



**CITY OF NEWPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
October 7, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:21 p.m. on October 7, 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. WATER/SEWER RATES

City Administrator Deb Hill stated a resident was concerned with people who leave for the winter and could potentially take advantage of the summer sewer usage discount if they had zero usage during the first quarter. City Accountant Deb Schulz investigated and found that approximately 40 households are gone during the first quarter. Of those residents who are gone, only twelve of those had zero usage with half of them being vacant properties. Staff recommends changing the usage discount for residents that have zero usage in the first quarter to pay actual usage in the third quarter. Council discussed and agrees with staff's recommendation.

4. PARKS SURVEY

Mayor Elliott stated we have approved the Morris Leatherman Company to contact 250 random households in Newport to learn what amenities they would use and support. Peter Letherman will then attend the November 4th Council Meeting to go over the results of this survey. The survey includes 61 questions.

5. RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE

City Planner Nathan Fuerst stated Council has discussed changes to the residential parking ordinance as there have been complaints from residents. Planner Fuerst stated there is a draft ordinance included in the packet for Council to review. The three major changes include adding recreational vehicles to the definition of recreational equipment, limiting parking on streets to no more than 24 hours, and no more than 4 vehicles can be parked or stored on a property. Council discussed a few changes such as allowing only one commercial vehicle up to 14,000 pounds and not to exceed 20 feet. Planner Fuerst will update the draft ordinance to reflect discussed changes. Assistant to the City Administrator Travis Brierley stated there will be a Public Hearing for the residential parking ordinance on Tuesday during the Planning Commission Meeting.

6. ROW OBSTRUCTIONS

Superintendent of Public Works Bruce Hanson stated we have no plans to vacate alleys any longer as we may need to access utilities.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Administrator Hill stated upcoming agenda items include the Superintendent of the school district presentation, lot split, NEDA meeting, Peter Letherman Survey Results, Solar Roof agreement, etc.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:29 p.m. on October 7, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor