



**CITY OF NEWPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
January 20, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:04 p.m. on January 20, 2022.

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 PROJECT SCOPE

City Engineer Jon Herdegen stated they are working on the project scope and proposal for the sanitary sewer lateral lining and manhole sealing project. The city was awarded a \$2 million dollar bonding bill appropriation that can only be spent on public infrastructure. Staff is proposing that each connection be treated as a three-legged intersection where the City is responsible for two of the legs, and the benefiting property owner would be responsible and assessed for the third leg. The total cost for the televising, cleanout, and t-liner for each connection is between \$8,000-\$10,000. The benefiting property owner would be responsible for 1/3 of that cost. There are 228 of these connections. The city would need to carry the cost of the design until the project gets started.

Council discussed and felt MSA would be best at handling the public engagement piece as it is technical. MSA can educate the public and explain the benefits. Member Taylor inquired what our annual I&I charges are. City Administrator Deb Hill stated \$207,000 in 2016 and \$365,000 most recently.

Engineer Herdegen stated he will bring this to the next Council meeting with a task order for the public engagement / assessment portion and bring back the proposal for formal consideration.

4. RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE

City Planner Nathan Fuerst presented an overview of the proposed residential parking ordinance to Council. Planner Fuerst stated the Planning Commission discussed and held a public hearing. There is concern with supporting reasonable use of residential property as well as mitigating excessive amounts of external storage. Staff worked with the Planning Commission to make changes and update the proposed language. The proposed revisions include limiting the length of parking on residential streets to no more than 24 hours and including recreational vehicles in the definition with recreational equipment.

Planner Fuerst stated other changes include limiting the number of vehicles parked outside to four vehicles with exceptions if there are more licensed drivers. The Planning Commission also wanted to allow up to two commercial vehicles provided they do not exceed 14,000 pounds or 20 feet in length. Semi-trucks are prohibited, and off-road vehicles are not considered recreational equipment and must be stored inside and out of public view.

Council discussed allowing only one commercial vehicle and not allowing exceptions to the four-vehicle rule. Council inquired how this ordinance would apply to residential properties within the MX districts. Planner Fuerst will update with Council's recommendations and bring back to the next meeting.

5. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Administrator Hill stated upcoming agenda items include a closed meeting on City Hall with our Attorney, Engineering I&I project, a workshop for street repair priorities, residential parking ordinance, and a presentation on the community garden.

Mayor Elliott stated Karla Bigham informed her there are transportation monies available at the state level. Engineer Herdegen thought of two potential projects which include paving Century Avenue and a roundabout near the refinery.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:51 p.m. on January 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor