

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 1998

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning at 7 p.m. with a work session in the Council Chambers and proceeding to a regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Judy Weeks was absent due to participation in a candidates' forum. Jeff McKeown was absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Chuck Knight, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar and noted Gene McCabe, Chair of the Joint TV Committee, would be presenting a recommendation from the committee regarding public access television. City Manager Bill Grile reviewed the request for developing a systems development charge methodology and a study of the wastewater rate schedule. He noted the last time the rates were examined was in 1988. Mayor Verger commented there has been a lot of discussion in who should pay for growth and it was wise to look into the matter at this time. Mr. Grile commented a systems development charge is a fair way to pay for infrastructure development. Mr. Grile briefly reviewed the Thompson Road project and reported the low bid had been received from Umpqua Navigation for \$70,790.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

Mayor Verger opened the meeting and Boy Scout troop 151 led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes from the September 1, 1998 council meeting, Resolution 98-21 waiving Scout Cabin user fees for all scouting groups, property line adjustment for Coos Bay Chapel, and appointment of Council representative to OCZMA. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Head Report — Chief Stan Gibson

Chief Gibson reported recently two arson fires were solved with the cooperation of the Police Department and commended the staff of both departments for their work. Chief reported a number of events are planned for the annual fire prevention week including visits to schools, open house at the fire stations, demonstrations, and a Plan an Escape from Your Home contest.

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Report from Marshfield High School Representative Meliah Masiba

Meliah Masiba introduced Jade Boardman as co-representative from Marshfield High School and presented the city manager with a Pirate flag. Ms. Masiba reported home coming week begins October 19th.

Recommendation from the Joint TV Committee Regarding Public Access — Report from Committee Chair Gene McCabe

Chair Gene McCabe, Joint TV Committee, reported the committee recommended operation of the public access channel be turned over to a non-profit organization with a 501C3 designation and a review be made of the ordinance regarding franchise fees and support for PEG channels. Councilor Spangler expressed concern that public access is open to all kinds of material and supported a government and education channel. Mayor Verger commented that North Bend is supportive of a government channel. City Attorney Randall Tosh reported his research has found that most systems in the state are managed by non-profit organizations using a contract with local governments. There was further discussion whether there would be review of material for content before airing and Mr. Tosh noted that guidelines could be established by the non-profit group. Mayor Verger reported that Mayor Slater would like to meet with Coos Bay and discuss proceeding with a government channel.

Stephanie Kilmer, Coos Bay, thanked both cities for their support in managing and operating public access and commented that she had received many calls from the public in supporting public access. Ms. Kilmer noted Coos Bay had provided office space, phone, fax, copier, accounts receivable and payable services, and paid the annual insurance premium. She commented fund raising has been an issue since the beginning and forming a 501C3 would help in applying for grants. Councilor Stufflebean reported the Board had met and suspended operation of public access due to lack of funding. He noted that comments from the public indicated the channel was off the air due to the City Council and he wanted to set the record straight. Councilor Miller moved to repeal Ordinance No. 194. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Annual Report from Operations Management International — Gary Young

Gary Young, OMI, reported the partnership with the City of Coos Bay was formed two years ago and last year OMI provided an \$8,000 rebate. Mr. Young noted a number of things have been achieved this year and commended OMI employees for doing a great job. Mr. Young presented Mayor Verger with a check for \$37,757 and distributed copies of the OMI annual report.

Proposal to Develop Systems Development Charge Methodology and Wastewater Rate Study

City Manager Bill Grile reviewed the proposal to go out for a consultant to prepare the methodology for a systems development charge. Mr. Grile said the proposal would include capital improvement plan, budget, schedule of charges, and would also look at systems development charge for streets and parks. Mr. Grile reported there has been concern over the wastewater rate structure and the study would include this matter as well. He noted the estimated cost would be \$25,000 and the Wastewater Fund would finance a portion of the cost. Mayor Verger moved to authorize the city manager to proceed with a request for

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proposals for selecting a consultant to develop a systems development charge program and conduct a wastewater rate study. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Award of Bid — Thompson Road Overlay Project

City Manager Bill Grile reported three bids had been received for the Thompson Road overlay project with the low bid from Umpqua River Navigation. Councilor Miller moved to award the bid to Umpqua River Navigation in the amount of \$70,790. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Ralph Larson, Coos Bay, reported his concerns about the change to three hour parking in the Theatre District and not having the officer available for enforcement. Mr. Larson noted people park all day and there are no spaces for customers and tourists. There was further discussion of the time limits in this area and Mr. Larson suggested businesses in the area be consulted before changes are made. Mr. Larson suggested the lots off the main street should be used for employee parking. Councilor Miller commented the changes should be in effect for awhile before more changes are made. Mayor Verger noted the consultant had stated the plan would not work without enforcement.

Flora Lee Lockhart, Coos Bay, reported experiencing problems with parking on Third Street in front of her business and asked for one hour parking limits in this area. Frances Cooley, Coos Bay, reported on the boardwalk and planters in Bremerton, Washington and distributed pictures. She suggested the City consider this type of planter box. Richard Lee Morrison, Coos Bay, said he was waiting to see a police officer and complimented the City Council on their meeting.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported the neighborhood issue on North 11th may have been resolved; and invited everyone to the softball game Friday evening at Mingus Park to kick off the Fun Festival. Councilor Spangler inquired about filling the codes enforcement officer position and Mr. Grile commented the department head is looking into a possible reorganization. Councilor Spangler expressed concern about keeping up with enforcement issues and noted staff has been telling the public there is no one to respond to complaints. Councilor Stufflebean commented he had been told a problem would be taken care of. Mr. Grile commented staff would like to avoid layoffs and still meet city needs but the Budget Committee will have some major decisions to make.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Miller encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Fun Festival in downtown Coos Bay.

Councilor Benetti commented on a letter regarding the trash container facility located in the Anderson/Bayshore parking lot. He reported people have been using the facility other than those who pay and maintain the area and there has been a problem keeping it clean. Staff will follow up on the matter.

Councilor Stufflebean thanked Chair Gene McCabe and committee members of the Joint TV Committee for their work on reviewing options for public access television.

Councilor Spangler reported on an Oregon Transportation Committee meeting and noted ODOT will be looking into possible funding for the North Bend airport.

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Mayor Verger reported the League of Oregon Cities Board recently met in Tillamook and a budget committee slideshow had been presented. She noted if the Council was interested, she would share information from this meeting. Councilor Spangler asked that the Parking Committee be re-appointed and consensus of the Council to move forward with appointments.

Executive Session

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) for the purpose of consulting with legal council regarding labor negotiations.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to October 6, 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