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**CITY OF NEWPORT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON CITY COUNCIL GOALS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016**

The Newport City Council met in its annual goal setting session on February 23, 2015 to hear reports from departments, advisory committees, and the public on possible goals for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. At this session, the City Council prioritized fourteen goals for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. The adopted goals will help the City Council identify priorities as the city begins developing the fiscal year 2015/2016 budget.

The City Council set a public hearing to take comment on the fiscal year 2015/2016 goals. The public hearing will be held during the City Council meeting of March 16, 2015. The meeting begins at 6:00 P.M., and will be held in the City Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon.

The fourteen identified goals include:

Pursue the hiring of a Fire Prevention Officer/Emergency Manager;

Pursue city beautification with flower plantings, stronger code enforcement, annexation of certain South Beach properties, and billboard ordinance modifications;

Proceed with an update of the Parks Master Plan;

Assign a Police Officer to the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT);

Jointly fund a School Resource Officer with the Lincoln County School District;

Install street lights at the Newport Public Library;

Create an online dashboard that would include the financial reporting on project costs and schedules for Public Works projects;

Proceed with the discussion of regionalization of the Newport Municipal Airport with various stakeholders;

Proceed with the replacement of the HVAC system at City Hall;

Move forward with Stage Two of the Library Strategic Plan;

Develop a long-term financing plan for city facilities and begin funding that plan;

Make a concerted local effort with the property owners in the City Center to repair their buildings;

Encourage economic development by being friendly to small businesses and finding ways to make Newport a better place for small business success;

Create a larger, more prominent, display for Coast Guard memorabilia in the city.

All of the City Council suggestions arising from the goal setting session are available in the City Council packet for March 2, 2015. This document is available on the city's website at www.newportoregon.gov; click on "City Government," then on "City Council Meetings, and on "City Council - Agenda - Packet - March 2, 2015."

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing on March 16, 2015 to provide comments on the proposed City Council goals. Written comments regarding the goals may be submitted to the City Recorder, via e-mail, at publiccomment@newportoregon.gov, or by mail, or dropped off to the City Recorder at City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365. Written comments must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2015, and will be included as a part of the record during the public hearing scheduled that evening.

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