

# **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**December 1, 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, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Councilor Jeff McKeown was absent due to illness. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Fire Captain Mark Anderson, Community Services Director Bill Finney, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

## **WORK SESSION**

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar and requested the item regarding insurance coverage for the Memorial Day Parade be removed from the calendar and made an agenda item. City Manager Bill Grile reported a number of complications have arisen in locating the downtown restroom facility next to the Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. Grile explained that until the State's highway beautification project has been finalized the location cannot be renovated for the restrooms. There was further discussion on the removal or use of the existing pillars, undergrounding the utilities, moving the kiosk, and funding for these items. Mayor Verger commented the other site on the corner of Anderson and Bayshore would require the use of four parking spaces and she did not favor losing the parking. Councilor Benetti suggested enlarging the Chamber of Commerce restrooms and Mr. Grile said staff would review the Chamber lease and look into the possibility.

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported meeting with the five restaurant owners regarding the dumpster located in the parking lot at Anderson and Bayshore and consensus of the owners was that part of the problem is enclosure restricts the size of the grease disposal containers that can be used. Staff recommendation is to change the size of the enclosure to allow use of the larger grease containers. Councilor Benetti commented there is a problem with people dumping refuse into the enclosure, even though the six businesses pay for the garbage service, many others, use the site. He further explained the reason the facility was built was to remove six individual garbage containers along Bayshore. Mr. Grile noted the City is involved because the facility is located in a City parking lot.

Mayor Verger commented appointments would be made to the Mingus Park Stage Committee and Councilor Weeks noted that Toni McSwain should be added to the committee as representative of the Friends of Mingus Park Association.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Flag Salute**

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

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### **Consent Calendar**

Mayor Verger reported the consent calendar consisted of City Council appointments, and Resolution 98-30 receiving and filing the abstract of the November 3, 1998 election results. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

The Mayor and City Councilors were re-appointed as follows: Mayor Verger to the County Urban Renewal Agency and Library Board; Councilor Benetti to the County Urban Renewal Agency and Tourism Promotions Committee; Councilor McKeown to the Enterprise Zone Committee; Councilor Miller to the Joint TV Committee, Tree Board and 911 Intergovernmental Council; Councilor Stufflebean to the County Solid Waste Committee; and Councilor Weeks to the Joint TV Committee and Parks Committee.

### **Department Head Report – Police Chief Chuck Knight**

Chief Knight reported the department has two officers attending the police academy who will be graduating on December 11<sup>th</sup>, and there has been a good response to the job opening announcement. Chief Knight reported the next Drug Summit meeting will be held at city hall on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.; police photos, including North Bend, have been updated; \$35,000 in traffic safety grants has been received since July; and the child identification program is currently being done at the Empire Police substation.

### **Insurance Coverage for the Memorial Day Parade**

Bill Rugh, representing the United Veterans Parade Committee, reported the parade was not done last year because there was not enough people to put the parade together and insufficient funds to pay the insurance premium. Since that time, there has been a lot of support from the community for the parade and the City can cover the parade under their policy if the Council declares it a City event. Mr. Rugh expressed gratitude for the City's ongoing support of the parade and City staff's work in preparation for the parade. Councilor Stufflebean commented it takes a lot of time and effort to put on the parade and it is an important event for the community. Councilor Miller moved to declare the Memorial Day Parade a City event and provide the necessary insurance. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Hearing – Performance Review of Solid Waste Collection Service Les' Sanitary Service and Coos Bay Sanitary Service**

Mayor Verger opened the public hearing on the performance review of the solid waste collection services offered by Les' Sanitary Service and Coos Bay Sanitary Service. There were comments to be heard and Mayor Verger closed the hearing. Mayor Verger commented both companies provide good service to the community and her office does not receive complaints about them. There was discussion about Les providing a free pick up day for citizens and the city attorney noted the ordinance requires a once a year clean up day. Councilor Spangler commented it would be good to have the clean up before the Governor's tourism conference in April. Councilor Miller comment it would not be fair to require the haulers pay the dump fee.

