



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
June 17, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 7:35 p.m. on June 17, 2021.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present (4): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Tom Ingemann, Council Member Marvin Taylor, and Council Member Rozlyn Johnson.

Not Present (1): Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine.

**3. COUNTY ROAD 38 TRAIL**

Kevin Peterson, Product Manager for Washington County Public Works, addressed the Council. Mr. Peterson presented an update on the proposed County Road 38 trail. Washington County was successful in securing federal funding. The plan would be for this trail to be constructed in the spring of 2023. The County hosted two online engagements where they gathered feedback from the community. From a technical motorist, pedestrian safety, and public feedback standpoint, the project team is recommending the North and East trail with 2 lane road alternative. They also recommend elimination of the proposed sidewalk on the south side of the roadway except where it runs adjacent to the City Hall site. The project team also proposes removal of the trees blocking site lines at the curve and improvements to the Newport Plaza entrance to guide motorist around the curve. They feel this is the most responsible solution and has the least amount of right-of-way acquisition. The goal is to understand if the City Council is prepared to formally support the project's process and design recommendations at a future Council meeting.

Council discussed and agreed to move forward with the County Road 38 trail project.

**4. RIVER COMMUNITIES GRANT**

Mayor Elliott stated the goal is to find funds that will allow the City to create river access and provide recreational activities for Newport residents. Mayor Elliott submitted a request for earmark funding to Senator Klobuchar's office to assist with land acquisition, levee breach, and property preparation. City Administrator Deb Hill has been seeking FEMA funding for the final property acquisition on Cedar Lane. We are also aware that 3M is going to do Priority Two money which is designated for water improvement projects. The Priority Two discussions will take place this summer. To be successful in a request for funds from the settlement Co-Trustees, we need to be ready with a viable project and vision.

Council discussed that Newport is a river community and it would be ideal to have public river access, kayak launch, observation dock, etc. and we should make this a priority.

**5. RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE**

Mayor Elliott stated the City has received complaints regarding the number of vehicles parked on residential properties. One idea is to remove the 48-hour temporary parking rule and change it to a limit of four vehicles may be parked in the front yard. Mayor Elliott would like Council to think about this change and we can discuss it at the July meeting as there are pros and cons to this change. This change would also require a Public Hearing.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Administrator Hill stated the upcoming items include a major subdivision, RFP for a new City website, camera sewer televising, budgets, block party discussion, parking planning survey, and the County 38 trail resolution.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 8:40 p.m. on June 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jill Thiesfeld,  
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Elliott, Mayor