

April 7, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Roumagoux, Saelens, Allen, Beemer, Busby, Sawyer, and Swanson were present.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, Community Development Director Tokos, Library Director Smith, Public Works Director Gross, and Police Lieutenant Malloy.

Roumagoux asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mikala Osborn and Cayden Fitch, two young Lincoln County residents, who died in traffic accidents last weekend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council, staff, and the audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation Honoring National Service Recognition Day. Roumagoux proclaimed April 1, 2014 to be National Service Recognition Day in the City of Newport. Keira Morgan, Holly Terlson, and Nancy Hawley received the proclamation.

Proclamation - National Public Health Week 2014. Roumagoux proclaimed April 7-13, 2014 to be National Public Health Week in the City of Newport. Rebecca Austin, Public Health Director of Lincoln County, and members of the Lincoln County Public Health Advisory Committee received the proclamation.

Proclamation - National Library Week 2014. Roumagoux proclaimed April 13-19, 2014 to be National Library Week in the City of Newport. Library Director, Ted Smith, received the proclamation.

Proclamation - Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Roumagoux proclaimed April to be Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Newport. Pam Salisbury, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center, received the proclamation.

Oath of Office for Lance Cummings - Newly-Appointed Police Officer. Malloy introduced Lance Cummings, newly-appointed Police Officer. Hawker administered the oath of office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of minutes from the City Council work session of March 11, 2014; joint meeting of the City Council, Urban Renewal Agency and Audit Committee; City Council and Local Contract Review Board meeting of March 17, 2014; special City Council meeting and executive session of March 24, 2014; and Town Hall meeting of March 31, 2014;
- B. Authorization for administrative approval of OLCC license renewals;
- C. Mayoral Appointment of Evonne Mochon Collura to the Library Board for a term expiring December 31, 2014;
- D. Approval of special event permit fee waiver requests for:
 - 1. Newport Marathon; and
 - 2. Loyalty Days.
- E. Excused absence for the City Manager from the September 15, 2014 City Council meeting.

Allen asked that the administrative approval of OLCC license renewals be removed from the consent calendar.

Allen asked that the special event fee waiver requests for Loyalty Days and the Newport Marathon be considered as action items.

Beemer talked about the importance of fundraising by the Boosters Club and its impact on high school sports.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Swanson, to approve the consent calendar with the changes to the minutes as noted by Allen. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comment and Possible Action on the Adoption of Ordinance No. 2063 - Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that at the March 17, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Attorney and staff were directed to develop an ordinance to enact a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries, under the provisions of SB1531, for consideration at the April 7, 2014 City Council meeting.

Nebel noted that SB1531 was approved by the state legislature and Governor, and provides that a city or county may adopt ordinances that impose reasonable regulations on the operations of medical marijuana dispensaries that are registered or applying for registration under ORS 475.314(12). He added that these regulations include hours of operation, reasonable limitations on where medical marijuana dispensaries may be located within a city, and reasonable conditions on the manner in which the medical marijuana dispensaries may dispense medical marijuana.

Nebel noted that SB1531 allows the governing body of a city to adopt an ordinance enacting a moratorium on the operation of medical marijuana dispensaries through May 1, 2015, to allow time for evaluating potential regulatory options, if the moratorium is

enacted no later than May 1, 2014. He reported that prior to March 3, 2014, the city had received two applications for business licenses for medical marijuana dispensaries. He noted that, in both cases, business licenses were inadvertently issued by the Finance Department. He added that after this was discovered, notices were sent to both applicants that the licenses they received prior to the legalization of medical marijuana dispensaries were invalid and that no medical marijuana dispensaries have been authorized in the city. Nebel noted that the regulatory environment in dealing with medical marijuana dispensaries has been a constantly evolving process which certainly has created confusion at the local and state levels and private entrepreneurs wishing to enter this market. He stated that there are a number of new options that cities can consider in the regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries. He added that in order to allow for adequate time to evaluate these new regulatory tools, cities may enact a moratorium on the licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries within their jurisdictions. He added that for those businesses that have registered their medical marijuana dispensaries with the state, the act would allow the proposed dispensary to surrender registration under this subsection if a moratorium is imposed. He noted that it also provides that the state authority may refund any fee imposed pursuant to ORS 475.314(12).

He recommended referring the matter to the Planning Commission for further review. He noted that this would give the City Council and staff adequate time to review changes in state law to consider what local controls may be appropriate for the city to impose. He added that the City Council could suspend a moratorium at any point prior to May 1, 2015, at the conclusion of the review of any local regulations, although it is likely that the review of the regulatory standards would take three to six months to complete.

Nebel noted that Ordinance No. 2063 prevents the operation of any medical marijuana dispensaries through May 1, 2015, unless rescinded sooner. He stated that the ordinance authorizes the City Manager to implement reasonable policies and procedures and ratifies previous actions taken in regard to medical marijuana dispensaries in the city. He noted that as an emergency ordinance, it will become effective immediately upon adoption.

Nebel reported that he has included a number of communications received regarding the moratorium in the packet.

Nebel recommended that the Council hear public comment.

Roumagoux called for public comment.

Kyle Lowe and Bill Wren appeared before Council and discouraged Council from enacting a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries.

Carla Williams appeared before Council and discouraged Council from enacting a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries.

Jim Wakefield appeared before Council and discouraged Council from enacting a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries. He added that he would like to participate in the review of potential city regulations affecting medical marijuana dispensaries.

Roumagoux called for Council deliberation on Ordinance No. 2063.

Allen asked whether Wakefield wanted to be at the table during medical marijuana dispensary discussions. Nebel noted that that is his understanding. Allen added that the moratorium will not impact a patient's ability to buy medical marijuana in the manner in which they have been purchasing it.

Roumagoux asked about the timeframe for city review of the issue, and Nebel noted that the length of time would depend on the number of hearings on the matter.

Busby stated that he would prefer the issue be handled in three months rather than six months. He suggested that, in the planning process, staff also consider recreational marijuana usage in the overview.

Beemer agreed with Busby. He added that he is convinced that it is a medical necessity for some patients. He noted that he is reluctant to vote against the moratorium, and asked that regulations be reviewed as soon as possible. Swanson and Sawyer agreed with Beemer and Busby.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, that Ordinance No. 2063, an ordinance declaring a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries and declaring an emergency, be read by title only and placed for final passage. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. Hawker read the title of Ordinance No. 2063. Voting aye on the adoption of Ordinance No. 2063 were Sawyer, Saelens, Swanson, Roumagoux, Busby, Beemer, and Allen.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, that the Planning Commission be requested to review the regulatory options provided by SB1531 in the local regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries along with interested parties as noted at tonight's City Council meeting, and that the City Attorney and City Manager review any local taxation issues for medical marijuana. The motion carried unanimously in voice vote.

Allen suggested that interested parties communicate with the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Consideration of Resolution No. 3665 - Curbside Compostables Collection Program.

Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that at the March 17, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the establishment of a curbside compostables collection program in accordance with section 9 of the solid waste franchise agreement with Thompson's Sanitary Service, Inc., with a limited opt-out for customers electing to use a 24-gallon weekly roll cart for household garbage. He noted that the rates for all customers, except those using the 24-gallon weekly roll cart, would be increased by \$6.59 per month at the initiation of the service. Nebel reported that since first approved, various adjustments have been made to the resolution to incorporate thoughts and ideas outlined at the March 17, 2014 Council meeting. He noted that the resolution has also been reviewed by Thompson's Sanitary Service, Inc., and has been forwarded to City Attorney, Rob Connell, for his review, and he had no recommended changes.

