



CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
August 19, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:20 p.m. on August 19, 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. I&I MITIGATION

City Engineer Jon Herdegen is looking for Council's feedback on the approach for implementing the infiltration and inflow (I/I) mitigation project. In 2020, the city secured \$2,000,000 to design and construct improvements to the public infrastructure to reduce or eliminate I/I. The city is looking at improvements at private connections and to prevent water coming into the manholes. One idea is to consider the service lateral connection as a three-legged intersection. The public infrastructure would make up two legs and the private infrastructure would make up the final leg. The City would then assess 1/3 of the cost to the benefiting property owner.

4. 2022 BUDGET

City Administrator Deb Hill updated Council on our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget. The CIP budgets include equipment, building, and parks. The equipment CIP expenses include a new loader and fire truck. The Fire Department needs to replace their air-packs and have written a grant to FEMA to try and cover the cost. It was decided that some equipment expenses that were initially going to be bonded can now be cash-flowed. The Building CIP expenses include the demolition of the fire halls, updates to the railing at the library, and maintenance of the Public Works building. The parks CIP expenses include play structure replacements, Newport's cost for the County Road 38 Trail, and upgrades to Lions Park. The parks budget is currently hard to refine until the parks survey is completed and a plan is put in place for updating the parks.

5. RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE

Assistant to the City Administrator Travis Brierley stated the Council has discussed potential changes to the residential parking ordinance. Assistant Brierley researched neighboring communities and presented Council with a draft ordinance for discussion. One change to the ordinance is no more than four vehicles may be parked or stored outside. Another change is a vehicle cannot be parked in the street in one place for more than 24 hours. Council discussed the definition of commercial vehicles and how to handle commercial vehicles that cannot fit in garages. Staff recommends holding a public hearing for the updated residential parking ordinance.

6. LOGO

Mayor Elliott discussed how we should introduce and rollout the new logo. One option is to introduce our new logo in conjunction with the new website and new City Hall / Public Safety building. Another idea is to start incorporating the new logo whenever possible. Council discussed holding off on the rollout of the new logo until closer to the opening of the new City Hall.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Administrator Hill stated future agenda items include our preliminary levy, parking ordinance, and river front park planning.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 8:19 p.m. on August 19, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor