

**MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 07, 2021**

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on September 07, 2021, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

	Shirley Sands	Mayor
	Nickole North	Clerk/Treasurer
	Laura McAloon	City Attorney
Kenneth Smith		Councilmember
Nancy Hawks-Thompson		Councilmember
Jami Sears		Councilmember
Mark Zorica		Councilmember
Keith Campbell		Mayor Pro Tem

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Sands called the meeting to order followed by roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from the August 16, 2021 Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Campbell asked for an executive session to be added to the agenda after the workshop to discuss litigation and possible litigation RCW 42.30.110(1i). Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the agenda as amended; Councilmember Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Sands stated that interviews for the City Administrator had been held that afternoon and more is to come.

Councilmember Campbell asked the City Attorney if the previous City Administrator, Russ Pelleberg can have an opportunity to come and respond to the allegations made against him. City Attorney McAloon stated that Mr. Pelleberg resigned from his position at the city and could come at any time and speak. She has been in contact with Mr. Pelleberg's attorney and was informed that a claim had been filed with the City's insurance company and the claim was declined.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Mauro gave an update and history of the Centennial Plaza. She stated that around 5,000 visitors a year enjoy the Gazebo. A Facebook page has been created called Newport WA Centennial Plaza for anyone who would like to check it out. Kalispel Metal Products donated picnic tables which are very nice. The Gazebo needs painted and they are asking for assistance or

a possible volunteer day to help paint. A couple sections of the sidewalk need redone as well. Ms. Mauro stated that the International Selkirk Loop brings many visitors to the area.

Terrie Ivie, Relay for Life, Chair was unable to attend the Council Meeting but provided a written recap of the event for the Mayor to read to the Council. Ms. Ivie wrote that there was a smaller crowd but the weather was very hot and smoky and they are trying to rebuild from virtual last year. Twenty survivors were served along with their caregivers and family members at the survivor dinner and honored them with the first lap. There were 13 teams signed up but only 8 participated. They raised around \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society. The luminary ceremony at dusk was heartfelt as we remembered those that were lost and celebrated those that won their battles. This is a family event that lasts 12 hours. She stated that the community is amazing. The theme for 2022 is “Picture a Cure”, which is a nice thought. She thanked the Council for their support and was very grateful.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve Agreement NP2021-11 for engineering services with Century West Engineering Corporation; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

Councilmember Smith moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 64372-64397	\$32,734.92
CLAIMS EFT 09/02/2021 Run 1-6	\$6,603.90
CLAIMS EFT 08/16/2021 PAYROLL CORRECTION	(\$168.45)
PAYROLL EFTS 1150-1154 & DIRECT DEPOSIT 08/20/2021	\$64,408.26

WORKSHOP:

A workshop began at 6:27 PM and ended at 7:48 PM.

There was discussion regarding the draft franchise agreement with PUD. After discussion the Council agreed to have the term of the agreement be 5 years with two 5-year extensions. City Attorney McAloon was given the go ahead to send the draft agreement to PUD for their review.

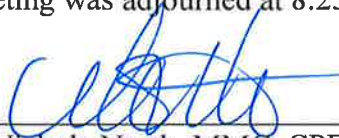
Budget goals for the Council for the budget year 2022 were discussed. Council goals for 2022 were to take care of the dirt roads in the City, make sure that the splash park is repaired prior to the season so that it is not an issue with citizens, follow the six-year transportation plan and budget for a new police vehicle each year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session to discuss litigation or possible litigation RCW 42.30.110(1i) was opened at 7:50 PM to last 20 minutes. The executive session was closed at 8:23 PM. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Attest: 

Nickole North, MMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer

By: 

Shirley Sands
Mayor