

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 2001

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay Coos County, Oregon, held at 6:30 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Clerical Assistant Stacey Babb, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs and Fire Chief Stan Gibson.

Review of Letter of Support for Coos County's Proposed Nuisance Ordinance

Mayor Benetti commented the City Council had previously requested the city manager draft a letter of support for Coos County's proposed nuisance ordinance. Councilor Miller commented the Council needs to support the County's ordinance, however, the letter should not list specific areas, but concentrate on the tourist corridors. Councilor McKeown also supported not listing specific areas in the letter and noted residents could be offended if the City's letter is too specific. Councilor Spangler approved the draft letter, Councilor Stufflebean also approved the letter but commented it should be specific, and Councilor Weeks expressed approval of the draft letter but should not make recommendations. City Manager Bill Grile reported as former Planning Director for Coos County, his office received many calls about blight in the areas mentioned in the draft letter.

Councilor McKeown stated he has a hard time restricting personal freedoms, although he does want to clean up the tourist corridors. Councilor Stufflebean responded there is also the concern of the personal freedom of the neighbors who live next to blighted areas. Mr. Grile said he would revise the letter and prepare it for signatures. Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs reported Sheriff Jackson had contacted her department and requested copies of the City's municipal court ordinance, the building code ordinance and job description for the Codes Enforcement Officer.

Schedule a Work Session to Review the Proposed Newmark Project

City Manager Bill Grile reported there would be a lot of information to review on the proposed Newmark Improvement Project at the August 21st City Council meeting and suggested a work session be scheduled. A meeting was set for Wednesday, August 29, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room.

Discussion of Response to the Environmental Assessment Scoping Notice for Many Acres Residential Community – Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

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City Manager Bill Grile reported there could be some concerns about this project from the surrounding neighbors, however, he does not believe that any federal agency will require an impact statement. Mr. Grile suggested the Council review the draft letter prepared by Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs. Councilor Larson asked who would pay for the environmental assessment. Mr. Grile commented either the Confederated Tribes or a federal agency would pay for the assessment. Consensus of the City Council was to send the response letter as drafted by Ms. Shribbs.

Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to August 7, 2001 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder