

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON June 1, 2026

A meeting of the Newport City Council was held on June 1, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

Keith Campbell	Mayor
Abby Gribi	City Administrator
Theresa Schoener	Clerk/Treasurer

Nathan Weathers	Councilmember
Elizabeth Spring	Councilmember
Jami Sears	Councilmember
Mark Zorica	Mayor Pro Tem
Nathan Longly	Councilmember

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Councilmember Longly moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from May 18, 2026, Council Meeting; Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell commented on the final update regarding the financial phishing scheme. He let the City know that we will be receiving all of the money back. He appreciates the insurance company and commented on how great they have been to work with.

Mayor Campbell commented that the Newport Highschool Graduation Parade will be this Friday at 3:30pm.

Councilmember Spring thanked the City for the new stop sign on 5th and Cass.

Councilmember Longly commented on the streets and thanked the road crew for sweeping.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Bill Prater, who resides at 505 Quail Loop, stated that he was at Council again to talk about ADA parking. He mentioned that he had reached out to the Governor and hopes that the City can take a serious look at ADA parking. He stated that the businesses are missing out as 29% of the population is over 65. He noted that the City needs to be more cognizant of citizens with challenges.

Mayor Campbell wanted to let him know that we have been looking into this concern. Councilmember Zorica suggested a workshop with WSDOT so we can ask questions about ADA parking on the state Hwy

or the side streets. Councilmember Zorica suggested that we have one Council meeting replaced with a WSDOT workshop. Administrator Gribi stated that she can request it but it is not a guarantee.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Administrator Gribi attended the Transportation Improvement Board workshop and will set up a time that they could come on site.

The Transportation Improvement Board public hearing will be on July 6th.

Administrator Gribi and the Mayor will be giving an update on the Comprehensive Plan to the County Commissioners, PUD Commissioners and the Port Commissioners.

The Newport High School Senior Parade will be a 3:30 PM on Friday.

The Source water agreement is signed by DOH and a consultant has been on site to view wells.

The RV Host has arrived and is settling in.

We had two temporary maintenance workers start last week and a lot of prep work has been done getting ready for road projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Madi Campbell, President of the Greater Newport Area Chamber of Commerce provided an update. She thanked Councilmember Longly for his support and the turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt. She also spoke about the Chamber instituting a “folder program” for visitors and tourists to attract more business into the area. They are also rolling out a member survey so members can express what their priorities are to gauge and engage the members. She also noted that memberships are currently on pause. They are looking at and planning for priorities over the next year.

Councilmember Zorica moved to approve the TIB Grant Agreement 2E-892(011)-11. Councilmember Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sears moved to approve Accounting Clerk Job Description. Councilmember Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Longly moved to approve Public Works Board Pre-Construction Funding Agreement PR26-96410-016. Councilmember Sears seconded. Motion carried.

BILLS & PAYROLL:

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the bills and payroll; Councilmember Longly seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS CHECKS 67532-67545	\$13,402.32
CLAIMS EFT 2026 June 1 st Mtg: 1-5	\$8,682.14
CLAIMS DIR PAY 2026 June 1 st Mtg: 1	\$1,750.00
PAYROLL EFT PR 2026 June 1 st 1-10; Dir Deposit Run 05/19/2026	\$87,055.01

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Attest: Theresa Schoener
Theresa Schoener
Clerk/Treasurer

By: Keith Campbell
Keith Campbell
Mayor