

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 19, 1998

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning with a work session in the Council Chambers at 7 p.m. and proceeding to a regular session in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Those Present

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

WORK SESSION

Other Discussion

Mayor Verger noted a correction made by the deputy recorder to page 49 of the minutes changing Hargens to Harlan. City Manager Bill Grile briefly explained Ordinance No. 254 repealing the design review board. Councilor Weeks reported on “From a Child’s Eye” program and recommended the program be done in September at the beginning of the school year. City Attorney Randall Tosh reviewed the Water Board’s request for an easement as part of the improvements to Upper Pony Creek reservoir. Mr. Grile reported the city’s carryover will be approximately \$100,000 more than anticipated and referred to Finance Director Janell Howard’s memo for recommendations. Mr. Grile expressed concern about Councilor Miller being able to continue to volunteer time to sell the ads for the City News and recommended budgeting \$9,000 to publish the paper. Mr. Grile explained money from the timber sale came in earlier than expected and an adjustment would be necessary in the budget. The funds would be split between general fund and the reserve and replacement fund. Councilor McKeown suggested the City pay someone to sell the advertising for the City News; Councilor Spangler agreed. Councilor Benetti said the fee normally runs 15 percent. Mayor Verger commented Councilor Miller is co-chair for next year’s Governor’s Conference on Tourism and that is a big responsibility. Mr. Grile commented with limited staffing it is best to keep the process simple. Councilor Weeks suggested talking with Councilor Miller before a decision is made. Mr. Grile reported on the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Committee for streets maintenance during fiscal year 1998/99. Councilor Spangler commented a request for a public hearing on how the streets were selected for improvements had been received. Mayor Verger said a public hearing was okay, but she doesn’t want to discourage people from serving on City committees.

Department Head Report

Acting Community Services Director Steve Doty reported the first phase of Eastside boat ramp has been completed and funding received for the next two phases. He noted most of the project will have been done with outside funding. Mr. Doty reported the library project bid opening has been scheduled for May 29th and the Front and Ingersoll project bid opening for May 27th. He reported the Empire Urban Renewal

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plans have been received for review and will be presented at the June 16th Urban Renewal meeting. Mr. Doty reported the citywide brush pick up took three weeks and 1440 cubic yards were hauled away. There was further discussion on the cost of the brush pick up program and how the cost is shown in the budget. Mayor Verger commented the service is one of the most popular things the city does for the public. Mr. Doty reported the Topit Park signs would be installed at the end of the month with a dedication ceremony soon to follow. He reported the tire drop off, coordinated by Debbie Erler and with help from the National Guard and Les' Sanitary Service, resulted in approximately 10,000 tires being collected. Councilor Spangler inquired about the duties of a park caretaker and reported receiving complaints from citizens that the caretaker does not do anything about reporting problems. Mr. Doty explained the duties and said he would look into the concerns expressed by Councilor Spangler.

COUNCIL MEETING

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 April 7, 8, 21, and May 5, 1998, adoption of resolution 98-6, which is attached hereto and made a part thereby, encouraging continued negotiations between Weyerhaeuser and Nucor, approval of annual OLCC license renewals, approval of new owner OLCC license application for Gussie's, and approval of OLCC license for Oriental Gardens. Mayor Verger noted a correction to the April 21st minutes and read Resolution 98-6 to the assembly. Councilor Weeks moved to approve the consent calendar as corrected. Councilor Benetti declared a conflict of interest on the OLCC license renewals. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and Councilors McKeown, Spangler, and Weeks voting aye.

Presentation of Public Service Award by Chief Chuck Knight

Chief Knight reported the Police Department has a program for recognizing citizens for outstanding service in the community. He noted that family and friends of Mr. Johnson and Officers Main and Craddock were in attendance for the award presentation. The Chief explained that David Breakfield and Brady Hamilton had been walking along Ocean Boulevard and noticed a man down, Clint Johnson, and stopped to help. Brady flagged down Melissa Thompson while David telephoned for help. Chief Knight said Mr. Johnson is alive today because of these three people. Chris Good, sister of Mr. Johnson, thanked everyone on behalf of the family, for saving his life. She reported Mr. Johnson is recovering quickly and will be home in a few weeks. Chief Knight presented the awards to David Breakfield, Brady Hamilton, and Melissa Thompson.

Report from Meliah Masisbu, Marshfield High School Representative

Maliah reported May boy of the month is Jay Horner and girl of the month Marci Shires; and boy of the year is Cam Grile and girl of the year Marcie McCullough. She reported Amanda Ferry will be going to Washington DC as the delegate from Marshfield High School; Kelly Acre received a scholarship to Portland State University; Greg Mulkey is staff member of the month; and the student council participated in the Relay for Life.

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Adoption of Resolution 98-7 Supporting Coos County Urban Renewal Agency's Selection of Option One for Collection of Tax Increment Revenues in the Coos County Urban Renewal District

Loran Wiese, County Urban Renewal District, reported that as required by Measure 50, the County is requesting both Coos Bay and North Bend to adopt resolutions supporting the County's urban renewal maximum indebtedness and option for collecting revenue taxes. Councilor Spangler inquired if the County would be levying 100 percent and Mr. Wiese said yes. Councilor Weeks moved to adopt Resolution 98-7. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing — Amendments to the Coos Bay Urban Renewal Plan and the Empire Urban Renewal Plan as Required by ORS 457.095

City Manager Grile reported the statute requires maximum indebtedness be established for the City's urban renewal plans and is made a part of the plans by amendment. A public hearing is required to take input on the plan amendments. Mayor Verger opened the public hearing. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed.

Enactment of Ordinance No. 252 — Amending the Urban Renewal Plans to Establish the Maximum Indebtedness as Required by ORS 457.190

City Manager Grile reported the maximum indebtedness for the 1988 Coos Bay Urban Renewal Plan is \$45,550,764 and \$12,550,011 for the Empire Urban Renewal Plan. Mayor Verger moved to enact Ordinance No. 252. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following results:

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

Enactment of Ordinance No. 253 — Selecting the Option for Collection of Ad Valorem Property Tax Revenues for the City's Urban Renewal Plans

City Manager Grile explained the statute provides three options for collecting tax revenues and the Council has selected Option 1 which gives the city the ability to levy over and above the amount presented in the division of taxes. Mayor Verger commented Option 1 is the kindest to citizens. Mayor Verger moved to enact Ordinance No. 253. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following results:

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

Enactment of Ordinance No. 254 — Repealing the Design Review Board

Mayor Verger explained the Urban Renewal Agency established by resolution the Design Review Board as an advisory board to the Agency. City Attorney Tosh commented the Agency will need to make

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appointments to the Board at their next meeting. Mayor Verger moved to enact Ordinance No. 253. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following results:

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Request for Support of the “From a Child’s Eye” Program

Councilor Weeks reported “From a Child’s Eye” program is a look at the community from the perspective of 4th and 5th grade students. The City would supply the students with cameras to take pictures of the community. The pictures would be presented to the City and placed on display at city hall. Councilor Weeks explained the estimated cost of the project was \$275 and would be done in September. Consensus of the Council was to support the program.

Approval of Resolution 98-9 — Water Board Easement for Upper Pony Creek Reservoir Expansion

City Attorney Tosh explained the easement is required to mitigate the loss of wetlands which will occur as a result of the Upper Pony Creek Reservoir Expansion project. Since the Water Board is jointly owned by Coos Bay and North Bend, both cities must adopt a resolution to authorize the Board to go forward. Councilor Benetti moved to adopt Resolution 98-9 which is attached hereto and made a part of thereby. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Discussion about the “Approved” FY 1998/99 Budget

City Manager Grile reported on a recommendation from Rob Wall to have the special police funds in one line item on the summary sheet of resources and expenditures pages; and the unappropriated end fund balance should be entered into Other Funds’ Budget in the actual expenditure columns for 95/96 and 96/97. Mr. Grile reported Finance Director Jannell Howard has reviewed the carryover and it looks like it will be \$100,000 more than projected during the budget process. The finance director is recommending the carryover be increased by \$45,460 rather than decreasing the unappropriated balance. Mr. Grile reported payment from a timber sale came in earlier than expected and the budget would need to be adjusted accordingly. Councilor McKeown asked what the new unappropriated end fund balance would be and Mr. Grile said \$400,000. Mr. Grile commented it should be higher but there are a number of real needs for police and fire vehicles. Mayor Verger commented that utilizing Channel 14 more instead of doing all four issues of the City News would free the assistant to the city manager of coordinating ad sales for the paper. Mr. Grile suggested budgeting \$9,000 for the publishing of the City News would relieve Councilor Miller from making contacts and selling ads. He further noted the paper is a good communication tool for the community. Councilor Spangler agreed with using Channel 14 and suggested telling ad for two issues of the City News and budgeting for two issues. Councilor McKeown commented it is difficult to ask Councilor Miller to continue volunteer selling ads, and suggested the City pay someone to tell the ads. Councilor Benetti said it is important to keep the paper and agreed that Councilor Miller’s time is limited. Consensus to budget for publishing the paper and look into paying someone to sell the ads for two of the issues.

Recommendation from Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee on Streets

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City Manager Grile explained the Blue Ribbon Committee reviewed the City's streets and has identified several streets as priorities for next year. He reported a local citizen, Dave Faust, suggested the City hold a public hearing to inform the public about the conditions of the streets and how repair priorities were established. Mayor Verger thanked the committee members for their work on identifying the City's street repair needs and set the public hearing for June 16th.

Public Comments

Julia Spangler, Coos Bay, commented the suggestion for a City program on Channel 14 is a good idea, and on behalf of the Empire Community Association, thanked the City for making arrangements for the hazardous waste pick up.

Sargent Webster, North Bend, complimented the Council on the hazardous waste pick up and said many people appreciate the time the Councilors put in.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Tosh reported the DEQ civil assessment has been scheduled for a hearing on June 11th. Councilor Spangler inquired about the facade loan program, noting the Empire Urban Renewal Plan has a low cost loan provision for residential fix up. Mr. Tosh said tax increment funds must be used for incurred debt by the City. Mr. Grile noted the Agency could borrow money to rehab the houses.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Grile reported Les' Sanitary is under contract to clean up Dorothy Davis' property on the 27th; interviews of Community Service Director candidates will be held Saturday; and ODF&W will release 200,000 fish a Blossom Gulch Creek on Wednesday.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor McKeown encouraged everyone to attend the Marshfield High School graduation and thanked Tom Rumriech for the tour of the Millicoma fish facility.

Councilor Judy Weeks also thanked Tom Rumriech for the tour, and commented it was nice to meet the city manager's high school shadow students.

Councilor Benetti reported Kay Heikkela has resigned as director of the Tourism Promotions Committee and interviews for a replacement will be held on Thursday.

Councilor Spangler reported receiving calls about the cancellation of the Veterans parade and clarified that the City did not prevent the parade; it was cancelled because there was not enough people to put the parade together. Councilor Spangler referred to letters he had received and distributed to the Council regarding weather service at the North Bend airport. He commented the weather service is necessary to keep commercial service and costs \$194,000. The FAA provides the funding for the employees to do the weather, and that funding may be going away.

Mayor Verger congratulated Mr. Grile on his son Cam being named Boy of the Year at Marshfield High School.

Executive Session

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

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consulting with legal counsel regarding real property transaction negotiations.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to June 2, 1998 at 6 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