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**Newport City Council Meeting
Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, Dec 16, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Newport City Council Room**

**Google Meet joining info
Council Meeting**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nwe-cpkd-rxh>
Or dial: (US) +1 401-213-1946 PIN: 469 208 270#**

City Council: Linda Joy Sullivan, Mayor
Chris Vachon, Council President
Kevin Charboneau
Clark Curtis
Rick Ufford-Chase

James D. Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer

1. Call the Council Meeting to Order
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Regular meeting minutes of December 2 2024
 - b. AP Warrants 2024 12 03, 2024 12 06, 2024 12 13
 - c. PR Warrants 2024 12 12
 - d. Liquor Licenses / Vendor Permits / Special Events Permits
4. Fire Department Contract with Coventry - Potential Vote
5. 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule
6. VLCT; Interviews - Discussion
7. Grants Update - Discussion
8. Reappraisal Contract Selection - Potential Vote
9. Downtown Vibrancy Fund Municipal Letter of Attestation -Potential Vote
10. Revised VHB Master Plan Update - Potential Vote

11. Proposed MOU with Newport Downtown Development - Potential Vote
12. Unwinding Tax Sale - Potential Vote
13. Fire Department Personnel Matter - Executive Session (1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)) - Potential Vote
14. Hiring and Firing Policy - Executive Session (24 V.S.A. §§ 1121 and 1122)- Potential vote
15. Open Meeting Law violation allegations - Potential executive session (1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(F))
16. Comments Members of the Public
17. New Business
18. Old Business
19. Set next meeting: Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting: January 6, 2025
20. Adjourn

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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.