

Council Minutes

March 21, 2022

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 21, 2022, in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, council members Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau, and Christopher Vachon, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, City Manager Laura Dolgin, Zoning Administrator George Cudd, Fire Chief John Harlamert, Recreation Director Michael Brown, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, members of the 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 March 7, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Proposed Rules of Procedure Amendment

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the amended Rules of Procedure to include that "all electronic devices used by councilors, the public and others present shall be silenced (i.e., turned off or put on vibrate) during council meetings. Texting, unless authorized by the city council for official city business, will be prohibited by members of the City Council, City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer during the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Newport Development Funds & Discover Newport Funds Update, Tim Tierney, Director of Business Recruitment and International Trade, VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Mr. Wilson moved to table until the April 4th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Five Year Capital Investment Program for 2022-2027

Ms. Dolgin presented the 2022-2027 Capital Investment Plan and gave a general overview of the plan. Each department head gave a brief review of their departments Capital Plan. There will be Public Hearings on the proposed plan on May 2, 2022, and June 5, 2022.

New Business

Mr. Johnson had the council sign Liquor License renewals.

Old Business

Ms. Dolgin asked that the council assign one of its members to sit in on the Bylaw Modernization Grant interview process. Mayor Monette Stated it should be on the next meeting agenda.

Ms. Dolgin noted that there is a new Recycling section on the city's website.

Mayor Monette wants to be informed of all meetings being held.

Next Meeting Date

April 4, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested Stacy Merrin this 4TH day of April 2022
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

[Signature] Mayor