

Council Minutes

October 2, 2017

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, October 2, 2017 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Alderpersons Julie Raboin, Denis Chenette and James Merriam, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Rick Bove, David White, Joe Weith, Jamie LeClair, Members of the NCRC Steering Committee, Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Monette read a letter of thanks from Andrea Carbine and Vero Rancourt for the council's support of Wednesdays on the Waterfront.

Comments by the Public

Diane Peel handed out copies of a report on what a small group thinks should be done with the hole on Main St.

Sue Watson complained about the Extra Mile Proclamation. She wants it to have individuals named.

White & Burke, Final Report on VCDP Planning Grant (attached)

David White and Joe Weith from White & Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors presented the final report on downtown development strategies.

Extra Mile Proclamation

Mayor Monette decided not to sign the proclamation. He felt the purpose of the proclamation was to recognize everyone who has gone the extra mile for the community not individuals.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mayor Monette to corrected comments made at the last City Council meeting regarding NVDA's preparation of maps for the Municipal Plan as they pertain to the downtown designation renewal. First, the maps were prepared at no cost by NVDA. If NVDA were to charge the maps would cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500 not \$10,000 as stated at the previous council meeting.

Second, the line of communication with NVDA and the Planning Commission was not initiated by Paul Dreher. At a previous Planning Commission meeting the question of ownership of the designated downtown maps came up so instead of fighting over ownership, NVDA created a complete set of maps for our Municipal Plan at no cost. NVDA has worked with the City for over 20 years and the Mayor has been involved with the board for over 10 years. There is a complete open line of communication and NVDA's job is to help municipalities.

Ms. Dolgin noted that Suez is ready to start refurbishing the Water Tower. They can letter the tower at a cost of approximately \$6,000. Mr. Chenette would like logo examples.

Next Meeting Dates

Council Meeting, October 16

Centennial Meeting, October 25

Adjournment

Mr. Merriam moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 11th Day of October 2017

[Signature]
Mayor