

Special Council Meeting

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January 15, 2024

A duly warned Special City Council Meeting was held on Monday, January 15, 2024, in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Linda Sullivan, Council President John Wilson, council members Kevin Charboneau, Clark Curtis and Chris Vachon, City Clerk/treasurer James Johnson, Comptroller Rebecca Therrien, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Recreation Director Michael Brown, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Mayor Sullivan read a statement and played a short video about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and that the Holiday should be observed by the city.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Mr. Cutris moved to add the following to the agenda. That Dr. Martin Luther King Day be observed as a non-working city holiday in Newport with paid time off contingent on acceptance by the union. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried. Wilson, Curtis, and Vachon in favor, Charboneau against.

Mr. Vachon moved that Martin Luther King Day be observed as a non-working city holiday in Newport contingent with paid time off pending acceptance by the Union. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. Wilson, Vachon, Curtis in favor, Charboneau against.

Comments by the Public

Jennifer Bjurling commented on alleged remarks made by members of the public and asked if there is evidence the remarks were made.

Anne Chiarello commented on formatting the budget so the public can understand it. She thanked the council for making Martin Luther King Day a city holiday.

Pam Ladds Thanked the council for making Martin Luther King Day a city holiday.

Melissa Pettersson commented on the previous council meeting on Martin Luther King Day and why the holiday was not part of the union negotiations.

Budget Review

Mr. Vachon moved to discuss the proposed 2024-25 budget. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the 2024-25 proposed budget as presented with changes. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. Wilson, Charboneau, Vachon in favor, Curtis against.

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the Sewer and Water Budget. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried. Wilson, Vachon, Charboneau in favor, Curtis against.

New Business

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve a Special Event Permit for Northern Cigars and Kingdom Fermentory Inc. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 11:27 AM. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of January 2024

Mayor