

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

**October 2, 2001**

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### **Those Present**

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, and Judy Weeks. Councilors Anna Marie Larson and Kevin Stufflebean were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen and Police Captain Eura Washburn.

### **Flag Salute**

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

### **Consent Calendar**

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of adoption of Resolution 01-29 establishing membership in the City County Insurance Services Trust, approval of an intergovernmental agreement for the provision of wastewater collection with Charleston Sanitary District, and setting a public hearing before the Planning Commission for October 24, 2001 regarding adding the use "Airport Approach Lighting System and attendant structures" as a permitted use in the Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Department Head Report by Finance Director Janell Howard**

Finance Director Janell Howard reported the finance department has been preparing the for annual audit which will be performed by Rob Wall. The new computer system is working well and staff will now be providing the council and department heads with regular monthly reports.

### **Marshfield High School Representative Report by Jonathan Hanson**

Jonathan Hanson commented he is looking forward to working with the City Council. Fall is a busy time at the high school, there are 1300 students enrolled at the high school, including CE2 and Destinations. During the summer the gym floor was replaced and the new parking lot completed. Fall sports are underway, school spirit is excellent, homecoming will be next week and the Pirates will play the North Bend Bulldogs on Thursday. Mr. Hanson distributed MHS posters to the Council and presented Mayor Benetti with the MHS flag for spirit week. Mr. Hanson commented having Officers Scott Snyder and Rodger Craddock has been positive. Mike Solomon who volunteered many hours at the high school passed away this week and he will be greatly missed.

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### **Request for Letter of Endorsement for Forest Land Restoration Plan from Confederated Tribes**

City Manager Bill Grile reported the Confederated Tribes have requested the City endorse their forest plan. Endorsements have been received from the state legislators and other counties. The Plan would provide reassignment of responsibility of federal lands and would net \$350,000 per year for the Tribe. Mr. Grile commented when the Tribe does well, the community does well and he recommended the Council endorse the forest plan. Councilor McKeown commented the plan would free up timberland for harvesting and would generate jobs and revenue for the community. Frances Somday, Confederated Tribes administrator, explained 95,000 acres of forest land would be affected and the title would remain with the U.S. Government. Mr. Grile commented a draft letter has been prepared for Council approval. Councilor Miller moved to authorize Mayor Benetti to sign a letter endorsing the Confederated Tribes forest plan. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

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

City Manager Bill Grile reported the Ocean Blvd issue regarding speeding has been resolved satisfactorily. He thanked Mr. Rex Miller for bringing the Eastside beautification issue to the City's attention and staff has met with Mr. Miller to develop a maintenance plan. Mayor Benetti commented it is great to have citizens bring things forward and be involved in the community. Mr. Grile reported Mr. Miller has offered to apply the spray to control the weeds and brush, and staff has spent a fair amount of time on this matter.

Mr. Grile commented the team from the Oregon Downtown Development Association is doing a great job and he is looking forward to their report Wednesday evening. Fire Chief Gibson reported he has been asked by the president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs to attend a memorial ceremony in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Two other firefighters from Coos Bay will also attend. The fire department concluded their fundraising totaling \$10,300. Mayor Benetti commented the chief and fire personnel will be going at their own expense.

### **Council Comments**

**Councilor Weeks** reported North Bend Police Chief Scibelli gave a presentation on SCINT at Rotary and noted they are in need of funding. Councilor Weeks commented some of their budget items seem inflated and suggested the City donate a vehicle to SCINT. She suggested before the Council makes any decisions about SCINT, Chief Knight give his recommendation. Councilor Weeks thanked Jon Hanson for his report.

**Councilor Miller** welcomed Jon from Marshfield High School, and read a press release regarding an award presented by the Oregon Health Division to the North Coos County EMS System for quality service to the community. Chief Gibson commented the award was a great honor and is the result of a good partnership between the City and Bay Cities Ambulance. He reported Fire Prevention Week is next week and the department will hold open houses during the week. Chief Gibson invited the Council and the public to attend the Eastside open house on Monday, the Central/Downtown open house on Tuesday, and Empire open house on Wednesday. Fire personnel will also be visiting the elementary schools during the week.

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Councilor Miller commented it has been an honor to be involved with the Fun Festival and she was proud to see so much patriotism shown. She reminded the assembly the first annual gem and craft show will be held in downtown Coos Bay on the weekend. The Downtown Association will again host safe trick or treating for Halloween. Councilor Miller reported she is enjoying the visit from the Oregon Downtown Development Association this week.

**Councilor McKeown** congratulated the fire department on receiving the EMS award, and he inquired if the City's level of awareness is up since the World Trade Center attack. Capt. Washburn reported the department has been more aware since Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and it has impacted everyone. The City's emergency plan is in place and staff is confident the City is able to respond to an emergency. Chief Gibson commented the police and fire departments work very closely together on emergency matters and he has been involved with a meeting with the water board to protect that resource. In addition, the National Fire Academy recently presented a class on terrorism and Bay Area Hospital will be presenting a class on terrorism awareness.

**Mayor Benetti** reported the Confederated Tribes grand opening for their housing project will be held October 13<sup>th</sup>. He attended fundraising benefit held at The Mill Casino and the turnout was great with over \$12,000 raised for New York City. Mayor Benetti distributed evaluation forms to the Council for evaluating the city manager and requested the date of the meeting be changed to October 24<sup>th</sup> because he will be out of town. Consensus of the Council to move the meeting to October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Benetti commented a joint dinner with the City of North Bend has been arranged during the League of Oregon Cities conference in Eugene.

Mayor Benetti recessed the City Council meeting to go into the Urban Renewal Agency meeting. At the conclusion of the Agency meeting, the City Council reconvened into the Council meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Councilor Weeks moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) & (h) for the Purpose of Discussion Labor Negotiations and Consulting with Legal Counsel Concerning Potential Litigation. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all the Councilors present voting aye. The Council reconvened into regular session

### **Approval of a Stipulated Decree Between the City and Michel Olayee**

Councilor Miller moved to approve the stipulated decree to allow Mr. Michael Olayee 30 days to obtain issued insignias of compliance from the State of Oregon and remove dwellings destroyed by fire, and 45 days to bring dwellings up to code. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to October 16, 2001 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder