



**CITY OF NEWPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
June 3, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:17 p.m. on June 3, 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine, Council Member Tom Ingemann, Council Member Marvin Taylor, and Council Member Rozlyn Johnson.

Not Present (0): None.

3. CITY LOGO

Mayor Elliott presented the updated City logo options based on suggestions from the April meeting. There are two outer ring color options that can be used based on the background. Council preferred the navy ring which can be the default logo. Mayor Elliott also presented the bar color options which include a medium blue and a navy blue. This blue bar would be used on business cards, envelopes, letterhead, etc. Council preferred the navy blue. Council discussed rolling out the new logo with the new City Hall building.

4. NEWPORT FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Todd Tokar, President of the Newport Fire Relief Association and Colleen Hartmon Bollom, Financial Advisor, gave a presentation to Council. The Newport Fire Relief Association is requesting an increased benefit amount. Council discussed various financial options and suggested the board also consider PERA. Council is considering a \$500 pension increase.

5. STREET ROWS

Superintendent of Public Works Bruce Hanson presented a list of excess and obsolete easements. Council and Staff went through the list and discussed which ones could be sold and where the right-of-ways could be reduced from 80 feet wide to 60 feet wide. Some properties will require additional discussions as they were more complicated. Staff will research this list and bring back to Council for formal direction.

6. LIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT

City Administrator Deb Hill stated the Living Communities Act (LCA) grants get approved by cities in the metro area every 10 years. LCA grants help communities achieve development goals. There are goals set for Newport, but no consequence if Newport does not meet their goals. The LCA resolution will be on the Consent Agenda for the next Council meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Administrator Hill stated the groundbreaking for the new City Hall will be held before the City Council Meeting on July 15th.

Administrator Hill stated the upcoming agenda items include a stormwater pollution public hearing, website RFP, sewer connection in the RE district, Living Communities Grant, residential parking ordinance, Wilson Line agreement for stormwater, fire relief, major subdivision, budgets, and the County 38 trail.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 8:56 p.m. on June 3, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor