

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 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, 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 Bill Finney, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Capt. Jack Bushmaker, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger reviewed the items on the consent calendar and noted corrections to the minutes on page 110 removing Mayor Verger from the adjournment, page 118 change to conceptual plan for a new fire station, and Councilor Miller was absent from the October 20th council meeting. Councilor Weeks commented it was good to see that some of the STP funds may be used for Alder, Birch, Cedar and Date Avenues overlay work. Mayor Verger reviewed the location of the PacWest project next to WalMart. City Manager Bill Grile reported access would be right in and right out off of Newmark Avenue and off of Thomas Street, and commented the Planning Commission would be reviewing the site plan issues. Mr. Grile commented the zone changes have been approved subject to the plan amendment approval.

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported the Parks Commission has considered the Mingus Park stage project at their last two meetings and are very enthusiastic about the stage. The Commission's recommendation is to have a committee appointed by the Council to develop the project, with committee members to include representatives from the schools, community college, City Parks staff, music and theater groups, local service clubs, and the Parks Commission. Mayor Verger asked Councilors to submit names for ratification at the November 17th meeting.

Mr. Grile reported the Council had received Ordinance No. 265 some weeks ago for review and staff will bring the emergency plan in the near future to the Council for adoption. Mayor Verger commented members from the Mercy Ship would be present at the Council meeting and would be giving a brief report. She reported the Mercy Ship would be returning to Central America to help with the recent devastation.

Mayor Verger distributed a copy of the goals and asked Councilors to review and make suggestions for changes before adoption on November 17th. Councilor McKeown asked if it would be possible to put lights on the welcome sign on Hwy 101. City Manager Bill Grile said staff would look into it. Mayor Verger welcomed special guests from the Mercy Ship.

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: approval of the minutes of September 15, September 22, October 6, October 15, October 20 and October 22, 1998, adoption of Resolution 98-27 accepting grant funds for DUII/Safety Belt overtime enforcement funds, and authorization to apply for 1999 Department of Transportation STP Fund Exchange Program funds. Councilor Miller moved to accept the consent calendar as amended. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Head Report — Finance Director Janell Howard

Finance Director Janell Howard reported the department has two new employees, the auditors started last week, and monthly financial reports will be available beginning in December. Ms. Howard commented the department had a lot of catching up to do and things are now going well.

Appointment to the Coos County Library Service District Board

City Manager Bill Grile reported Jim Watson has resigned from the Coos County Library Service District Board and the Coos Bay Library Board has recommended the Council appoint Ron Sass to fill the vacancy. Councilor Stufflebean asked that background research be completed before appointments are made. Mayor Verger noted that appointments to the County Library Service District Board are done on the recommendation of the Library Board. Councilor Miller moved to appoint Ron Sass to the Coos County Library Service District Board. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for PacWest and Adoption of Resolution 98-26

Planning Administrator Laura Barron reported PacWest is proposing to rezone approximately seven acres located on Newmark, west of WalMart to develop a location for a Staples office supply store. A change in the plan map to commercial use is needed in order to move forward with the project, and the Planning Commission is recommending approval with the condition of coming back with a site plan and architectural review. Councilor McKeown inquired about access to the property. Ms. Barron commented access is questionable and will be watched closely, and currently the plan is come through the WalMart parking lot, with right in and right out only off of Newmark, and also on Thomas Street. Councilor Spangler asked that it be made clear that the Council is approving the action and ODOT takes the action on the access. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt the Planning Commission's finding, justifications, conclusions, and final recommendation approving the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and adopt Resolution 98-26. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Direction Regarding Construction of the Mingus Park Stage

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported the Parks Commission has considered the stage at the last two meetings and are very supportive of the project. The Commission is recommending a committee be formed to work on the project and suggested the committee include representation of theater and music groups, community college, schools, service clubs, City Parks staff, and Parks Commission. Mayor Verger asked Councilors to submit names for consideration and ratification at the next Council meeting. Councilor Spangler asked where the funding would come from for the stage. Mr. Finney said one of the issues the committee would study is the cost of the facility, and Rotary has expressed a strong interest

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in planning and financing the project. Mr. Finney noted that it is possible that some City funds may be required, and commented it is hoped the facility can be constructed in phases. Councilor Weeks commented the Parks Commission has discussed funding and are interested in looking at grant funding available from the Timber Initiative which is handled by the Forest Service. Mr. Grile commented he had not anticipated using City funding. Councilor Weeks moved to accept staff recommendation to make appointments to a committee to oversee the planning and design work necessary to put a permanent stage in Mingus Park. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Enactment of Ordinance No. 265 Creating an Emergency Management Agency and Providing for the Creation of an Emergency Operations Plan

City Manager Bill Grile reported the ordinance establishes an emergency management agency for the City and noted the fire chief and city attorney both worked on the emergency plan. The ordinance will establish the legal ground work and staff will bring a plan to the Council for adoption. Mayor Verger commented it is important to educate the public for emergencies and to have their own emergency plan as well. Mayor Verger moved to enact Ordinance No. 265 creating an emergency management agency and providing for the creation of an emergency operations plan. Councilors Weeks seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following

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

Public Comments

Brett Curtis, Vice-President of the Caribbean Mercy Ship, reported they are gathering supplies to return to Central America to assist in humanitarian efforts in Nicaragua. Mr. Curtis reported there has been much devastation in the wake of Hurricane Mitch; many towns and villages have been wiped out; roads and bridges destroyed; and they are in need of everything especially medical supplies. He said the ship is ready to go and they just need money for fuel; anyone wishing to help can contact the Caribbean Mercy ship.

Alicia Robbins, principle of the Caribbean Mercy school, reported three students are studying American government and they appreciated the opportunity to tour city hall and attend a council meeting. The students were Joel Cane, son of the chief engineer and has been on board 11 years, and Lauren and Annie Fadley, daughters of the Captain and have been on board seven years. Ms. Robbins expressed appreciation to the Police and Fire Chiefs and other city officials for making the staff and crew of the Mercy ship feel very welcome to Coos Bay.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the AFSCME contract should be signed by the union within the next few days.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported the Empire Streetscape Project bids were opened October 30th with the apparent low bidder being Johnson Rock Products at \$232,000. Mr. Grile noted a letter from the Bureau

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of Indian Affairs had been received regarding the purchase of a parcel on Ocean Boulevard and asked Council to notify his office if they had comments.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor McKeown asked how contributions to the Mercy Ship should be handled and Eric Faulkers commented donations may be made at the ship or sent to their home office at P O Box 2020, Garden Valley, TX 75771-2020. Councilor McKeown reported attending a student meeting regarding a teen center and Leslie Davis of the Boys and Girls Club was present and toured the Club with the students.

Councilor Weeks wished her fellow Councilors good luck in the election.

Councilor Miller reported the Joint TV Committee met last week to discuss the government channel and are now waiting for North Bend to review the draft ordinance and intergovernmental agreement.

Councilor Benetti asked that opening up the area known as the Sportsman Building to the goals.

Councilor Stufflebean reported receiving a lot of positive comments about the pool and Channel 14 being on the air.

Councilor Spangler reported attending the OCZMA meeting in Garibaldi and he will put together some of the information to distribute to the Council.

Mayor Verger expressed appreciation for Council attendance and cooperation in the goal setting session and evaluation of the city manager. Mayor Verger reported the evaluation of Bill Grile was excellent, and the Council was very pleased with his progress and look forward to Mr. Grile's continued service to the City.

Adjournment

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