



**City of Newport  
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2016**

**1. ROLL CALL -**

**Council Present** – Tim Geraghty, Tom Ingemann, Dan Lund

**Council Absent** – Bill Sumner, Tracy Rahm

**Staff Present** – Deb Hill, City Administrator; Bruce Hanson, Superintendent of Public Works; Renee Eisenbeisz, Assistant to the City Administrator;

**Staff Absent** - Steve Wiley, Fire Chief;

**2. PLANNING COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

The City Council interviewed Saengmany Ratsabout and Brandon Leyde for the Planning Commission vacancy. Mr. Saengmany has lived in Newport for two years and works at the University of MN, Immigration History Research Center. Mr. Saengmany became interested in serving on the Planning Commission while researching the history of Newport. Mr. Leyde has lived in Newport for about four years. After moving here, Mr. Leyde became interested in the history and wants to protect Newport for the future.

The City Council will make a decision on the Planning Commission vacancy at their July 21, 2016 regular meeting.

**3. BREAK FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council recessed at 5:18 p.m. for the regular City Council meeting.

The City Council reconvened the workshop at 6:15 p.m.

**4. BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Admin. Hill presented on this item as outlined in the July 21, 2016 City Council workshop packet. The City Council discussed the following:

- Keeping the summer rec program as is and ask Jamie if she would be interested in working.
- Adding an entry level public works position to the budget proposal
- 2015 transfers will be reflected in the 2016 audit
- Closing the rink at Loveland Park
- Adding increased Council salaries to the budget proposal
- Cleanup of the gun range at Public Works - Supt. Hanson is waiting to hear about superfunds to do this.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eisenbeisz  
Assistant to the City Administrator