

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 7, 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 Council President Cindi Miller and Councilors Joe Benetti, Jeff McKeown, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Mayor Joanne Verger was absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Police Chief Chuck Knight, and Fire Chief Stan Gibson.

WORK SESSION

Port General Manager Allan Rumbaugh explained that to make improvements to the airport the Port need to fill a storm water retention lagoon near a runway and also fill a small portion of the estuary. The project requires the Port to do estuarine mitigation and in looking for sites to accommodate this requirement, the Port has located approximately 17 acres of City property in the Eastside area that would serve this purpose. Mr. Rumbaugh stated other sites have been looked at but the City's property would be the most cost effective to use. He approached City staff in late summer to discuss and had been asked if the Port would consider hiring a firm to do a value engineering review before any action was taken. Mr. Rumbaugh commented the Port is on a critical time line for the mitigation permit procedure and reaffirmed the Port has looked for other property to meet their needs. He noted the Port is ready to fund the value engineering review to see what the impact of using this property would be to the City. If the City agrees to sell the property, the Port would purchase at fair market value.

Councilor Weeks inquired if the County could partner with the Port and why the north end of the airport is not also being taken care of. Mr. Rumbaugh reported only one major fill action and that is on 1331 lane, and in following the Clean Water Act, they will not be filling the north end area, only the lagoon at the south end. Councilor Weeks asked if any of the islands in the bay could be used and Mr. Rumbaugh commented there are a number of areas around the bay that could be used, however, mitigation is expensive and the Coos Bay site is a reasonably cost effective site. The Port estimates 1331 lane improvements will cost \$2.5 million. Councilor Spangler asked when the impact to Coos Bay would be known. Mr. Rumbaugh reported Terry Gould of Brown and Caldwell can have the report completed by November 21st. The property in question is adjacent to the City's sludge lagoon and Brown and Caldwell will look at whether there will be expansion availability for the lagoon. Councilor Benetti asked if the City would need this property for expansion of the sludge lagoon. City Manager Bil Grile reported he has had some feedback from OMI and would like to wait for Brown and Caldwell's report. Councilor Benetti noted that Brown and Caldwell originally designed the facility.

Terry Gould, Brown and Caldwell, explained two concerns to be studied are the integrity of the exiting dike and the impact on the lagoon, and second, if the city would have the ability to expand the primary at the treatment plant site. Mr. Gould commented based on the efficiency of current plants, the report would determine what expansion of the lagoon should be preserved. Councilor Benetti commented he would support selling the property if it didn't impact the sludge lagoon and noted the airport is for the whole area. The Port has been a good partner with the City and commented the Port gave the City the property for developing the

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Eastside boat ramp and. Councilor Spangler stated it was good news that it is a regional airport. He inquired if purchased, would the property belong to the Port or the City of North Bend. Mr. Rumbaugh said it would be purchased with airport funds. City Attorney Randall Tosh noted it is possible that the Port's name would be required on the deed. President Miller reported the consensus of the Council to wait to make a decision after Brown and Caldwell gives their report.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

President Miller opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

President Miller reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2000 meeting and the Recycling Awareness Week proclamation. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye. President Miller read the proclamation to the assembly.

Progress Report on the Development of a Crisis Response Team by Judy Moody, Director of Women's Crisis Service

Judy Moody reported the crisis response team, comprised of six volunteers and staff members, is now up and running since August 1st. The team assists law enforcement officers with victims, enabling the officers to do their job. Training is offered to area law enforcement agencies on how to respond to domestic violence calls. President Miller inquired if there is help if the victim is male. Ms. Moody explained the crisis response team would assist with restraining orders but at this time they do not have housing facilities for males. Councilor Stufflebean complimented the Women's Crisis Service for their work and noted there are already some changes at the Center for men.

Enactment of an Ordinance to Amend the Cable Franchise Ordinance

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the purpose of the amendment is to clarify the franchise funds are used in the general fund. The actual change is in Section 5 in the introduction of franchise fee, and there were no other substantive changes in the ordinance. Mr. Tosh reported Charter Communications had no problems with the amendment. He noted the heading of the ordinance states Falcon Cable and explained Falcon is still actually the corporate entity doing business as Charter. Councilor Weeks moved to enact Ordinance No. 299. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only. The Council was polled and the ordinance was enacted with the following vote:

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

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Authorization to Purchase Fire Department Vehicle

City Manager Bill Grile reported funds were budgeted to replace a 1993 vehicle in the Fire Department and with the State purchasing agreement, the vehicle will come in \$5,000 under budget. Councilor Weeks moved to accept approval of the purchase of a Chevrolet Suburban for \$29,328.98. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Rondi Potter, representing the Downtown Association, reported downtown businesses will hold a holiday open house November 17th and 18th, and invited the Council and citizens to attend.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randall Tosh distributed a memo to the Council regarding Danielle Shimotakahara's request for an ordinance regulating violent video games. He asked the Council to contact him with their comments. Mr. Tosh reported the City has received a letter regarding concerns about the downtown paving project which he is reviewing and will report back to the City.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported of the 14 floats located at the Empire boat ramp, eight have been removed for the winter. During the winter the dock receives considerable damage and since the Marine Board has replaced the dock once, it is not likely the City will receive funding for more replacements. Councilor Spangler commented it was his understanding the Marine Board repaired the facility with matching funds and requires the City to remove the floats during the winter.

Tom Rumreich, Oregon Fish and Wildlife, explained that the earlier problem with fish dying in the boardwalk aquarium was due to a malfunctioning pump. He indicated the aquarium may be shut down during the winter months because volunteers are very busy during the winter with work at the hatchery. Mr. Rumreich commented the problems with the aquarium are being addressed and expressed appreciation at being able to partner with the City on this project.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor McKeown reported the South Coast Development Council is moving their meetings around the community and will meet in Bandon on Wednesday; the Council and citizens are invited to attend.

Councilor Weeks reported she has started working for Coquille Economic Development Corporation.

Councilor Miller complimented Chief Gibson on the Fire Department's presence in the community and for participating in the safe trick or treating this year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to November 21, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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Cindi Miller, President

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder