

## RESOLUTION NO. 3604

### A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE RENAMING OF CITY PROPERTY AT 1212 NE FOGARTY STREET AS "FOREST PARK"

#### FINDINGS:

1. The City of Newport has been approached by citizens interested in the city designating approximately 77.43 acres of land adjacent to and north of the public swimming pool at 1212 NE Fogarty Street as "Forest Park;" and
2. The property is identified on Lincoln County Assessment Maps as Tax Lot 400, Section 5, Township 11S, Range 11W, W.M and is bordered to the west by NE Big Creek Road (ref: Exhibit A); and
3. Site improvements include the swimming pool at the southwest corner of the property, municipal water storage tanks approximately 1,200 feet to the north and east, and an appurtenant utility access road and associated trails. The property is otherwise undeveloped and forested and includes a portion of Jeffries Creek; and
4. Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 2.35.020 sets out a process for naming public places other than streets; and
5. Such process may be initiated by resolution of the City Council or a petition signed by no fewer than 100 eligible voters residing in the City of Newport; and
6. It is the desire of the City Council to initiate the renaming process by resolution so that subsequent hearings may be conducted before the Newport Planning Commission and City Council to solicit public input on whether or not designating the property as "Forest Park" is in the public interest; and
7. In moving this proposal forward, the Council recognizes that a potential "Forest Park" designation will not change the zoning for the property, which is already very restrictive, but may help to establish a management strategy that provides appropriate access to the site while preserving the natural scenery; and
8. It is also the Council's expectation that such a strategy be outlined by city staff and shared with the public so that it may be considered as part of the renaming process. The City's 1993 Park System Master Plan identifies the site as the "Big Creek/Jefferies Creek Open Space" but does not provide details about how the property will be managed or developed. If a management strategy is agreed upon as part of this process it could be incorporated into a future Park System Master Plan update.

#### THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. As provided in NMC Section 2.35.020(E), a public hearing shall be scheduled before the Newport Planning Commission so that they might provide a recommendation to the City Council on whether or not it is in the public interest to

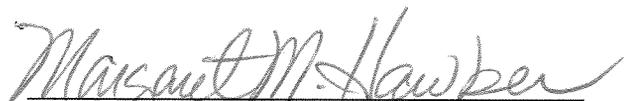
designate the property as "Forest Park." Such hearing shall be scheduled as soon as practicable considering the need for a management strategy to be drafted and applicable notice requirements; and

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.



Mark McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder