointed in 2018.

(10) **Housing Reforms** - The Planning Commission and City Council tackled a number of housing regulations in order to incentivize the development of workforce housing, and other housing in Newport. These included reducing SDC charges for smaller structures, implementing a multi-unit property tax exemption program that Lincoln County has also adopted, adding tax exemption for non-profit organizations holding land for low income houses, and allowing upper story housing above commercial ground floor uses as principal use

(11) **Recreational Marijuana** - The City Council took several actions relating to the legalization of recreational marijuana in the city. These included entering into a collection agreement with the Oregon Department of Revenue for the local 3% tax levy, as well as modifying local tax ordinances so that it would be consistent with State practices to facilitate the collection of this tax. The city has received the first proceeds from the local marijuana tax, as well as the first proceeds from the State shared revenues for taxes collected by the State of Oregon for the recreational marijuana.

(12) **Vacation Rentals** - The City Council had several discussions on the current rules regulating vacation rentals within the city. This matter was turned over to the Planning Commission for a review with the recommendation coming back to the Council that a comprehensive review be done on these provisions that were initially adopted six (6) years ago. This matter has been returned to the Planning Commission for their review, analysis, and recommendations on modifications to regulations governing vacation rentals within the City of Newport.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

(13) **US Highway 20** - The last work was completed on US Highway 20 during this past summer to greatly improve the commute between Corvallis and Newport. The Eddyville to Pioneer Mountain by-pass has re-directed a significant amount of truck traffic to US Highway 20 from I-5 to Georgia Pacific avoiding the US Highway 101/20 intersection in Newport. It has shortened up the commute time between Corvallis and Newport and certainly increased the drivability of this route. Furthermore, we had the privilege of dedicating US Highway 20 from Newport to the Idaho border as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway this fall. This effort is a result of the Bend Hero's Foundation work with the State Legislature to formerly designate this stretch of road in honor of great American's from Oregon who have exhibited exceptional courage and bravery in the defense of our country.

(14) **Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital** -- Work is underway on the \$57 million dollar hospital construction project for the Pacific Communities Health District. This bond measure was approved in 2015. The new hospital will be a state of the art facility, which will increase the availability and delivery of health care in Newport. This was one of the highest

priorities identified in the 2040 vision, as well as identified in a survey of residents, 50 years and older, done by the 60 Plus Advisory Committee earlier this year.

(15) **Oregon State University Marine Studies Initiative** - Work continued forward in 2017 on the realization of the Marine Studies building, and housing that will be located in the Wilder neighborhood. The building and housing initiative is estimated to be \$50 million dollars, and will include the first vertical evacuation site with the ability to handle more than 900 people. The Marine Studies Initiative will ultimately bring 500 students, who will be studying a variety of issues relating to maritime activities. This facility will certainly have a long standing impact on Newport's standing as a marine research community.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

(16) **Negotiations** - Negotiated and entered into agreements with the Newport Employees Association, and the International Association of Firefighters for labor contracts covering two years for the NEA and three years for the IAFF.

(17) **Property Transactions** - The city sold the fish processing plant property on the Bayfront to the leasor, Bornstein's. The proceeds from this sale were utilized to pay off the SE corner parking lot at Angle and Highway 101, and the North fire station, with the remainder of funds being placed in a reserve fund for future property acquisition. In addition, the City Council agreed to lease the former pool building to the Lincoln County School District to use for their administrative and support services. This alleviates the city from spending funds for demolition of this structure, and saves LCSD funds from having to acquire property and build a new facility to meet their long term support needs.

(18) **Employee Turnover** - The city continued dealing with the replacement of personnel in a number of departments that resulted from thirty-five terminations, three retirements, with a filling of 54 positions in 2017. As part of this transition, we want to congratulate Tony Garbarino, Jim Salisbury, and Kathleen Palmer for their years of service with the city. These three individuals retired during the 2017 calendar year.

(19) **Budget Preparation** - The City Council, along with the Budget Committee reviewed the work of all the city departments, and Finance Department in appropriating a budget in the amount of \$71,208,660 for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. This is always a major effort that takes a significant amount of time for all participants. However, the annual budget defines the financial operating plan for the coming fiscal year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

(20) **Oregon Legislative Changes** - The Oregon Legislature, along with Governor Brown, had an active legislative season that included two (2) issues that are particularly important for the City of Newport. The first is the restoration of recreational immunity for property owners who provide free use of their land and facilities for the purpose of public recreation. This legislation addressed an Oregon Supreme Court ruling that held the property owner immune from liability for recreational use of the land, however, it determined that the land owners agents and employees were not immune from liability. The second major piece

of legislation accomplished by the State during this last session was the implementation of increases in revenues to address roads (State and local) throughout the State of Oregon. The amount of funding that has been available for road maintenance and construction has dwindled compared to the growing costs of providing those services. Over the next decade, the amount of resources available for road maintenance through this tax will be increasing significantly to State and local jurisdictions.

(21) **The 2017 Solar Eclipse** - Preparations were initiated well before 2017 in order to prepare for the August 21 solar eclipse. Local, State, and Federal agencies worked very closely together to prepare for crowds that would have significant impacts from the Coast all the way through the pathway of totality passing through the State of Oregon. The biggest surprise in Lincoln County was that the crowds never materialized on the Coast. For those who were in Newport to watch the eclipse, it was truly a spectacular and memorable event to watch the moon pass between the sun and the earth. From a planning and preparation standpoint, it was an excellent exercise that will help prepare the Coast for working together to deal with future emergencies as well. While I had both a sense of relief and disappointment at the efforts put into place that were not needed to manage the crowds on August 21, I truly believe that the time spent to prepare for this event was appropriate, and will help us immensely the next time we have to work among various entities to prepare for an emergency affecting the Central Oregon Coast.

2017 BY THE NUMBERS:

➤ Regular City Council meetings -	22
➤ Special City Council meetings -	4
➤ Work Sessions	20
➤ Executive Sessions	9
➤ Minutes Approved	55
➤ Ordinances Adopted	17
➤ Resolutions Adopted	17
➤ OLCC License Transactions	9
➤ Appointments to Boards/Committees	38
➤ Public Hearings	41
➤ Proclamations Issued	14
➤ Change Orders for Construction Projects Approved	6
➤ Waiver of Special Event Fees Approved by Council	2
➤ Supplemental Budgets Approved	5
➤ Tourism Marketing Grants Awarded	5

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL DURING 2017 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Held organizational meetings for the Newport City Council, as well as the Urban Renewal Agency to seat the re-elected members to the Council, which included Sandy Roumagoux as Mayor, Dean Sawyer and Laura Swanson for City Council, and the newly elected Dietmar Goebel to fill a term on City Council. The Council elected Councilor Engler as President of the Council for 2017. The Urban Renewal Agency

selected Councilor Dean Sawyer to serve as Chair Person, and Councilor Allen to serve as Vice Chair Person.

- Following a series of public hearings, the City Council sold the seafood processing facility at 813 SW Bay Blvd. to Bornstein Seafoods in the amount of \$1,657,500.
- Created a permanent Audit Committee for the city.
- Made modifications to the City Code regarding marijuana retail sales in order to facilitate State collection of the local 3% tax.
- Held joint meetings with the Lincoln County Commissioners, and the Newport Port District.
- Entered into an agreement with the State of Oregon to collect the marijuana tax.
- Heard a presentation from Dr. Gil Sylvia on the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment (COMES).
- Granted a temporary construction easement for Front Street Marina, LLC.
- Approved final funding for the Ernest Bloch Memorial Wayside (Agate Beach) Improvement Project.
- Initiated the public process for developing the greater Newport area Vision 2040. This involved a series of meetings beginning in mid-February in order to obtain citizen feedback on the goals, aspirations, visions and strategies to implement those visions for the greater Newport area. This was a significant effort that obtained a substantial amount of constructive feedback throughout the course of 2017. The vision was adopted by the City Council in November of 2017.
- Awarded the work for the final phase of the Agate Beach improvements, which included the restroom and shower facility to complete this work at the way station, including the new trail to the beach.
- Approved the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map amendment to facilitate the Pacific Communities Health District Hospital construction.
- Heard a report on the acceptance of the audited financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016.
- Approved a contract with the Newport Employee's Association, which implemented the findings of the salary study effective July 1, 2016, and implemented over a three-year period.
- Accepted jurisdiction over a portion of Big Creek road from Lincoln County.
- Authorized the use of city recreational facilities for the US Coast Guard personnel and dependents.
- Heard a report on complaints regarding Cherokee Lane.
- Heard a report on the potential use of a fire boat to supplement suppression activities on Yaquina Bay. Ultimately issues pertaining to the Newport Security Plan made the city ineligible for this grant.
- The City Council identified legislative priorities for submission to the League of Oregon Cities.
- The City Council participated in the opening of the new Aquatic Center.
- The City Council approved a series of contracts for consultants of record.
- Heard a report on the Safe Haven Hill cache.
- Approved a resolution to legislature requesting restoration of recreational immunity rights for local governments. This was accomplished during the legislative session.

- Amended the Newport Municipal Code relating to the acquisition or transfer of property to the city from the declaration of a limited emergency for damage caused by flooding and landslides in 2017.
- Awarded the Bay Moore Storm Sewer Project for construction in 2017.
- Approved an agreement with TCB Security for initiating a traffic violations bureau.
- Conducted a day-long goal setting session, with the goals for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year being adopted following a public hearing.
- Heard a report on a desire to create a mountain bike trail system in the Big Creek Reservoir property.
- Extended the Georgia Pacific right-of-way agreement by an additional seven (7) years.
- Authorized an agreement with the Lincoln Community Land Trust to address various funding issues relating to the provision of work-force housing in the City of Newport.
- Heard a report on the impact that the President's Executive Order for enhancing public safety in the interior of the US would have on the State of Oregon and the City of Newport.
- Award the bid for the NE 7th Street water pump station.
- Adopted a resolution promulgating a revised emergency operations plan for the city, including making certain amendments to the city code to address any conflicts between the plan and the city code.
- Approved a voluntary collection of transient room tax agreement with AirBnB, Inc.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lincoln County Water Conservation District to continue work on turbidity and sediment monitoring on the Siletz River in partnership with city of Toledo, Conservation District, and the DEQ, and Oregon Water Resources Department.
- Approved a Mutual Agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality outlining a schedule to bring the Schooner Creek and NW 48 Street pump stations online to eliminate the discharge of raw sewage flows that exceed pump station capacities.
- Provided a series of reports on preparation of the August 21, 2017, solar eclipse.
- Awarded a grant for the seismic rehabilitation of the Newport Fire Station.
- Held a public hearing to receive comments on County Measure 21-177, a measure which prohibits aerial pesticide spraying.
- The Council initiated and ultimately vacated a portion of SE Ferry Slip Road in order to have the right-of-way correspond with the existing road, which will facilitate development opportunities for the Oregon Coast Aquarium.
- City Council authorized a letter expressing appreciation to ODOT for the completion of US 20, Pioneer Mountain to Eddyville Project. With the completion of US 20, it certainly has made the commute between Newport and Corvallis more pleasant.
- Conducted a public hearing on an appeal of an encroachment permit issue to facilitate moving a house from the bluff at 552 NW 56 Street. The Council sustained the decision to grant the encroachment.
- Authorized a grant application to the USDA for the redevelopment of the former Hallmark Fishery site. This grant was not approved by the USDA.
- Entered into a shared parking agreement with Western Title for the new Angle Street parking lot.
- Authorized a letter of support for continued Federal funding for the Sea Grant Program.

- Approved a contract for the replacement of a storm sewer at NE 54 Street.
- Held a joint meeting with the Airport Committee to review the Airport Master Plan. Ultimately at the recommendation of the Airport Committee, the City Council submitted the Airport Plan for approval to the FAA.
- Approved franchise agreement for solid waste, recycling, and compost collection for the year beginning July 1, 2017, with Thompson Sanitation Services, Inc.
- Heard an update from the Destination Newport Committee on the impact of their yearly efforts regarding e-marketing, and use of social media.
- Appropriated the proceeds of the fish processing warehouse sale to pay off the north side fire hall loan in the amount of \$203,613, paid off the loan for the purchase of the southeast corner of Highway 101 and Angle Street in the amount of \$1,123,000, with the balance of the proceeds going into a land and reserve fund in the amount of \$326,000.
- Authorized an agreement with PDX TV/Fox 12 for a web cam location overlooking Yaquina Bay.
- Approved an ordinance to broaden the types of vehicles that can vend from public property at the request of a vendor wishing to utilize the vending spaces at the Nye Beach Turnaround.
- Heard a report from Drs. David Bigelow and Lesley Ogden on the new hospital project.
- Heard from Councilor Goebel on Portland's effort to salvage components from historic buildings.
- Entered into a mutual aid agreement for emergency assistance with the Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN).
- Passed a resolution to cleanup areas in which business vending can occur on public property.
- Authorized the purchase of land for the Schooner Creek and 48 Street Sanitary pump stations, with both of these transactions closing.
- Took various actions to continue efforts for the Mid-Coast Place Based Planning Study.
- Heard a presentation from the Lincoln County Sheriff, Curtis Landers, on the transition in programming services (TAPS) Program.
- Heard a report from the 60 Plus Advisory Committee who wanted to send out a city side survey on various elements of becoming an age-friendly community. The survey identified as the highest single priority improving access to health care in Newport.
- Renewed the fulfillment services agreement with the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce through 2020.
- Approved a contract for the design for undergrounding electrical services on Ferry Slip Road.
- Approved a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, with appropriations equaling \$71,208,660.
- The City Council clarified rules on the filling of vacancies on boards, commissions, and committees.
- Authorized the purchase of used fire engine.
- Building Official, Joseph Lease, was recognized as the city employee of the year by the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce.
- Heard an update from Bob Cohen on the Marine Science Initiative.

- Held a series of public hearings regarding the adoption of new methodology relating to the development charges, and establishing a construction excise tax to be used for affordable housing. The Council enacted these changes, which effectively lowered the SDC charges based on the capital needs that would be funded through the SDC fees, and implemented a one percent (1%) excise tax on commercial and residential construction that will be used for facilitating affordable/work force housing in Newport.
- Held a series of public hearings and ultimately enacted a number of incentive programs to promote the development of housing within the City of Newport.
- Heard concerns from residents regarding speed limits and multi-use of Oceanview Drive. Certain steps have been taken with a commitment to do additional work to improve the shoulders and to utilize edge markings on the road with more significant traffic issues being incorporated into the Transportation Study that the city will be initiating in 2018.
- Approved a marketing agreement as recommended by the Destination Newport Committee with the “News-Times” for tourism promotion activities.
- Approved the assignment of the cable television franchise from WAVE Division VII, LLC to Radiant HoldCo., LLC.
- Approved a cost of living adjustments for non-represented employees, pending the completion of the salary survey.
- Initiated design for the construction of the new storm sewers to replace storm drains running under Power Ford, and Sunwest Motors.
- Annexed a residential lot on NE Golf Course Drive.
- After a couple of public hearings and through negotiations between the Lincoln County School District and the city, an agreement to lease the former city pool building to the LCSD was approved by the City Council. With this building being reused to house administrative support services for the district.
- Heard a final report on the eclipse. What a spectacular event to witness here in Newport; however, the big surprise was that the projections of people witnessing the eclipse on the coast fell through with the eclipse weekend being a very quiet summer weekend in Newport. Overall, the eclipse planning from the Federal, State, County, and local standpoint was well done. We were well prepared and if nothing else this was a great exercise to test our abilities to work on a multi-jurisdictional basis in going forward for emergency planning and response.
- Purchased three vehicles for the Police Department.
- Hired Jason Malloy to serve as Newport’s Police Chief, following the retirement of Police Chief, Mark Miranda, in 2016.
- Amended Ordinance No. 2118, to add three alternate members to the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
- Heard a final report from Chamber Executive, Lorna Davis, on the annual tourism promotion fulfillment, and development report for services purchased by the city.
- Approved a letter of intent with ODOT to establish a pollinator habitat corridor.
- Authorized a grant agreement to fund the rehabilitation of the storm pipe running under the Municipal Airport.
- Leased a new refueling truck from World Fuel Services for the Airport. The truck was provided at a nominal cost to the city in exchange for a five-year purchase and branding agreement with Phillips 66 for fuel sales.

- Filled a new position of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the city with Regina Martinez.
- Held a second meeting with the Port of Newport to better understand the direction that the newly elected board is pursuing as it relates to the International Terminal, and other Port operations.
- Heard a presentation on the Oregon Coast Community Forest Initiative.
- Authorized a contract to upgrade audio/visual systems in the Council Chamber to allow for video streaming, and live cable coverage of City Council meetings.
- Initiated a community conversation on the status of vacation/rental regulations within the city. Ultimately, the Planning Commission will do a comprehensive review of the city's vacation rental standards in 2018.
- After hearing concerns about the zero foot setback from property owners in Nye Beach, the City Council referred that matter back to the Planning Commission, and ultimately adopted a revised provisions eliminating the zero foot garage setback as an outright option in favor of a 20 foot setback that may only be reduced by the Planning Commission in reviewing it in conjunction with the Nye Beach Design guidelines.
- Entered into a grant agreement with the State of Oregon to provide thermal plastic tsunami evacuation wayfinding signage in the city. The signage will likely be installed the spring of 2018.
- Purchased a new sewer televising van.
- Initiated design on the NW 6 Street Storm Drain Sewer Project from Nye Street to High Street, which will include the addition of sidewalks as costs permit from Nye to High Street.
- Authorized various payouts of residual funding for retirees from the city. The residual funding resulted from employees being paid out based on an estimated amount, and not the actual amount at the time of retirement. These payouts affected those employees who took a lump sum payment.
- Heard a report from the Airport Committee regarding the need to address tree encroachments in the approach and departure surfaces for the Municipal Airport.
- Initiated the first phase of a master plan for continued upgrades to the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Amended the city's ordinance on vertical evacuation structures to facilitate the design of a marine studies initiative building at Hatfield Marine Science property, which will include evacuation space in the event of a near shore tsunami. This will be the first building of its kind built on the Oregon coast, and only the second building built to provide tsunami evacuation on the entire west coast of the United States.
- Held a public hearing regarding the potential implementation of an ordinance prohibiting unlawful transfers of material goods between vehicles and pedestrians within the rights-of-way. Council has elected to review this issue in the spring of 2018.
- Heard a report from Thompson Sanitary Services regarding the significant changes that have affected the market for mixed recyclable materials. China has been the major consumer of these materials, and due to new efforts to address environmental issues in China, there has been a dramatic impact on the sale of recycled materials.
- Entered into a three-year collective bargaining agreement with IAFF, No. 4169, retroactive to July 1, 2017.

- Heard a report from those who attended the League of Oregon Cities Conference in Portland.
- City Council participated in a joint meeting with the Newport Vision 2040 Coordinating Committee to discuss and prioritize the various strategies outlined through the visioning process.
- Held a discussion on services to the homeless population. As a result of this discussion, it was determined to pull together a community group similar to Lebanon, Oregon, to further discuss and identify specific actions that can be taken by the community at large to address homeless issues in Newport.
- Heard a report from the Regional Accelerator Innovation Network (R.A.I.N) regarding their efforts to build the economy through assistance to entrepreneurs. A letter of support for the County applying for funds to continue entrepreneurial services in Lincoln County was concurred upon by the City Council at a following work session.
- Based on recommendations from Destination Newport Committee, the Tourism Marketing Grant fund application and program was modified to assure that city funds are being used to market events outside of Lincoln County. City Council approved these provisions.
- Provided a letter of support for inclusion of the commercial fishing industry for emergency fundamental funding for officially declared ongoing fisheries disasters.
- Awarded a bid for new replacement sanitary sewer improvement within the Grant Street right-of-way north of SE 4 Street to eliminate old sanitary sewer lines, and to eliminate a small wastewater pump station, since the new line will be gravity fed.
- Adopted the Greater Newport Area Vision 2040 and strategic plan. In addition, the City Council created a Vision 2040 Advisory Committee that will be charged with monitoring and reporting on the progress that is being made in implementing the strategies identified in the 2040 vision.
- Heard a report on achieving a resilient Oregon ocean and coast.
- Held a joint City Council, 60 Plus Advisory Committee, and Pacific Communities District work session to discuss the findings of the 60 Plus Advisory Committee, as well as the 2040 greater Newport vision relating to accessibility to health care services in Newport. Dr. Lesley Ogden, CEO of both Lincoln County hospital facilities, gave an excellent overview of the challenges facing the healthcare industry. As a result, this could very well be a specific steering committee that gets set up to oversee this section of the visioning process.
- Presented a proclamation to the State Championship Newport High Soccer team, winning its second State championship in a row.
- Heard a report from Surfriders regarding the ongoing beach monitoring project that has been done collectively by the city and the Surfrider organization. While significant improvements have been made since these efforts were initiated, there are still significant problems to be addressed.
- Accepted planning assistance from the US Army Corp of Engineers to assist with the Mid-Coast Basin Integrated Water Resource Plan.
- Heard a report on the schedule for the budget calendar for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year.
- Awarded bids for additional rapid flashing beacons to be installed at the crosswalks installed through an ODOT contract within the past two years. These flashing beacons will be similar to the one at Angle and Highway 101.

- Awarded bids for the purchase of equipment for the Nye Beach Pump Station Screen and Grinder Project.
- Held a work session on the status of the non-union salary study and its implementation for the city.

Other Department Issues for 2017:

- The city continues seeing a significant amount of growth in building and land use permit figures with the total construction value for permits in 2017 (through November) equaling \$49 million dollars compared with \$19 million in 2016, \$22 million in 2015, and \$13 million in 2014. Building permits are continuing a trend upward showing a recovery from the economic crash in 2008.
- The Newport Municipal Library has added security personnel to help manage appropriate behaviors within the Library itself. By most accounts this has been a great investment for many of our Library users, as well as relieving the stress on our Library personnel for dealing with the interpersonal issues that the security personnel can effectively handle.
- Efforts have been made to improve and beautify areas in the community, such as Nye Beach Turnaround, Angle Street Parking lot, and the traffic circle in South Beach. This effort has been funded from the current fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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