Nebel reported that, based on the comments made regarding the addition of the separate collection of compostable waste, the final plan provides that customers utilizing a 24-gallon weekly roll cart service have the option of not participating in the curbside compostables collection program. He added that this will help address many of the comments received by the City Council from customers who indicated that they had very little garbage, and their solid waste did not justify having a third container for compostable materials. Nebel stated that customers who elect to use a 24-gallon weekly roll cart, without the collection of compostable materials, will pay \$19.50 per month, and if a customer chooses to use a 24-gallon weekly roll cart service, with the separate compostables container, they will be billed \$25.74 per month.

Nebel stated that he believes that with the extensive public discussions regarding this program, along with the willingness of Thompson's Sanitary Service to modify the program to address a number of the concerns expressed for the curbside collection of compostable household waste, a significantly better service has been developed that will be introduced later in 2014. He added that this service will meet the City Council's goal to divert compostable waste from landfills so that these materials can be utilized to generate compost and preserve valuable space in the landfills.

Nebel reported that he has included a letter from Cathie Rhoades, with DEQ, indicating that Lincoln County will qualify for a two percent credit for the addition of the Newport residential composting program.

Nebel recommended that Council adopt Resolution No. 3665.

Busby asked the meaning of the two percent credit. Saelens reported that DEQ receives an annual report from haulers to determine recovery rate, and that the compost rebate is applied on top of the annual recovery rate.

Allen noted that Ken Riley and Rob Thompson were in attendance and asked them to speak to the Free Compost Day that will be held as a part of the Earth Day celebrations.

Roumagoux asked for Council deliberation. MOTION was made by Swanson, seconded by Allen, that the City Council adopt Resolution No 3665 authorizing the establishment of a residential compostables collection program for the City of Newport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Consideration of Resolution No. 3668 - Authorizing a CWSRF Loan Agreement for the Agate Beach Wastewater Improvements. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that Gross has been working with Interim Finance Director Bob Gazewood to explore options for financing wastewater projects for the city. He added that after evaluating a number of options, the best option for financing wastewater improvements in the Agate Beach area was through the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). He stated that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has offered a loan agreement to the city in the amount of \$8,906,800 for the Agate Beach Wastewater Collection System. He added that the interest rate on this loan will be 2.54% per year. Nebel reported that the work will include a number of projects including the Big Creek Force Main, Big Creek Pump Station, the 48th Street Pump Station and force main, the Schooner Creek Pump Station and force main, as well as various portions of gravity sewer downstream of the force mains. Nebel noted that the loan agreement has been reviewed by both legal counsel and the city's Finance Department. He stated that one advantage of the SRF program is that repayment is not required to begin until six months after the project is completed. He noted that the program funds are dispersed to the city based on quarterly reimbursement for work completed on the eligible projects. He added that until the project is completed the city only pays interest on the disbursed funds, and that the city does not begin paying principal until all the projects have been completed.

Nebel noted that Gross has done an excellent job of pulling these projects together to address long-standing issues with the sanitary sewer system in the Agate Beach area. He added that this program will save water and sewer rate-payers a significant amount of money during the development and construction of these projects through the life of these bonds. Nebel recommended Council adopt Resolution No. 3668.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Saelens, to adopt Resolution No. 3668, authorizing a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for Agate Beach Wastewater Improvements, in the amount of \$8,906,800. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Approval of Oregon Water Resources Department Grant Award - Big Creek Dams #1 and #2 Seismic Stability and Retrofit Feasibility Study. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that Gross has been working with Chase Park Grants and the Oregon Water Resource Department (OWRD) to secure funding for continuation of the seismic stability and retrofit feasibility study on the Big Creek Dams. He noted that the application submitted, on behalf of the city, was awarded a score of "84" which was the highest score of all applicants in this funding round. He added that on March 10, 2014, the city received notification from OWRD that the city was awarded the grant for the full amount of \$250,000 to continue this evaluation.

Nebel reported that this work was initiated following the city's construction of a new water treatment facility when it was discovered, as part of that project, that the soils under the Big Creek Dam #1 were unstable and have the potential for seismic failure. He added that a preliminary study was conducted showing that both dam structures were at significant risk of failure during even a moderate seismic event. He stated that the Oregon Water Resource Department Dam Safety Division has evaluated the Big Creek Dams as the second and third most critical dam structures in Oregon. Nebel noted that in 2014, the city selected an engineer of record for dam study and design with a task order being issued in October of 2013 for phase 1 of a feasibility study. He stated that the addition of the \$250,000 grant will fund the remainder of the phase 1 study, and that OWRD is allowing previous expenditures on the phase 1 study to count as a match for this grant. Nebel recommended Council approval of the grant award.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Beemer, that the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with the Oregon Water Resource Department for the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program, in the amount of \$250,000, for the Big Creek Dams # 1 and # 2 Seismic Stability and Retrofit Feasibility Study. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Approval of Amendment No. 2 to ODOT Local Agency Flexible Funds Program Agreement for the Highway 101 Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that at the March 17, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council approved a right-of-way agreement with ODOT to move the Highway 101 Pedestrian Improvements Project forward based on a commitment of additional state funding to complete the project. He noted that earlier the City Council had increased its contribution to this project by \$150,000 in order to keep this project alive. He stated that the project will improve crosswalks on US 101 at NW 15th Street, NE 10th Street, NW 3rd Street, SW Angle Street, SW Lee Street, SW Alder Street, SW Abbey Street, and SE Bayley Street, and that a crosswalk at SW Neff Way will be removed. Nebel noted that the improvements vary on each of these intersections, but the projects may include one or more elements of curb extensions, pedestrian islands, pedestrian warning signs, and striping. He added that as part of this amendment, the ODOT Bike and Pedestrian Program has agreed to contribute an additional \$250,000 in

order to meet the current estimated project costs, and that it is anticipated that the project will be bid on November 20, 2014. Nebel recommended that Council approve the agreement. Allen stated that, as noted at previous meetings, there is no guarantee that there will not be additional costs. Nebel added that this is correct, but that staff has a higher level of confidence. Gross reported that staff is meeting with ODOT weekly, and with the regular communication, do not expect any surprises throughout the rest of the project.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to approve amendment No. 2 to the ODOT Local Agency Flexible Funds Program Agreement No. 28487 for the Highway 101 Pedestrian Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Newport. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Initiation of Street Vacation for Portions of SW 31st Street, SW 32nd Street, SW 33rd Street, SW Coho Street, SW Brant Street, SW Abalone Street, and SW Anchor Way.

Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that Tokos, has been working with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Investors XII, LLC, and Dick Murry (Toby Murry Motors) Properties to reconfigure road right-of-way adjoining various properties to facilitate the overall development of property and infrastructure within this area. He noted that much of the land impacted by possible street vacations and the re-designation of new rights-of-way in this area was part of Waggoner's Addition to South Beach which was platted in 1892.

Nebel reported that there are a number of important considerations that the City Council needs to make in determining whether to initiate these vacations. He stated that in 2008, the City Council adopted policies to govern Council-initiated street vacations. He added that these policies require consideration of the extent the vacation would benefit the public, the extent of current and future use of the right-of-way, environmental and geological impacts, financial factors, effect on other property owners, consistency with applicable plans and quality of information available in order to proceed with vacation. He noted that Tokos' staff report contains an evaluation of how this request fits within these guidelines. He stated that he concurs with Tokos that this analysis indicates that the rationale for the Council to initiate these vacations is meant for this comprehensive project.

Nebel reported that the various exchanges will facilitate the development of signalized intersection at SW 35th Street and Highway 101 to improve the safety and flow of traffic to various properties and attractions. He added that this is a very ambitious public and private endeavor that will help reshape the area surrounding Highway 101 in South Beach. He recommended approval of the street vacations.

MOTION was made by Beemer, seconded by Saelens, to initiate street vacation proceedings for portions of SW 35th Street, SW 32nd Street, SW 33rd Street, SW Coho Street, SW Brant Street, SW Abalone Street and SW Anchor Way, as identified in the report from Community Development Director Derrick Tokos with public hearings scheduled to coincide with the hearing process for the subdivision plat that will reconfigure the SW 30th Street, SW 35th Street, and SW Abalone Street rights-of-way for future street and infrastructure improvements. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Status Report on the Preparation of the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that he and Interim Finance Director Bob Gazewood continue to work on developing the proposed budget for the fiscal year that will begin July 1, 2014. He reported that they have collected the various requests for operational and capital outlay expenditures from the city's departments. He stated that this information has been compiled by the Finance Department staff and that the information is being reviewed to develop a proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Nebel reported that the first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 6:00 P.M., with the second meeting to be held on Wednesday May 7, 2014, at 6:00 P.M., and the final meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.

Nebel reported that in evaluating the budget preparation schedule, it was the intent to have the budget printed and delivered to the Budget Committee by Friday, April 18, 2014. He stated that staff will likely need a few more days to complete the budget, and he proposed a revised budget delivery date of Thursday, April 24, 2014. He noted that this will provide the budget to the Budget Committee six days prior to the first Budget Committee meeting and 13 days prior to requesting any preliminary consensus on modifications to the budget. He stated that it is important to have a clean and accurate budget for consideration by the Budget Committee, and this additional time will help to assure this end result.

Nebel reported that Budget Committee member, Don Huster, has indicated that he is unable to meet on Wednesday evenings. He stated that if the Budget Committee schedule remains on Wednesdays, Huster is requesting that he be excused from meetings. Nebel noted that he would provide Huster with a copy of the budget document, and that Huster may provide comments on the proposed budget.

Fee Waivers for Loyalty Days and Newport Marathon. Allen noted that the reason he wanted to remove these items from the consent calendar, and make them action items, is that this is a new policy. Nebel reported that the organizers of these two events have never paid fees. He added that the Marathon fee waiver has been approved administratively, and that the fees for Loyalty Days were waived. He added that staff is meeting to determine potential changes to the special event fee waiver policies, and that his current recommendation is to waive the fees for these two requests as has been done in the past.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to approve the special event permit request from the Newport Marathon, in the amount of \$2,925, for its event to occur on May 31, 2014, as the event complies with special event permit criteria and guidelines, and to transfer \$2,925 from the Transient Room Tax Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the Police and Public Works Department. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Sawyer, to approve the fee waiver requested by the Newport Loyalty Days and Sea Fair Festival Association, Inc., in the full amount of \$6,155, as the Newport Loyalty Days and Sea Fair Festival Association, Inc., is a non-profit entity. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Authorization for Administrative Approval of OLCC License Renewals. Allen noted that last year, the Police Chief had concerns with three OLCC licensees, and he agreed

to have continuing discussions with those establishments (Apollo's, Sandbar, and Moby Dick's). Allen asked how those discussions are going. Nebel reported that it is his understanding that a meeting was held, and he will bring a report back to Council. MOTION was made by Allen, seconded by Beemer, to proceed with the administrative approval of OLCC license renewals. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Council convened as the Local Contract Review Board at 7:33 P.M. In attendance were Sawyer, Saelens, Swanson, Roumagoux, Busby, Beemer, and Allen.

Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 9 for Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for Construction Engineering Services for the Big Creek Pump Station Force Main Project.

Hawker introduced the agenda item. Nebel reported that the city has entered into an engineering services agreement dated, April 12, 2010, with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for various services related to the city's wastewater system for activities relating to the bidding and engineering services during the construction of the new force main on NW Oceanview Drive and NW Nye Street. He stated that the cost for the construction phase engineering services included in this authorization would be \$68,308. He recommended that Council, acting the Local Contract Review Board, approve Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 9 for Brown and Caldwell, Inc.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Beemer, that the City Council, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 9 with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for construction phase engineering services related to the Big Creek Pump Station Force Main Project in an amount not to exceed \$68,308. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Notice of Intent to Award the Big Creek Pump Station Force Main Project. Nebel reported that on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, six bids were received for the construction of a force main that will be constructed beginning at the Agate Beach Wayside and extending south along Oceanview Drive to NW Nye Street and ending at NW 12th Street. He stated that this project is a prerequisite to allow for the replacement of the pump station located at Agate Beach Wayside Station. He noted that this project will substantially increase the capacity that will be required with a new pump station to handle wastewater and eliminate overflows into Big Creek. He added that the engineers estimate for the base bid was \$1,678,374, and that the bids received range from a low of \$1,291,188.75 to a high of \$1,934,584 for this work. Nebel noted that the city has scheduled an open house for the public to review this project on April 9, 2014, at City Hall, between the hours of 5:30 and 7:00 P.M. He stated that property owners along the route have been notified of this meeting, and construction is expected to start sometime around the end of this month and continue for four months. He recommended that the City Council acting as the Local Contract Review Board approve the intent to award the Big Creek Pump Station Force Main Project.

MOTION was made by Sawyer, seconded by Saelens, that the City Council, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, authorize the City of Newport Public Works Department to issue a Notice of Intent to Award the Big Creek Pump Station Force Main Project to K&E Excavating in the amount of \$1,291,188.75; and authorize the City

Manager to execute the contract after seven days on behalf of the City of Newport contingent upon no protest related to the bidding and approval of the bid documents by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council returned to its regular meeting.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Roumagoux reported that she had attended the Visual Arts Center birthday party on March 26.

Roumagoux reported that she attended a candidate forum on March 27.

Roumagoux reported that she met with Depoe Bay Mayor, A. J. Mattila on March 28 and took a tour of the City Hall and the harbor dredging project.

Roumagoux reported that she attended the Newport Symphony performance when the new sound system debuted.

Roumagoux reported that she met with Nancy Steuber and Erin Graham, from OMSI, on April 4, for an update on the OMSI Camp. She noted that Nancy Steinberg had been hired as the community liaison for this project.

Roumagoux reported that she has been asked to serve on the OCCC budget committee.

Roumagoux reported that she had received a call from Fritz Graham, of Senator Wyden's office, regarding the Coast Guard, and that she had referred Graham to Nebel.

Sawyer thanked Roumagoux for acknowledging the two young people who were killed in traffic accidents this weekend. He reported that OSP Trooper Fitch is recovering, and that donations for his family will be accepted on the OSP website. He added that another website will be established for donations to the family of Ms. Osborn.

Saelens reported that the joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee went well. He added that the recently scheduled Wayfinding Committee meeting had been cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Swanson reported that the Town Hall meeting regarding the Library plans had gone well. She added that the Senior Center Advisory Committee will not be meeting this month.

Busby reported that the business license group continues to move forward and will complete its mission. He added that the next meeting is on April 25, and the group is trying to correct weaknesses in the existing ordinance. Allen inquired as to whether the meetings were being noticed.

Busby reported that the Airport Committee is meeting tomorrow. He added that a runway construction project open house had been held and that construction will begin next month, and that it appeared that several local customers and users were note invited.

Busby reported that the Public Arts Committee had met and the placement of the sculpture on city property is moving forward. He added that the group determined that

Percent for the Arts money associated with the construction of a new municipal swimming pool is actually one percent of construction costs.

Busby reiterated that the PAC sound system is remarkable.

Beemer reported that the Booster's auction will be held Saturday.

Beemer reported that Marine Science Day will also be held on Saturday.

Allen reported that he had attended the VAC birthday party, and that it was a nice crowd and a nice day.

Allen reported that he attended a recent YBEF meeting, as he is a private sector member of the group, and that Nebel had attended on behalf of the city.

Allen reported that the OCZMA quarterly meeting will be held in Newport this week.

Allen reported that Ocean Power Technology will not be moving forward with its wave energy project and will be moving out of state waters.

Allen reported that the 25th birthday celebration of COMES will be held Friday, and that an advisory board meeting and reception will be held at the Maritime Museum.

Allen reported that Marine Science Day will be held on April 12 at the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor