

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 3, 1998

The minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning with Design Review Board applicant interviews in the Manager's Conference Room at 6 p.m. and then proceeding with the regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers beginning with a work session at 7 p.m. and proceeding to the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, Deputy Fire Chief Mark Anderson, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD INTERVIEWS

The City Council interviewed Ralph Larson, Jim Berg, and Patrick Momsen for consideration for appointment to the Design Review Board. City Manager Bill Grile and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen were also present.

COUNCIL MEETING

Executive Session

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 190.660 (1) (d) to discuss labor negotiations. The Council convened in regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute

Mayor Verger opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 1997, School to Work Week proclamation, approval of OLCC license for Cedar Grill at 274 South Broadway, and approval of OLCC license for Lighthouse Grocery and Deli at 705 South Empire Boulevard. Councilor Weeks moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation of Appreciation Plaque to Ken Harlan, Outgoing Planning Commissioner

Mayor Verger congratulated Mr. Harlan on four years of service to the City of Coos Bay as a Planning Commissioner. Mr. Harlan commented he had enjoyed working with the Planning Commission and would continue serving the community.

Annual Report from the Coos Art Museum by Helen Scully, Director

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Director Helen Scully reported the cataloging of the permanent collection had been completed and the board is looking at ways to make the collection accessible to the community through the Internet. Ms. Scully reviewed the upcoming museum events and reported the art education program is continuing with the support of school district 9. She reported the art classes are very popular and are frequently sold out. Ms. Scully thanked the Council for their continuing support of the museum. Mayor Verger congratulated the museum on a 40 percent increase in membership, and noted much of the work done is by volunteers.

Proposal from South Coast Head Start to Lease the Empire Community Building

City Manager Bill Grile reported South Coast Head Start has submitted a proposal for leasing the Empire Community Building for five years at \$2500 per month and included maintenance of the grounds. Mayor Verger commented the facility would work well for Head Start and help the city financially. Councilor Weeks moved to approve the lease. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Appointments to the Design Review Board

Mayor Verger reported one of the applications had not been received within the 14 day time period required by Council rules and moved to suspend the rule so both candidates could be considered. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. The Councilor voted by ballot to fill three positions on the design review board. Jim Berg, Ann Keizer, and Patrick Momsen were appointed to the board. Unanimous votes were received for Ann Keizer and Patrick Momsen. Those voting for Jim Berg were Councilors Benetti, McKeown, Miller, and Weeks; those voting for Ralph Larson were Mayor Verger and Councilors Spangler and Stufflebean.

Enactment of Ordinance No. 250 — Vacation of Alleyway between Myrtle and Kingwood Avenues

Community Services Director Bruce Meithof reported the alley way in question had originally provided service and utility access to the property, and the current property owner owns all of the land around the alley. Councilor McKeown moved to enact Ordinance No. 250 and the motion was seconded by Councilor Miller. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye:	Mayor Verger and Councilors Benetti, McKeown, Miller, Spangler, Stufflebean, and Weeks
Voting No:	None
Absent:	None

Appointment of Judge Pro Tem

City Manager Bill Grile explained that in the absence of the finance director, who also serves as the city's municipal judge, there was a need to appoint a judge pro tem. Mr. Grile recommended the Council appoint the assistant to the city manager as judge pro tem until such time as the city has a full time finance director. Councilor Benetti moved to appoint Joyce Jansen as judge pro tem. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation of Smoke Free Ordinance Advisory Vote Ballot Measure

Mayor Verger reported the Council had previously taken six hours of public input on this matter and

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would now be reviewing ballot measure options prepared by the city attorney. Councilor Stufflebean suggested the ballot measure include that a business can be a smoking facility. City Attorney Tosh explained State law limits the measure to 85 words. Councilor McKeown suggested going with the option 1 which would give the most flexibility. Councilor Benetti supported option 3 because of the testimony previously given and it most closely matches the request. Councilor Miller expressed concern that smoking establishments be allowed. Councilor Weeks also expressed concern about allowing smoking establishments and supported option 3. Mayor Verger supported option 3 and Councilor Spangler expressed support for option 3. Mayor Verger moved to present option 3 on the ballot for the advisory vote. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Proposed Ordinance by North Bend Citizen Jim Bice to Restrict Food, Tobacco, and Alcohol Sales

Jim Bice, North Bend, explained the purpose of his proposed ordinance was to protect citizens from the health risks of using alcohol, tobacco and foods high in fat. Mr. Bice commented the petition from the proponents for the smoke-free ordinance was presented as a club of the head of the Council and he found this offensive. Mr. Bice reviewed his proposed ordinance and the penalties. Mike Stillion, North Bend, expressed his support for restricting the sale of tobacco products. Mr. Bice requested Council consider placing his ordinance on the ballot as an advisory vote and let the voters decide if they desire to relinquish their right of free choice. Mayor Verger thanked Mr. Bice for his presentation.

Direction to Staff Concerning the Downtown Circulation and Parking Study

Mayor Verger reported a public hearing on the circulation and parking study had been held February 2nd and Council would be making decisions on the plan this evening. She suggested beginning with parking. Mayor Verger reviewed the parking advisory committee's recommendations for employee parking, and Rondi Potter's request for unrestricted parking on 6th Street between Commercial and Anderson Avenues. Discussion followed regarding the distance employees would be required to walk from parking to their place of employment, making parking user friendly for retail and businesses, and the parking along Hwy 101 next to the boardwalk. Councilor Miller commented the north end of the Chamber lot should be designated employee parking.

Councilor Spangler commented the parking advisory committee spent a considerable amount of time working on the parking situation and there is a need for parking for employees in the downtown area. Mayor Verger expressed appreciation for the committee's work and supported much of their report, but did not agree with employee parking next to Kaffe 101. Councilor Benetti suggested the area along the board walk be designated for employee parking. Councilor McKeown pointed out that in other communities people walk a considerable distance from parking. Mayor Verger moved to designate the east side of Bayshore from Anderson to Curtis for employee parking and to designate no employee parking in Zone 3. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stufflebean and passed with the Mayor and Councilors Benetti, McKeown, Stufflebean, Spangler and Weeks voting aye. Councilor Miller vote no.

Mayor Verger reported the parking advisory committee recommended Lot C behind Jennie's and Lot A behind the bakery for employee parking. Councilor McKeown said he would support employee parking in Lot B and behind the Egyptian. Councilor Benetti moved to designate a portion of the lot behind Jennie's and the lot behind the bakery for employee parking. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and Councilors Benetti, Miller, Spangler, Stufflebean and Weeks voting aye. Councilor McKeown voted no. There was further discussion on areas for employee parking and Councilor McKeown moved to designate the lot at Curtis and 2nd for employee parking. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Mayor Verger reviewed the request from Rondi Potter for unrestricted parking on 6th Street. Councilor McKeown noted it would move the boundary of the zone by one street and would not adversely

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affect businesses in the area. Councilor Miller moved to approve unrestricted parking on 6th Street between Anderson and Commercial Avenues. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Mayor Verger reported the lot behind the Egyptian was in need of major upgrades including lighting and changes in the striping. Community Services Director commented resealing the asphalt would help and removal of the concrete would make the use of the lot more flexible. Councilor Stufflebean moved to refer the improvements of the lot to the Urban Renewal Agency. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Mayor Verger reviewed the Chamber's request for three one-half hour spaces next to the Chamber building. Councilor Weeks moved to approve the three one-half hour limit spaces at the Chamber. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Community Services Director Meithof asked if the Council approved of the time limits as presented in the study. Councilor Benetti moved to accept parking time limits as recommended in the Kittelson study. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Mr. Meithof noted the cost for the signs would be approximately \$4,000.

Mayor Verger asked Council to consider the Anderson to 4th to Elrod reroute in concept, without getting into how many lanes to use. Councilor Benetti commented the final proposal should come back to the Council. Councilor Miller moved to approve the diversion of traffic from Anderson to 4th to Elrod. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Flora Lee Lockhart, Coos Bay, expressed appreciation for Council discussion of the parking advisory committee report and reported she had talked with Kaffe 101 and Fiddlesticks regarding employee parking and they had no problem with the committee's recommendation.

Carl Siminow thanked the Council for placing the smoke free ordinance on the ballot for May.

Frank Williams, Coos Bay, asked the Council to endorse the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) and reviewed the problems STEP has been experiencing with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Williams invited the Council to attend a meeting on March 12th with ODF&W. He commented on the fish penning project on the waterfront and City Manager Grile said he would follow through on this project.

Dave Atkinson, Coos Bay, commended the Council for taking an interest in salmon and noted Rep. Ken Messerly has been working on the salmon issue.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported he was in the process of contracting with Rob Wall to assist the City in putting together the FY 98-99 budget. He distributed the budget calendar and noted the meeting dates for budget committee meetings would be April 16th through May 7th. Mr. Grile reported Gail George has indicated she will not be able to return to work as finance director and he will begin the hiring process to fill the position. He noted the salary would be \$4521 per month, advertised at 5 percent less and increased to that level upon six months satisfactory performance. Mr. Grile commented Don Hall of Yergen and Meyer has agreed to help screen the applicants and the final interview panel would also include one city councilor. He reported after consulting with the city's auditor on the staffing levels and funding, the department will probably be reorganized. Mr. Grile reported Mary Beth Holst has done an outstanding job in the finance department and has given notice that she would be retiring effective February 18, 1998.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor McKeown complimented staff on putting together the leasing of the Empire Community Building and it looks like a good deal for South Coast Head Start and the city. He expressed regret that Gail

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George would not be able to resume her duties as finance director and stated she had been a valued employee.

Councilor Weeks reported the parks commission would not hold a meeting this month. She thanked all the city employees who attended the recognition luncheon and the councilors for helping. Councilor Weeks suggested another employee recognition luncheon be held in the summer.

Councilor Benetti thanked Ms. George for doing a fine job for the city and commented he had enjoyed working with her and she will be missed.

Councilor Spangler also expressed his appreciation of Ms. George and that she will be missed by the council and staff.

Mayor Verger commented that Ms. George has done a great job for the city and it is regrettable that her health prevents her from returning to work. Mayor Verger commended Councilor Weeks on the employee appreciation luncheon. She reported attending a meeting with Weyerhaeuser and NUCOR representatives and said it was likely there would be further negotiations between the two.

Executive Session

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) for the purpose of real property acquisition.

The Council Reconvened into Regular Session

Mayor Verger reconvened the meeting into regular session. The Council discussed setting a date for a goal setting session and consensus was to meet on February 21, 1998 at 9 a.m. at city hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to February 17, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Joanne Verger
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon