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Newport City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 15, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING

The Municipal Building is Closed as part of the Stay Home/Stay Safe Measures

In Order to Participate Remotely:

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****Public Meeting on the Current SWIP****

City Council: Paul Monette, Mayor
Dan Ross, Council President
Kevin Charboneau
Melissa Pettersson
John Wilson

Laura Dolgin, City Manager
James D. Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer

****Public Meeting on the current SWIP****

1. Call the Regular Council Meeting to Order
2. Approve Minutes of June 1, 2020
3. Comments by Members of the Public
4. Resolution to Call on Congress for Fair and Direct Federal Support (VLCT), Vote
5. Executive Session to discuss Labor Relations Agreements, 1 VSA 313(a), Vote
6. Public Works Contracted Bargaining Agreement Ratification, Vote
7. New Business
8. Old Business
9. Executive Session to discuss Appointment/Evaluation of a Public Officer, 1 VSA 313(a)(3)
10. Set next meeting: next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting: July 6, 2020 @ 6:30pm
11. Adjourn

Non-confidential Materials Pertaining to this Agenda are Available for Viewing & Download on the City's Website at <https://www.newportvermont.org/> Commencing at 9:00 a.m., the Morning of the Meeting.

Newport City Council Meeting Participation Guidelines

Newport City Council meetings are for the purpose of allowing Council members to conduct City business. Distinct from public hearings or town meetings, City Council meetings are held in public, but are not meetings of the public. City Council meetings are the only time the City Council members have to discuss, deliberate and decide upon City matters. In an effort to conduct orderly and efficient meetings, the Mayor kindly requests your cooperation and compliance with the following guidelines per the policy adopted on December 21, 2015 and ratified on January 23, 2017, April 1, 2019, and again on March 16, 2020.

1. Please be respectful of each other, Council members, city staff, and the public.
2. Please raise your hand to be recognized by the Mayor. Once recognized, please state your name and address or affiliation.
3. Please address only the Mayor and not members of the public, staff, or presenters.
4. Please abide by any time limits. Time limits will be used to ensure everyone is heard and that there is sufficient time for the Council to complete their agenda within a reasonable timeframe.
5. The Mayor will make a reasonable effort to allow everyone to speak once before speakers address the Council a second time per the limits adopted on March 16, 2020.
6. Once public comment has been heard, discussion will be limited to the City Council members.
7. Please do not interrupt or mock other speakers or otherwise exhibit disruptive behavior during the City Council meeting.
8. Please do not repeat the points made by others, except to indicate agreement or disagreement with other views.
9. Please use the hallway for side conversation. It is difficult to hear speaker remarks when side conversations are occurring in the Council Chamber.
10. Presentations to the Council are not open to public comment. However, per the policy adopted on December 21, 2015, matters on the agenda requiring a vote are open to public comment immediately prior to the Council vote.
11. Individuals who do not abide by these procedures will be asked to leave the Council Chamber.

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Council Minutes

June 1, 2020

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City council was held on Monday, June 1, 2020. This meeting was held remotely. Participating in the meeting were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Daniel Ross, Council Members Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau and John Wilson, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Fire Chief John Harlamert, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Rebecca Therrien, Tom Bernier and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None.

ATV MOU Amendments

Mr. Ross moved to approve an ATV-MOU to include Union St. to Prouty Drive east to the Newport City border and amend the curfew from 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of the Public Works Contracted Bargaining Unit Contract

Tabled until next meeting.

New Business

Ms. Pettersson was interested in what the city can do to help the restaurants on Main St. Maybe close Main St for a night out or allow them to increase the outside seating. Ms. Dolgin stated that the City of Newport Downtown Development Organization is looking into the idea.

Mr. Wilson wondered when City Hall will open to the public. Ms. Dolgin stated she is following the Governor's Executive Orders and CDC protocol on the issue.

Ms. Dolgin noted that the current SWIP Plan expires on June 30th. The City will hold two public meetings on the new plan after July 1st. We have until November 1st to comply. Ms. Dolgin also urged everyone to complete the SWIP survey located on our Website.

Ms. Dolgin noted a Community Update Summit will be scheduled for June 17th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The summit will be held remotely, stay tuned for details.

Old Business

None.

Next Meeting Date

June 15, 2020

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:11. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of June 2020

Mayor

Resolution: All cities, towns and villages in Vermont are essential, and Vermont local officials support fair and direct federal emergency aid to reopen and rebuild local American economies.

Whereas America's cities, towns and villages face unprecedented threats due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency;

Whereas municipalities are essential to America's economic recovery and without funding support for local governments, municipalities may go from being a critical part of the economic solution, to becoming a major obstacle to long-term stabilization and recovery;

Whereas America's cities, towns and villages will experience budgetary shortfalls of up \$134 billion in fiscal year 2020 alone, and the negative effects of the pandemic emergency on communities will continue long after this year;

Whereas three million critical municipal worker jobs are at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services, including 9-1-1 response, sanitation, economy recovery and maintenance;

Whereas communities have taken extraordinary measures to protect health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the emergency;

Whereas Vermont's municipal leaders are united in helping their communities make a strong comeback after experiencing furloughs among municipal staff, loss of direct municipal revenue and tremendous demand from residents and Main Street and other local businesses for assistance; and

Whereas America's rural communities and small towns, especially here in Vermont, are struggling just as much as big cities and risk being left far behind; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that

1. Vermont local officials call on Congress to allocate fair and direct federal support to all of America's communities, regardless of population size;
2. this funding be flexible and address not only the additional expenses incurred by communities to respond to the pandemic emergency, but also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce, tourism, and other economic engines;
3. local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and reopen the economy;
4. funding will keep workers employed and critical services operating; and
5. Vermont local officials have been part of the emergency response and now call on Congress to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, prosperous life.

Submitted by the Town of _____

By its duly elected officials and adopted on: