

**City of Newport**  
**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 6, 2024**

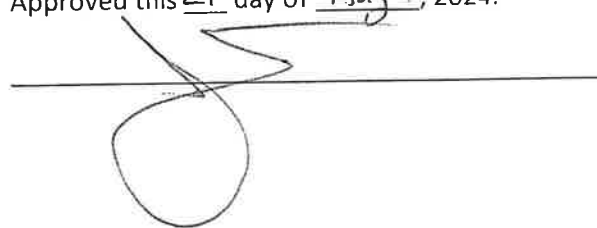
**Members Present:** John Monette Chair, Denis Chenette, Carole O' Connell and Jay Walsh

**Members Absent:** Kevin Mead, Gina Cirelli

**Others Present:** Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Monette at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Jay Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2024, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Bylaw Modernization-**
  1. Chair Monette presented a request from the Newport City Downtown Development Group for a Newport City Planning Commission member to join its Housing Committee. Following some discussion Denis Chenette made the motion that Chair Monette be recommended by the commission as its liaison, Jay Walsh seconded the motion, and the motion was passed. Chair Monette graciously accepted the recommendation.
  2. The Planning Commission completed an extensive review of the draft unified regulations relating to road/infrastructure requirements and the Newport City Infrastructure Ordinance. The commission began the process of drafting its recommendations for updates to the ordinance that would be necessary to create consistency between the policies
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:**
  1. Jay Walsh expressed a desire to visit the Bylaw approval process and timeline. The commission agreed, and it will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on August 20, 2024, at 6:30p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Caroll O' Connell seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Approved this 27 day of Aug, 2024.

  
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Chair, Newport City Planning Commission