



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
November 4, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:36 p.m. on November 4, 2021.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Not Present (1): Council Member Rozlyn Johnson.

**3. 10<sup>th</sup> STREET STORMWATER MODELLING**

City Engineer Jon Herdegen stated there are four parcels between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street that may be sold as individual lots and there is concern about stormwater management. Specifically, if the lots are developed individually, there will be limited opportunity to implement effective stormwater management. Member Chapdelaine stated in the past when there were discussions about developing this property collectively, the thought was to build three homes and use the fourth lot for stormwater retention. Council discussed Engineer Herdegen should reach out to the Watershed District as maybe they can help since they are currently working on a project on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**4. 2021 CITY BUDGET**

City Administrator Deb Hill stated the preliminary levy was set to 2% and there are a few updates to the city budget. Our health insurance increase is 2.71% and our dental insurance increase is 0%. The equipment CIP removed a \$40,000 vehicle since it had low usage and increased the transfer from the general fund. Staff received an updated CIP plan from the county and found the estimate for the trail at Maxwell to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue has increased by \$50,000. Even with these extra transfers, the fund balance to expenditure ratio is 66%, which is very good. Council discussed and agreed we should keep the 2% levy and continue to spend wisely.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Administrator Hill stated future agenda items include a presentation from Ehlers on our financial management plans, closed meeting for the sale of City Hall, updated agreement for Ten-E Packaging billing, and the truth in taxation final levy.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:20 p.m. on November 4, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jill Thiesfeld,  
Administrative Assistant II

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Laurie Elliott, Mayor