

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

**December 7, 1999**

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning at 6 p.m. with interviews for the Parking Committee in the Manager's Conference Room, proceeding to a work session at 7 p.m. 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, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Judy Weeks was absent due to surgery. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Acting Director Karen Turner, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Captain Eura Washburn and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

### **INTERVIEWS FOR PARKING COMMITTEE**

Connie Aurdahl, Don Heldstab and Diana Jackson were interviewed by the Mayor and City Councilors for consideration of appointment to the Parking Committee.

### **WORK SESSION**

#### **Review of Draft Ordinance – Chronic Disorderly Property Ordinance**

City Manager Bill Grile reported the draft ordinance has been reviewed by staff and members of the community in the Blossom Gulch neighborhood. There was discussion on adding noise to the list of crimes; changing the length of time from 60 days to 180 days; and inclusion of alcohol violations. Mayor Verger requested a review of the ordinance by the city attorney. City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the draft ordinance is based on the Springfield ordinance and is for the protection of neighborhoods. As defined in the ordinance, chronic disorderly property is when four or more prohibited activities occur within a 60 day period in a residential area. Mr. Tosh briefly reviewed the various sections of the ordinance. Mr. Tosh reported citations for violation of the ordinance would require proof the activities occurred, witnesses to the activities, and evidence of the occurrence.

Vicki Jenkins, principal of Blossom Gulch School representing members of the neighborhood, expressed support of the ordinance as a way to protect children, and providing an additional tool for the police department to address the problem. Ms. Jenkins thanked the Council and staff for their support in helping keep neighborhoods and schools safe for children. Expanding the 60-day period was discussed and consensus of the City Council to change the timer period to 180 days.

#### **Review of Agenda Items**

City Attorney Randall Tosh reminded the Council that only those members of the Council who heard the appeal would be making the decision on the Water's Edge rezoning. There was discussion on the recommendation presented by Mr. Barbee. Mayor Verger reported that due to recovering from surgery

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Councilor Weeks may not be available until the end of the month. Mr. Tosh commented the Council could request a reasonable delay. Councilor Spangler expressed concern that the developer may prevail because of the delay. Mr. Grile commented the correct procedure is to schedule to a date and time certain.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Flag Salute**

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

#### **Consent Calendar**

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the November 2, 1999 meeting minutes as corrected, approval to surplus a wastewater vehicle for donation to the Bunker Hill Sanitary District, adoption of Resolution 99-36 accepting \$15,800 in grants for the library, adoption of Resolution 99-37 transferring \$19,200 from library contingency to library grants, a proclamation supporting a National World War II memorial, and a proclamation for George Washington Day. Councilor Miller 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 proclamation for World War II memorial to the assembly. Bill Rugh, representing South Coast veterans, thanked the City Council for their support of the World War II Memorial.

#### **Appeal of Rezone – Water’s Edge Subdivision**

Mayor Verger moved to reschedule the appeal of the rezone for Water’s Edge Subdivision to December 21, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

#### **Presentation of Governor’s Fitness Award to Kathe Bourell by Mayor Verger**

Mayor Verger reported that each year Oregon mayors are given an opportunity to nominate a citizen who contributes to the health and well being of the community. Kathe Bourell has been a leader in swimming for many years and continues to coach the swim team. The Governor’s Fitness Award was presented at the League of Oregon Cities Conference last month in Eugene. Mayor Verger commended Ms. Bourell for her contributions and work in the community and presented her with the award.

#### **George Washington Proclamation**

Mayor Verger read the proclamation to the assembly which is attached. City flags will be flown at half staff on December 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of George Washington. James Ives, President of the Central Coast Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, reported in recognition of the accomplishments of George Washington, Congress has asked bells to be rung and flags to be flown at half staff on December 14<sup>th</sup>. A reading of George Washington’s farewell address will be held at the Veteran’s Memorial in Hahn Park in Reedsport on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Marshfield High School Report by Meliah Masiba**

Marshfield High representative Meliah Masiba introduced Laurie Brands and a joint report from MHS Student Council was given. Boy and Girl of the month are Jane Littlefield and Jason Enright; Trevor Woods is back at school, the girl's basketball team is doing very well, and the football team will play in Grants Pass next week. The annual Christmas Choir will perform next week at 7 p.m. at the high school, the play Play On will open this week, and the Nutcracker will be performed on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The student council will be hosting at Shore Acres on the 17<sup>th</sup> and students are participating in toy and canned food drives. Mayor Verger congratulated Laurie Brands for making All State.

### **Department Head Report by Captain Eura Washburn**

Captain Washburn reported the Police Department is in the process of hiring, promoting, and recruiting staff. Officers spend ten weeks at the police academy and 16 weeks in field training. Tentative offers have been made to two more applicants and all the new officers are local residents. Captain Washburn briefly explained officer training procedures; reported each school has an emergency response plan filed with the Police Department; and noted testing of equipment for the new enhanced 911 system will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Presentation of the Chamber of Commerce Vision 2010 Document by Chamber Board Member Angie VanBurger and Martin Callery**

Martin Callery briefly reviewed the process for reviewing and updating the Vision 2006 document. He commented input was received from the school districts, city councils and others who attended Chamber meetings. The document will help in the application of grants by showing the community has a common vision and partnership. Vision 2010 was completed in October and adopted by the Chamber Board. Mr. Callery reported the Chamber is now asking local entities to adopt Vision 2010. Angie VanBurger, Chamber Board Member, briefly reviewed the changes from the 2006 document which included a focus on tourism, the Boys and Girls Club, the hospital expansion and fiber optics. The section on the community profile was expanded, goals outlined and included strategies and an action plan. The report also includes business recruitment efforts, retirement services, quality of life, and the bibliography was updated. Mayor Verger commented the section listing accomplishments was uplifting. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt Vision 2010 goals, strategies and action items. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Appointment to the Parking Committee**

The City Council received applications from Connie Aurdahl, Don Heldstab, Mark Dailey, and Diana Jackson for consideration of appointment to the Parking Committee. Mayor Verger commented if the Council would like the ratio of Council and citizen at large positions to be changed on the Parking Committee, this could be accomplished with a resolution at the next Council meeting. Councilor Benetti supported comprising the committee of five citizens and one Councilor, and suggested appointing three citizens at this time. Consensus of the Council to bring the resolution to the next Council meeting. Appointment to the committee were made by ballot and Connie Aurdahl, Don Heldstab and Mark Dailey were appointed.

### **Public Comments**

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Robert King, Coos Bay, suggested council work sessions be recorded and aired on the government channel; and stated he is still waiting for the city attorney to respond to his letter. Mr. Tosh reported he does not respond to unsolicited letters. Mr. King inquired if Mr. Benetti had sent promotional information via the internet and stated he had information that Mr. Benetti had obtained confidential information from the City for personal use. Councilor Benetti commented the list is public information.

Julia Spangler, representing the Empire Community Association, thanked the Fire Department and Chief Gibson for supporting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual tree lighting in Empire.

### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported approval of the lease of property to the Coos County Historical Society will be brought to the Council in the near future.

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

City Manager Bill Grile reported the City has received a grant to pay for preparations of the findings to remove water dependent use from the Front Street Development project; and an application has been received to rezone property located west of Staples (on Newmark Avenue) and staff has determined a master plan should be developed to address this issue. Councilor Benetti suggested the company developing the area should help with improving Newmark Avenue. Mr. Grile reported approval of a policy for the Fire Department to begin billing insurance companies for the use of equipment outside the districts currently served by the City. Mr. Grile reported the Oregon Economic Community Development Department has requested the City prepare a SCERT project list and a needs and issue inventory; this matter will be on the next Council agenda for prioritization of the projects. Stephanie Kilmer has submitted her resignation as of December 31<sup>st</sup> as director of the Government Access Channel, citing promotion to general manager at KDOC radio as the reason. Mr. Grile commended Ms. Kilmer for an outstanding job as director and noted Lauri Ashman has agreed to be the interim director.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

**Councilor Spangler** reported on the recent fiber optics consortium meeting; noting the City has the assets and right of ways and once the fiber is installed and in use, the City will begin receiving money. Councilor Spangler commented the consortium passed bylaws, elected Cindy Weeldryer as chairperson and himself a vice-chair. He further commented fiber optics will benefit the community economically and will present no burden to taxpayers.

**Councilor Miller** reported Councilor Weeks had back surgery last month and additional surgery today. Councilor Miller commented the time capsule and Santa's arrival were successful events in downtown Coos Bay. She reported she would be out of town through January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilor Benetti** commented he made a presentation to the Lion's Club and there seems to be many positive attitudes regarding the City. Councilor Benetti reported the downtown open house was very successful and downtown businesses enjoyed a busy holiday season. Councilor Benetti commented Mr. King's allegation of wrong-doing by using the City's email list was not true.

**Councilor Stufflebean** had no comments.

**Councilor McKeown** reported attending the groundbreaking ceremony at the Boys and Girls Club, and the Livability Committee is in the process of scheduling presentations in the community.

**Mayor Verger** commended Councilor Miller on the success of the Santa arrival, and reported attending the National League of Cities conference in Los Angeles. Mayor Verger suggested staff look into

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low cost housing available from the Fanny Mae Foundation.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to December 21, 1999 at 7 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