

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 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, Don Spangler, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Judy Weeks was absent due to being out of town for her employment, Councilor Jeff McKeown was absent due to recovering from surgery, and Councilor Cindi Miller was absent due to illness. 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 requested two additional items be added to the agenda; a request from FONSI to support the airport ballot measure and approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the city council and the urban renewal agency regarding the library expansion project. The consent calendar was reviewed and the department head report removed from the agenda. Mayor Verger commented that locating the downtown restrooms next to the Chamber of Commerce looked like a good idea and it would not take away any parking spaces. Councilor Spangler requested staff research whether the kiosk could be used in conjunction with the construction of the restrooms.

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported placement of the stop signs on Crocker and Sanford was a request from citizens in an effort to slow down traffic. He noted currently there is a long stretch of street without any stops and other tactics to slow traffic have not worked.

Mayor Verger reported speaking with North Bend City Councilor Lee Golder and North Bend is supportive of a government channel. Mayor Verger noted that the Council has received a number of citizen requests to put the channel back on the air. City Manager Bill Grile reported the Oregon Department of Transportation has agreed to the changes for the 4th and Anderson reroute and noted the change from the original plan to a one lane right turn from Anderson. Councilor Spangler asked if there would be any changes to the corner at the bank and Mr. Grile said no. Mr. Grile commented the next thing to look at would be an alternative for the Anderson two-way. Mayor Verger briefly reviewed the painting project for city hall.

Mayor Verger reported the Council is required to take public input before adopting the criteria for evaluating the city manager. She noted the criteria is broader this year than in previous years.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

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Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of the following items: Mercy Ships Proclamation, Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation, quitclaim deed to Emma Jarvis, and adoption of Resolution 98-24 accepting a Police Department grant. Councilor Spangler moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Mayor Verger read the Mercy Ships Proclamation declaring October 23rd as Mercy Ships day and the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation to the assembly.

Presentation of Certification of Appreciation to Capt. Jack Bushmaker

Police Chief Chuck Knight presented Capt. Jack Bushmaker with a certificate of appreciation from the City of Bandon for his participation in the selection process for police chief. Mayor Verger commented Mayor Densmore spoke very highly of Capt. Bushmaker and commended him for his participation and expertise.

Report from Marshfield High School Representative Meliah Masiba

Meliah Masiba reported homecoming is this week and invited everyone to attend the homecoming game at 7 p.m. on Friday. She reported girls of the month were Sara Richardson for August and Wendy Bower and Katy Reid for September. Boys of the month were Tim Walberg for August and Will Farr for September. Ms. Masiba reported the Pirate Band took first place in the competition held at Oregon State University, and noted the band is working hard to raise funds to go to Disney Land in the Spring. Ms. Masiba commented the Ma-Hi Times will be published in The World newspaper to be more available to the community. She reported the volleyball team is having a great season with a 10 - 0 record and invited everyone to attend the games Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Request for Council Support of the Airport Ballot Measure

Arnie Roblan, co-chair of FONSI, presented a letter to the Council in support of the ballot measure and asked Councilors to individually support the measure. Mayor Verger read a letter from Councilor Weeks in support of the measure, and reported that Councilors McKeown and Miller are also in support of the airport measure. City Attorney Tosh explained the governing body may not come out in support of the measure, but may do so on an individual basis. Councilor Spangler commented the FAA will continue to fund the weather service and the North Bend firefighters can provide the required coverage, and he urged citizens to not vote for the measure.

Authorization for Contract with Oregon Community Development Block Grant Program -- SWOYA Project and Adoption of Resolution 98-25

Mayor Verger expressed concern that the facility may not be completed in time for the governor's conference on tourism in April 1999. City Manager Bill Grile said he has been assured the facilities will be completed in time for the conference. Community Services Director Bill Finney reviewed the publishing requirements and noted work could begin by November 15th. Mayor Verger moved to approve the grant contract with the State of Oregon, acting through its Economic Development Department, adopting Resolution 98-25 establishing fair housing standards and criteria for the City of Coos Bay, and authorizing the city manager, the community services director and the finance director to draw funds for the project. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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Councilors McKeown, Miller and Weeks were absent.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urban Renewal Agency — Library Expansion Project

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported Library Director Carol Ventgen has been very successful in acquiring a number of grants to pay for additional components for the library project. The funds have been awarded to the City of Coos Bay and the library expansion is an Urban Renewal project; and will require an intergovernmental agreement to guarantee reimbursement of the funds to the urban renewal agency. Councilor Spangler moved to adopt the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Coos Bay and the Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Coos Bay. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilors McKeown, Miller and Weeks were absent.

Authorization to Proceed with Downtown Restrooms Project

City Manager Bill Grile reported \$63,000 for the restroom project has been set aside from hotel/motel funds in the budget. The two locations for consideration are adjacent to Kaffe 101 and adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Verger favored the Chamber site because of the central location and it would not take away parking spaces. Councilors Spangler and Stufflebean also supported this location. Councilor Spangler expressed concern about use of the kiosk as it was built with the highway beautification project funds. Consensus of the Council is for staff to proceed with a design for the Chamber location and come back to the Council for approval.

Approval of Stop Sign Request at Crocker and Sanford Streets

City Manager Bill Grile reported the stop signs were a request by the citizens in this area to slow down traffic and noted other methods to slow traffic have not been successful. Councilor Benetti moved to install stop signs at the intersections of St. Johns and Crocker, and St. Johns and Sanford, Margarett and Sanford, and Margarett and Crocker. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilors McKeown, Miller and Weeks were absent.

Approval to Proceed with PEG Access TV/Designating a Government Channel

City Manager Bill Grile reported Stephanie Kilmer has indicated a willingness to step forward and put the government channel on the air. Mr. Grile requested the Council direct the city attorney to send Falcon Cable letters informing Falcon that Channel 14 has been designated as the government access channel and giving Falcon the 90-day notice for creation of a public access channel. Mr. Grile noted that \$3,000 has been budgeted however, some of the funds may already be committed, and requested direction from the Council to find funding to pay Ms. Kilmer.

Mayor Verger commented that a number of citizen requests have been received asking for reinstatement of public access. Mayor Verger reported the City of North Bend is supportive of a government channel. Councilor Spangler moved to direct the city manager to proceed to put public access on the air and to find funding to pay Ms. Kilmer. Mayor Verger seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilors McKeown, Miller and Weeks were absent.

Authorization to Proceed with 4th Street to Elrod Traffic Changes

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City Manager Bill Grile reported this is a request for the final approval of the 4th to Elrod traffic circulation changes. The changes are a result of the traffic study by Kittelson and Associates and would lessen vehicular congestion in the Theater District of South Broadway. Mr. Grile noted the Department of Transportation expects to have the project completed by the end of the month. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the State's recommendation of Phase 1 and authorize proceeding with the project. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilors McKeown, Miller and Weeks were absent.

Award of Contract for Painting City Hall Trim

City Manager Bill Grile reported quotes were received for painting the trim on city hall with the low quote received from Thompson Paint. Councilor Stufflebean expressed concern about the completion date and requested the date be changed to April 1st. Community Services Director Bill Finney commented the later date was in consideration of the weather. Councilor Stufflebean moved to award the contract to Thompson Paint in the amount of \$5,348 with a completion date of April 1, 1999. Mayor Verger seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilors McKeown, Miller and Weeks were absent.

Public Input and Adoption of the Criteria for the Evaluation of the City Manager

Mayor Verger reported the Council is required by ORS 192.660 (1)(D)(i) to adopt criteria for the evaluation of the city manager and to also take public comments on the criteria. Mayor Verger reviewed the evaluation criteria as 1) Mayor and Council Support, 2) Leadership, 3) Community and Citizen Relations, 4) Personnel Management, 5) Financial Management, 6) Change Management, 7) Personal Characteristics, and 8) Personal Attitudes. Mayor Verger asked for public comments; there were no comments heard. Councilor Spangler moved to adopt the criteria and standards for evaluating the city manager. Councilor Benetti seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilors McKeown, Miller and Weeks were absent.

Public Comments

Lawrence Webb, Coos Bay, expressed concern about a speeding situation on Sanford and encouraged the City to install the stop signs immediately, and requested more police enforcement. Community Services Director Bill Finney said the signs would be up within two weeks.

Caddy McKeown, Coos Bay, reported the swimming pool is expected to be completed on Friday and open for swimming in a week. Ms. McKeown commented the project has gone very smoothly and commended Bracelin and Yeager for doing a great job. Councilor Spangler inquired about the user fee and if people outside the city pay a higher rate. Ms. McKeown reported no rate increase is expected and the Mingus Pool Management's goal is to keep access to the pool affordable to everyone.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile announced the Community Services Department had hired Mike Martin as the Codes Compliance Officer and reported notices have been delivered regarding changes in downtown parking. Mr. Grile briefed the Council an error on property tax statements imposes a tax levy on non-urban renewal properties, and noted the City's decision was not to levy the special option levy. Mr. Grile reported talking with the city attorney, the finance director, and Barbara Foord about the mistake and options for making a correction.

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City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the options advised by the Department of Revenue were to retain the funds and credit against next year's levy or return the over payment and make the correction on the tax role. The city manager and city attorney will be researching the matter and will make a recommendation to the Council. Jessie Bridgham of Yergen and Meyer reported that Bill Aldrich of the Department of Revenue said the City had filled out the forms correctly.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Benetti urged everyone to vote on November 3rd and expressed support for the pool house levy and the airport measure.

Councilor Stufflebean commended the city attorney and the city manager for their work in getting the government channel up and operating. He reported participating in the Party Sober 98 youth dance and commented it was a big success.

Councilor Spangler urged citizens to vote against the airport measure.

Mayor Verger reported on the Pacific Program she attended at Otter Crest and noted receiving the Community Ambassador Award. Tuition for the Pacific Program was paid by the League of Oregon Cities.

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 November 3, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

ATTEST:

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

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