

CITY OF NEWBERG COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 16, 2012
7:00 P.M. MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TRAINING ROOM (401 EAST THIRD STREET)

A work session was held prior to the meeting. A meet and greet was held with Newberg School District Superintendent Kym LeBlanc-Esparza and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici District Representative Erik Horeis. All Councilors and the Mayor were present; no action was taken and no decisions were made.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members

Present:	Mayor Bob Andrews	Denise Bacon	Ryan Howard	Stephen McKinney
	Bart Rierson	Marc Shelton	Wade Witherspoon	

Staff

Present:	Daniel Danicic, City Manager	Norma I. Alley, City Recorder
	Leah Griffith, Library Director	Nicole Tannler, Minutes Recorder

Others

Present: Robert Soppe, Robert Bohall, Bob McCombs, Erik Horeis, and Kym LeBlanc-Esparza

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Consider a motion appointing Robert McCombs to serve on the Newberg Public Library Advisory Board Position #5 for a term expiring June 30, 2015, and Rob Bohall to serve on the Newberg Public Library Advisory Board Position #2 for a term expiring June 30, 2016.

TIME – 7:05 PM

Mayor Andrews introduced and welcomed the two candidates for the Newberg Library Board. Mr. Robert “Bob” McCombs thanked the council for the position and hopes he can do a good job. Mr. Robert Bohall said he is the reference librarian at George Fox University and wants the residents in the community to be well served with keeping the library maintained and elevated.

<p>MOTION: Shelton/Rierson appointing Robert McCombs to serve on the Newberg Public Library Advisory Board Position #5 for a term expiring June 30, 2015, and Rob Bohall to serve on the Newberg Public Library Advisory Board Position #2 for a term expiring June 30, 2016. Motion carried (7 Yes/0 No).</p>

V. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Daniel Danicic, City Manager, reported the second Special Olympics event was successful with no significant incidents, staff is focusing on the Old Fashion Festival coming up in a couple weeks, City Hall Day is scheduled for September 20, 2012, and the Newberg Downtown Collation is putting together an effort called Downtown Transformation, which is scheduled to be completed in three years.

Councilor Shelton asked if there are any formal agreements with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding what can potentially happen with 99W after the By-pass. Mr. Danicic said no, he has not had a discussion with ODOT regarding 99W as part of the challenge after the By-pass will be dealing with 99W, Hwy. 240 and Hwy. 219. Mayor Andrews stated ODOT may be in a transition in how they handle jurisdictional transfers, so we will want to stay on top of that.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Andrews opened public testimony.

Mr. Robert Soppe testified on suggested corrections to the Newberg Development Code. The first is a technical error in Section 15.100 regarding the use of the word “applicant” in reference to the person filing the appeal in a Type I, II, or III process. The code defines “applicant” as the owner or authorized agent acting on behalf of the owner. Type III appeals can be someone opposed to the original applicant. He recommended replacing the word applicant with appellant. Mr. Soppe continued with saying the second issue is the parking requirements for developments. Section 15.440.050(B) allows for the number of spaces required in a development to be reduced because of the joint use of the parking facilities. Mr. Soppe said he presumed this is due to differences in times of usage of the parking lot. When a business changes their hours of operation this could cause a problem. Another issue has to do with Section 15.440.050(C) stating “Commercial establishments within 200 feet of a commercial parking lot may reduce the required number of parking spaces by fifty percent.” An obvious error in this is there is no correlation between the number of spaces in the commercial parking lot and the number of spaces that are being reduced. Though there is a requirement to construct a certain amount of parking spaces for a development, there is nothing to prohibit frequent events, such as tent sales, that render many of those parking spaces as unusable for parking. It seems unreasonable to allow them to be counted as parking spaces when they cannot be used as such. These have been recent issues and could be corrected without an excessive effort (see official meeting packet for full written testimony handed in).

Councilor McKinney asked if the issue needing clarification was in regards to the Cultural Center’s parking lot. Mr. Soppe answered yes, the example of the Cultural Center would be them having fifty-three spaces and if tents were put up for an event, then it does not seem reasonable to count the actual parking spaces being occupied by tents because you could not park a car there. Councilor McKinney asked if there are events in other parking lots that need clarifying as well. Mr. Soppe said in general those are on over constructed parking lots, so it is not an issue.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider a motion approving City Council Minutes for May 21 and June 4, 2012.

TIME – 7:21 PM

<p>MOTION: Rierson/Bacon approving the motion approving City Council Minutes for May 21 and June 4, 2012. Motion carried (7 Yes/0 No).</p>
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VIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion on League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Legislative Priorities.

TIME – 7:22 PM

Mr. Daniel Danicic, City Manager, presented the staff report and referenced handouts given to Council on July 2, 2012 (see July 2, 2012, official meeting packet for full report).

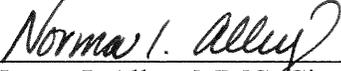
Discussion commenced on the top priorities and consensus was met to submit items A, C, D, and M as the City of Newberg's top priorities.

MOTION: **Howard/Bacon** directing staff to present options A, C, D and M to the League of Oregon Cities as preferred legislative priorities. Motion carried (7 Yes/0 No).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

ADOPTED by the Newberg City Council this 20th day of August, 2012.



Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 21st day of August, 2012.



Bob Andrews, Mayor