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Newport City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 23, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Newport City Council Room

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/iac-ycbp-rtp
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City Council: Paul Monette, Mayor
John Wilson, Council President
Melissa Pettersson
Kevin Charboneau
Chris Vachon

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

1. Call the Regular Council Meeting to Order
2. Approve Minutes of January 9, 2022
3. Comments by Members of the Public
4. Newport Ambulance Annual Contract, Jeff Johansen, Executive Director of NAS; VOTE
5. Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation, Paul Luciano of OPH Consulting; VOTE
6. New Business
7. Old Business
8. Set next meeting: Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting: February 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm
9. Adjourn

Non-confidential materials pertaining to this agenda are available for inspection at the City Clerk's office 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:

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 limited 2 minute timeline adopted on January 23, 2017.
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 conversations. 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

January 9,2023

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, Melissa Pettersson, and Christopher Vachon, City Manager Laura Dolgin by phone, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Fire Chief John Harlamert, City Landscaper Robert Gosselin, Program Administrator Rebecca Therrien, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Carol Dowd, commented on the sewer backup at her house on Spruce St. this is a recurring problem. Mr. Bernier is planning to fix the problem.

Sue Watson, a neighbor of Ms. Dowd reiterated her neighbor's problem.

Anne Chiarello, commented on the Sewer/Water Budget

Pam Ladds, commented on transparency.

Jennifer Hopkins, commented on the school tax collection process.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The council received the Hazard Mitigation Plan to review. The plan will be formally presented at the next council meeting for a vote to adopt.

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Newport Ambulance Annual Contract

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the Newport Ambulance Contract. Seconded by Mr. Vachon. During discussion it was noted that some dates and wording needed to be changed. Mr. Vachon withdrew his second and Mr. Charboneau withdrew the motion. Mr. Wilson moved to table the contract until next council meeting. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Conduct a Tax sale

Mr. Wilson moved to authorize the City Manager to start the tax sale process. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Land Conveyance with Mater Dei Parish Charitable Trust

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the Quitclaim Deed from the City to Mater Dei Parish Charitable Trust conveying a 0.24 acre, more or less, parcel of land located westerly of Raymond Ave. with approximately 53 feet of frontage thereon that may have been known as "Tuck Lane", and to authorize the City Manager and/or the Mayor to execute any documents needed to close this transaction and complete the conveyance, including but not limited to the Quitclaim Deed and the Notice of Sale of Municipal Real Estate. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None

Old Business

Mr. Charboneau asked about the Grandstand Grant, Mayor Monette noted the earmark had been approved and included in the federal budget.

Ms. Dolgin hoped for snow and cold weather so the sledding hill and skating rink can begin to operate.

Next Meeting Date

January 23, 2023

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:08 PM. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested _____ this _____ day of _____ 2023

_____Mayor