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**CITY OF NEWPORT
CITY COUNCIL VIDEOGRAPHY PROGRAM
ON TEMPORARY HIATUS**

In 2009, the City of Newport entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Lincoln County School District regarding the videotaping of City Council meetings by District staff and students from Toledo High School. Since then, the city has worked with Peter Vince as the teacher coordinator of the videography program.

Vince has mentored many Toledo High School students over the years, imparting excellent technical skills and an exemplary work ethic to these students, but he has recently retired. There is currently not a School District employee assigned to continue the videography program, so there will be a temporary hiatus on the videotaping of Newport City Council meetings effective June 6, 2016.

City staff is working diligently to rectify this situation; talking with District staff; and exploring other options for this service. However, until the issue is resolved, there will be an audio file on the city's website for citizen review. The audio file will be posted on the website immediately after the City Council meetings which are held monthly on the first and third Monday evenings. The city's website can be accessed at www.newportoregon.gov.

The city apologizes for this temporary inconvenience, and wants the public to know that it continues to look for a speedy resolution.

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