### **Selection of the Location for the Downtown Restroom Facility**

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City Manager Bill Grile reported there were a number of complications to be considered in locating the restroom facility next to the Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. Grile explained that until the State's highway beautification project has been finalized the City cannot move forward with placing the restroom at this location. Mayor Verger commented the other site on the corner of Anderson and Bayshore would require the use of four parking spaces and she did not favor losing the parking. City Manager Bill Grile reported it had been suggested the restroom facility be added onto the Chamber of Commerce building. Mayor Verger recommended staff look into this possibility and report back to the Council. Councilor Spangler moved to continue the matter in 30 days. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Authorization to Replace the Broadway Dumpster**

Councilor Benetti declared a conflict of interest and stepped down. City Manager Bill Grile reported the facility in the parking lot at Anderson and Bayshore was established by the Council to remove several garbage cans along Bayshore. He reported that a number of problems have recently arisen regarding keeping the area clean. Community Services Director Bill Finney reported meeting with the owners and their recommendation is to replace the facility which will allow the use of larger grease disposal containers. He noted the difficulty has been that other people throw trash into the facility and even though the owners pay the bill and do the cleanup, it still looks bad. Gary Jensen, Coos Bay Sanitary, commented that a larger grease disposal container would help and would require the enclosure to be enlarged.

Ralph Larson, business owner, commented when the garbage containers were located along Bayshore it created problems and recommended leaving the facility in its current location. He suggested the fence be higher around the facility. There was further discussion on the size of the facility, the option of putting a lid on the facility, how often the garbage is picked up, and the number of grease containers needed. Mayor Verger suggested posting the facility that unauthorized dumpers will be fined. Councilor Weeks moved to post the area for violation and authorize replacement of the facility. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and Councilors Miller, Spangler, Stufflebean, and Weeks voting aye. Councilor Benetti abstained.

### **Appointments to the Mingus Park Stage Committee**

Councilor Miller moved to appoint Dick Booth, Marty Crouse, Les Engle, Chuck Holloway, Larry McCabe, Toni McSwain, Katizann Means, Connie Meincke, Chris Rosman, Kim Thompson, Keith Topits, Phil Christiana and Councilor Weeks to the Mingus Park Stage Committee. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Comments**

Shanna Halley, South Coast Head Start, invited the City Council to attend an open house at the Empire Community Building on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sargent Webster, representing the Empire Business Association, invited everyone to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the Empire Streetscape project on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. and the tree lighting ceremony on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Empire fire station.

Diane Hannah, Coos Bay, expressed concern about citations not being issued to citizens not obeying traffic laws. This was in regarding to an automobile accident she was involved in. Chief Knight commented the officer has discretion on the issuance of citations and he would look into her situation.

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### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Bill Grile reported financing for rebuilding the pool house will be at a good interest rate; the Urban Renewal Agency is now the owner of the MrKonic property at the corner of Cedar and Bayshore; and Coos Bay is willing to cooperate with North Bend on a solution for their sludge disposal. Mr. Grile commended Carol Ventgen on obtaining another grant for the library. He reported on a letter from Stalcup Trucking regarding concerns that truck landing gear is damaging street surfacing and parking trucks on city streets. Mr. Grile commented the City is very sensitive to the state of the local economy and a meeting will be scheduled with local trucking firms to discuss these matters.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

**Councilor Stufflebean** reported his term as President of the Chamber Ambassadors ends at the end of the year; he has received many good comments about City staff's helpfulness in getting businesses going; and requested the City see that council candidates appear in the voters pamphlet.

**Councilor Benetti** reported the tree lighting was a success, and requested the fee be raised from \$25 in the garbage ordinance. City Attorney Randall Tosh explained the fine is set at not less than \$25 and not more than \$500. City Manager Bill Grile will look into the change with the city attorney.

**Councilor Miller** commented on receiving numerous calls regarding the painting of the petroleum tanks located at the north end of the city prior to the tourism conference in April. Councilor Miller requested the garbage franchise be reviewed in regards to the dump fees.

**Councilor Spangler** reported he will be out of town on the 14<sup>th</sup> to attend the OCZMA Transportation Committee meeting.

**Councilor Weeks** reported she will not be available for committee interviews on the 8<sup>th</sup> due to a work commitment, and expressed concern about the City's brush pick up program.

**Mayor Verger** commended Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen on the success of the tree lighting ceremony and invited everyone to attend the Empire tree lighting ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Verger reported the Airport Advisory Committee will be comprised of two representatives from the North Bend City Council, one from Coos Bay City Council, one from the Port Commission, one from the Coast Guard, and six from the Port District. Mayor Verger asked Councilors to consider appointment of a Council representative to the Airport Advisory Committee at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to December 8, 1998 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

ATTEST:

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