

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 20, 2002

The minutes of the proceedings of a 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 Attending

Those present were Council President Jeff McKeown and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Anna Marie Larson, Cindi Miller, and Kevin Stufflebean. Mayor Benetti was absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

President McKeown requested approval of the bicycle grant application be added to the agenda. He reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of the June 4, 12, and 18, 2002 meetings, and acceptance of the donation of the boat "Irene" from Margie Sause. City Attorney McClintock explained Ms. Sause's attorney is preparing language to address the ability of the city to move the boat in the future if the need arises. Councilor Miller moved to approve the council meeting minutes and the agreement, with the understanding that the city attorney will approve the change in language for the agreement. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with President McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Adoption of a Proclamation Commemorating September 11, 2001 – "A Day to Remember" – Presentation of Mark Dostal, Junior Past Commander, American Legion Bay Area Post 34

Mark Dostal, representing the Bay Area American Legion Post 34, spoke to the assembly regarding the attack on America on September 11, 2001 and on the importance of remembering those who protect our freedom. The proclamation, "A Day to Remember", would set September 11th as an annual remembrance of those who lost their lives in the attack. Councilor Miller moved to adopt the proclamation "A Day to Remember". Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with President McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye. Mr. Dostal read the proclamation to the assembly, which is attached and hereby made a part of the record.

Authorization to Proceed with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant

Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs reported the city's grant application requires the support of the Council and will include the portion of Ocean Blvd needing sidewalks. Staff also considered the Newmark improvement project; however, a project consisting of construction or reconstruction of a street is not eligible for the grant program. The proposed sidewalk project is estimated to cost \$90,000 for a

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single sidewalk from Butler Road down to Central Avenue. The grant does not require a match, but the application is stronger with a match and staff is proposing a 10% match, which would come from bike path fund. Councilor Stufflebean moved to support the grant application and authorize signing the application. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with President McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Head Report of Library Director Carol Ventgen

Library Director Carol Ventgen reported the summer reading program has been completed and an estimated 1400 children and families participated this year. Funding for the program came from the Friends of the Library and the Oregon Library Association, with contributions also from local merchants. The author's night series is doing very well, and staff is working on a grant application to the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation which provides computers and software to economically deprived areas. If successful in obtaining the grant, the library would receive four computers, other equipment, and Microsoft software as well as two days of training and one year of technical support.

Enactment of Ordinance No. 326 Amending the Uniform Fire Code Sections of Ordinance No. 239.

Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs reported the amendment to the Uniform Fire Code Sections of Ordinance No. 239 are in compliance with the state changes in fire codes. Councilor Miller moved to enact Ordinance No. 326 amending the uniform fire code sections of Ordinance No. 239. Councilor Eck seconded the motion and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only. The Council was polled and the ordinance enacted by the following vote.

Aye:	President McKeown and Councilors Eck, Gould, Larson, Miller and Stufflebean
Absent:	Mayor Benetti
No:	None

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported he has contacted the attorney for the mortgage holder of the McAuley hospital and notified them it is their responsibility to get people out of the building. Staff will be closely monitoring the situation.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported he attended the airport district hearing and expressed the Council's support for the airport. He noted the Commissioners are sorting out whether some south county cities should be exempt from the district and another public hearing will be held on this issue. He and the fire chief attended an appeal hearing before the County Planning Commission on the denial of a conditional use permit for the natural gas pipeline. He commended Chief Gibson on his testimony to the commission regarding pipeline safety issues.

Mr. Grile commented staff would like to develop a residency requirement for all emergency response employees and he would like to open a dialogue with the two bargaining units and Councilors Eck and Stufflebean volunteered to participate in the discussions.

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Mr. Grile commended Chief Knight and Sgt. Hedgepeth for their work on finding a solution to the 911 issue. Chief Knight reported Sheriff Jackson contacted Coos Bay and has agreed to submitting one plan to Oregon Emergency Management. The final draft was submitted to the sheriff this afternoon and it appears north and south county are in agreement. Chief Knight commended Sgt. Hedgepeth for the many hours of work dedicated to preparing the plan. President McKeown commented this is a big breakthrough. Mr. Grile reported the League of Oregon Cities notified the city that the League needs to be completely neutral in the consolidation effort and will not be preparing the model budget. LOC Director Ken Strobeck forwarded the name of the firm the League had contacted about the project and they will do the project for the same price as quoted to the League. Councilor Gould commented the analysis is for the citizens of Coos Bay and North Bend and recommended the city proceed as planned. The consensus of the Council was to authorize the city manager to proceed with the project.

Council Comments

Councilor Gould reported the first meeting of the Charter Commission was held in North Bend with the second meeting scheduled for August 28th in Coos Bay. The commission will review the proposed charter, modeled after North Bend's charter, and the public is invited to have input in the process. Councilor Eck thanked Chief Gibson and Mr. Grile for testifying at the hearing for natural gas pipeline. He commented the availability of natural gas will greatly help the area. Councilor Miller expressed condolences to the family and friends of Tosca Means who recently passed away, and reminded everyone of the upcoming Blackberry Arts and Fun Festival events. Councilor Larson also extended condolences to the family of Tosca Means, and expressed concern about traffic traveling the wrong way on the portion of Curtis Avenue between Broadway and Bayshore.

Councilor Stufflebean commented Tosca Means did a lot to promote the area and was active in many volunteer capacities including local theater. He commended Community Services and Fire Department staff for their work during the swim meet last week and comments there were many positive comments about the area. President McKeown reported the IBO program for September 4th will feature Mayor Benetti and the Council, and reminded Councilors to submit comments regarding the criteria for evaluation for the city manager to the assistant city manager. Music in Mingus will be held each Wednesday in September beginning on the 4th with guitarist John Standefer. President McKeown reported SCDC is working with several businesses regarding relocating to the Bay Area and the Timber Committee's work is looking promising.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, President McKeown adjourned the meeting to September 3, 2002 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, President

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder