

June 29, 2015
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in a Town Hall meeting, at 6:00 P.M., at the Pacific Maritime and Heritage Museum. Present were Roumagoux, Busby, Allen, Sawyer, Swanson, Saelens, and Engler.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, Community Development Director Tokos, Public Works Director Gross, Fire Chief Murphy, Police Lieutenant Malloy, and Finance Director Murzynsky.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Roumagoux welcomed attendees and introduced Council and staff.

OPENING REMARKS BY CITY MANAGER NEBEL

Nebel reviewed the history of the Town Hall meetings. He noted that questions would be taken at the end of the meeting.

UPDATE BY STEVE WYATT ON THE PACIFIC MARITIME AND HERITAGE CENTER

Wyatt reviewed progress at the Pacific Maritime and Heritage Center. He addressed work that was made possible by tourism facility grants provided by the city. He gave an update on the Propeller Promenade project which will provide prominent signage for the facility.

REPORT FROM STAN PICKETS REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SEA LION DOCKS

Pickens reported on efforts to replace the sea lion docks and install a viewing platform at Port Dock One. He noted that the new docks have been installed, and that all the in-water work required for a viewing platform had been completed. He added that the group continues to raise money for the viewing platform, and once sufficient funds are available, the viewing platform will be installed.

PRESENTATION BY DYLAN MCENTEE REGARDING TOURISM TRENDS AND IMPACTS TO THE BAYFRONT

McEntee reported on trends that he has experienced with his family business, Mo's Restaurants. He noted that while recovery from the recession has been slow, he believes that tourism is on a steady upswing.

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITH SEAFOOD PROCESSING ON THE BAYFRONT - ANDREW BORNSTEIN

Bornstein reported on the state of seafood processing on the Bayfront. He updated Council on recent changes to the Bornstein operation in Newport and Astoria. He reinforced Bornstein's commitment to the Bayfront.

COMMERCIAL FISHING UPDATE - RUBY MOON

Ruby Moon, from the OSU Extension Office, reviewed the various fishing seasons and what is currently in season. She invited everyone to a new program established by the Extension Office, entitled "Dock Shop," which is an afternoon of visiting local fishing boats to learn what fish is in season, how it is fished, vessel types, regulations, fishing practices, sustainability, and how to buy fresh fish.

PRESENTATION BY STEPHEN LARRABEE, PORT OF NEWPORT, REGARDING PORT ACTIVITIES

Larrabee, Finance Director for the Port of Newport, addressed attendees on activities planned by the Port.

PRESENTATION BY DERRICK TOKOS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR - OVERVIEW OF PARKING STUDY

Tokos presented an overview of a parking analysis that the city plans to conduct on the Bayfront. He noted that the study will be conducted with the focus of improving parking conditions on the Bayfront.

PRESENTATION BY TIM GROSS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REGARDING THE MOORE DRIVE STORM SEWER PROJECT

Gross made a PowerPoint presentation on the Moore Drive storm sewer project. He noted that the project will resolve drainage issues at the Embarcadero in addition to upgrading other systems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Mathews, Bayfront business owner, reported that Larry Barnes, a city employee, performs an exceptional job of cleaning up the Bayfront. He asked what was going to happen after the July 4 holiday when Barnes would be on vacation. Gross responded that Barnes is a part-time employee, working 30 hours weekly, who cleans up the Bayfront by hand.

Bruce Deile addressed Council regarding alcohol issues. Phoebe Hein responded to Deile's comments.

Bob Eder recommended getting visitor parking off the Bayfront and leaving the Bayfront parking for employee parking. He specifically recommended construction of a parking structure at the Canyon Way parking lot, with a charge for parking, in addition to the construction of an eco-friendly tram running from the Bayfront to the parking structure.

Randy Getman recommended getting the stormwater project done, and done right. He also recommended spreading utility costs to all users to ease the impact on the customers. He noted that he lives alone and his utility bill is nearly \$90 monthly.

John Rogers expressed concern regarding semi-trailer trucks on Fogarty Street. He suggested a sign at the bottom of the hill. He noted that he is concerned about safety on the hill, including the speed of pick-up trucks on Fogarty.

Mike Retherford, a commercial fisherman, spoke regarding parking for fishermen via permit. He suggested that fishermen not be bound by a 72-hour permit, as it is sometimes impossible to comply. He recommended removing tourist parking from the Bayfront.

Allen noted that an attempt was made to get a good mix of Bayfront users on the Bayfront Parking Advisory Committee. Tokos confirmed that the Committee was evenly balanced with representatives of retail, tourism, and fishing. Nebel recommended that anyone with Bayfront parking concerns get those concerns to staff. Tokos reported that once the parking study begins, there will be an initial outreach to Bayfront parking users.

Kelly Retherford asked Tokos whether he knew how many commercial fishermen use spaces on the Bayfront, and Tokos noted that this information would be a part of the field work on the parking study.

Allen asked when the parking study would begin, and Tokos reported that he is about to issue an RFP for the field work. He noted that he anticipates the field work to occur in August or September of 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Roumagoux thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.