

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 4, 2000

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, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Councilor Cindi Miller was out of town and excused from the meeting. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar, and noted the Helpline Board president would be making a report and a certificate of appreciation would be presented to Stephanie Kilmer. Mayor Verger commented Council's recommendation for the log display was placement in the Front Street area. Councilor Spangler inquired if the contract rules now included a section for local contract preference. City Attorney Tosh responded it would come to the Council in the form of an ordinance. Mr. Tosh commented the rules are presented as a resolution, but legal research indicates an ordinance would best establish the process and include findings for bid preference. Councilor Spangler commented if the resolution lays out the rules, he does not understand the need for an ordinance. Mr. Tosh said the bid preference is a matter of public policy. Mr. Grile commented adoption of the resolution could be deferred until the ordinance has been prepared. There was further discussion on establishing local contract preference. Mayor Verger expressed concern about the appearance of favoritism. Councilor McKeown commented the rules and ordinance are two separate issues and he had no problem with waiting until the next meeting.

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 the minutes for November 16, 1999, approval of an OLCC license for Molly's (the) Pizza Parlor, Resolution 00-3 appropriating insurance proceeds to replace property, and Resolution 00-4 authorizing inter-fund loans. Councilor Weeks moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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Report from Helpline Board President Patty Borchert

Patty Borchert, President of the Helpline Board, expressed the Board's appreciation for the support and assistance from the City Council and staff in relocating the Helpline office to the Eastside Fire Station. Ms. Borchert commented Helpline volunteers provide a great service to the community with support from the City and United Way.

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Stephanie Kilmer

Mayor Verger commented Stephanie Kilmer has manned the camera for a long time and her devotion and loyalty to the City of Coos Bay has been appreciated by the City Council and staff. Mayor Verger also expressed appreciation to Ms. Kilmer's family for their support during this time, and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

Department Head Report from Community Services Director Bill Finney

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported staff has been busy with annual business license renewals, design work on the Broadway and Newmark Street Scape projects, the pool house project, and beginning the initial preparation for next fiscal year's budget. Mr. Finney reported Coos Bay is one of 59 cities to receive a \$200,000 grant from EPA to do environmental assessments. He attended a Brownsfield conference in Dallas, Texas in December and learned a lot about the assessment process.

Councilor Spangler inquired about the year-long closure of the Empire boat ramp and the delay in making the necessary repairs. Mr. Finney responded the Marine Board has indicated they will fund the \$42,000 it will take to make the repairs to the facility. Councilor Spangler expressed concern staff took so long before any action was taken. Councilor Stufflebean requested Community Services prepare a monthly progress report on City projects rather than the current quarterly report. Councilor McKeown agreed a monthly report would be helpful and without so much detail and history. He expressed concern that some projects seem to drag on and suggested the City enforce completion dates.

Appointment of City Representative to the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board

Mayor requested the Council ratify Mike Helfrich's appointment for a two year term on the Water Board. Councilor Weeks moved to ratify Mike Helfrich's appointment. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Mayor commented with the development of the water expansion project it is important to the City and Water Board staff to continue with the current representatives.

Appointment of Council Representative to the Parking Committee

Mayor Verger reported Councilor Miller has been contacted and she is willing to serve on the Parking Committee. Councilor Weeks moved to appoint Councilor Miller as the Council's representative on the committee. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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Approval of Location for Display of the Menasha Log Donation

City Manager Bill Grile reported the log is 9' in diameter by 3' and there is an area south of Taco Time that would lend itself to the display. Mayor Verger commented the site is suitable because of the boardwalk and the Front Street development project. Councilor Spangler inquired about the cost to construct the display. Mr. Grile reported Menasha will house and move the log. Mayor Verger moved to place the display at the Front Street location with approval from Menasha. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Adoption of Resolution 00-2 Rules for Public Contracting

Consensus of the Council to withdraw the resolution from the agenda until the an ordinance establishing local bid preference has been prepared.

**Enactment of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 217
Regulating Moorage at City Facilities, Section 4(3) Establishing Late
Fees and Adoption of Resolution 00-1 Setting Fees and Establishing
Regulations for Moorage at the Boardwalk Dock Facility**

City Manager Bill Grile reported the amendment to the moorage ordinance would change the late fee from 9 percent to a flat \$10 charge. The resolution would add charge late fees for short-term and transient moorage agreements; currently only long-term agreements are assessed late fees. Councilor Weeks moved to enact Ordinance No. 288. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following results:

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

Councilor Weeks moved to adopt Resolution 00-1 setting fees and establishing regulations for moorage at the Boardwalk dock facility. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Tosh reported the amended rules for public contracting and a draft ordinance for local bid preference will be mailed to the Council later this week.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported the City's Y2K plan worked; the OSHA inspection of city facilities has been completed and the City is in excellent shape; and the meeting with the Confederated Tribes to discuss City services has been scheduled for February 3rd. Mr. Grile reported the Bay Area Telecom Week will begin with a breakfast meeting for local elected officials on January 25th. Replacing the boiler at the Empire Fire Station is estimated to cost \$9,000 with funding to come from the salaries line item.

Mr. Grile reported receiving confirmation from the City of North Bend that they would like the City of Coos Bay to proceed with operating the government access channel and charge North Bend \$10 per hour

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for airing their meetings. Mr. Grile commented \$10 per hour is not a fair distribution of the cost and without the \$15,000 the City of Coos Bay budgeted there would not be a government channel. Mr. Grile reported it has been suggested the mayors, city managers and council presidents of both cities meet to discuss the government channel and moving forward with the public access channel. There was further discussion of the possibility of converting the Ed Lund building into a studio for PEG access, a non-profit to run PEG access and generate revenue so general fund money would not need to be used; and review of current assets.

Councilor Benetti commented he would be willing to deed the assets to the organization that would be operating the public access channel. Mr. Grile noted this would need to be discussed with North Bend and as there are two separate franchise agreements with Falcon, North Bend could set up and operate their own channel. Mr. Tosh commented any joint agreement between Coos Bay and North Bend was terminated when the Joint TV ordinance was repealed a year ago. Mr. Grile suggested staff bring a proposal to the Council after the meeting with North Bend. Councilor Spangler suggested the meeting with North Bend be expanded to include representatives from the County, Port, and Tribes. Consensus of the Council to hold an expanded meeting after the meeting with the City of North Bend. Mayor Verger suggested asking for public input on this matter on the City's WEB site public opinion poll.

Frank Williams, Coos Bay, commented there is a need in the community for Channel 14 and he supported moving forward with establishing the public access channel separate from government access. Joe Wallis, Coos Bay, commented Channel 14 is very informative and requested Council do something in the way of a public access channel. Mike DeCaires, Coos Bay, commented PEG Access was doing fine with volunteer staff; it can work and should be able to do so again. Councilor Benetti suggested looking into the possibility of contracting with public access to film government meetings and take care of airing the programs on government access. Mr. Tosh commented the extent of non-profit involvement would be simply putting tapes in the machine. Mayor Verger noted several groups have expressed an interest in submitting an RFP.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Weeks reported it was nice to be attending Council meetings and work, and the surgery went well. Councilor Weeks complimented staff on the paving project at Mingus Park and commented the directional signs around town need to be cleaned.

Recess Council Meeting to the Urban Renewal Meeting

Mayor Verger moved to recess the City Council meeting to the Urban Renewal Agency meeting. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Executive Session

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (h) for the purpose of consulting with legal council regarding litigation. The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to January 18, 2000 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:

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