

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

**October 15, 2002**

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

### **Those Attending**

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

### **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 a recommendation for approval of an OLCC application for change of corporate name and addition of a partner for Kum Yon's Restaurant, and approval of the minutes of the September 17 and 26, 2002 meetings. Councilor Gould moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Marshfield High School Report by Leslie Wall**

Leslie Wall reported exchange students from the Cook Islands were visiting and one MHS student will return to the Cook Islands; the Eugene Ballet will perform at MHS; and homecoming was last week which included the crowning of the homecoming queen and a fireworks show at halftime. Ben Looney was boy of the month and Annabell King was girl of the month; the first choir concert will be held October 24<sup>th</sup>; and the dance team will perform on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the football game against Williamette.

### **Department Head Report by Fire Chief Stan Gibson**

Chief Stan Gibson reported October 26<sup>th</sup> is National Make a Difference Day and Coos Bay, along with other emergency agencies, will participate in a display at Pony Village Mall. Department staff provided school activities during Fire Prevention Week; will be helping decorate at Shore Acres for the annual holiday lights event; helped with the fireworks during halftime at Marshfield High School; and will be participating with the C-SPAN bus tomorrow. Dolly Brock, Charter Communications, explained the purpose of the visit is educational and tours of the bus will be held from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

### **Public Hearing on the Proposed Rezone of Property Located at Newmark Avenue and LaClair Street and Enactment of Ordinance Nos. 324 and 325**

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Planning Administrator Laura Barron reported the Council continued the hearing on the rezone from July to allow staff to vacate a portion of Brule Street. The action would rezone 14 acres from residential to commercial and the Planning Commission has recommended approving the change on condition of vacation of a portion of Brule Street and a SPAR be required and approved prior to development of the area. No new comments have been received since the last hearing.

Councilor Stufflebean moved to enact Ordinance No. 234 changing the Comprehensive Plan Map designation for certain real property from residential to commercial. Councilor Eck seconded the motion and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and polled the Council with the following results:

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

Councilor Stufflebean moved to enact Ordinance No. 235 changing the zoning for certain real property from residential to commercial. Councilor Eck seconded the motion and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and polled the Council with the following results:

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

### **Public Hearing for Performance Review of Solid Waste Franchisees and Review of Current Technology On Solid Waste Management**

City Manager Bill Grile reported Ordinance No. 272 requires a performance review of the solid waste franchisees by the City Council every three years. Two companies have exclusive franchises in Coos Bay and are obligated to perform as directed in the ordinance which also includes providing the brush pickup program. Mr. Grile commented the city has not received any complaints about the haulers. Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing for comments. There were no comments made and the mayor closed the hearing. Councilor Stufflebean moved to have the city manager prepare a report on the performance review as required by the ordinance. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Approval to Develop a Program for Placement of Advertising on City Owned Property**

City Manager Bill Grile reported a possible revenue source for the City would be to allow advertising on city owned property. It is estimated a net of \$50,000 to \$70,000 income may be possible and the funds would be dedicated to maintenance and purchase of public safety vehicles. There was a brief discussion on having an advertising agent of record handle the ads, first amendment issues, marketing, and final approval of the ads by the Council. Consensus of the Council was to have staff proceed with researching the idea.

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### **Authorization to Proceed with Request for Proposals for Consultants of Record for Engineering and Landscape Architecture**

Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs explained past practice has been to hire consultants for various city improvement projects and recommended the City use an engineering agent of record and a landscape architect agent of record for the City's smaller projects. She explained the benefits would be more efficient use of staff's time, possible cost savings on the projects, and continuity of projects. Councilor Gould moved to direct staff to proceed with RFPs for consultants of record for engineering and landscape architecture. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Approval of Recommended Budget Cuts and Reorganization of the City Manager's Office, Finance Department and Community Services Department**

City Manager Bill Grile reported a proposal for budget cuts and reorganization of Finance, City Manager's, and Community Services Departments was presented at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. A tentative agreement has been reached with AFSCME regarding the reorganization and deferral of their 2003/04 next pay increase. The budget cuts would impact 12.75 FTE positions with an actual layoff of eight positions. Mayor Benetti expressed concern from some of the Council in regards to redlining salaries for certain employees and he recommended Debbie Erler's and Joyce Jansen's be redlined in consideration of their knowledge and years of service. He commented other positions have been redlined and it would be appropriate to treat all employees the same. Mayor Benetti stated the budget process has been difficult and he commended department heads and staff for working through a difficult time. Councilor Gould also commended staff for their cooperation and work and expressed hope that citizens would come through with supporting the public safety levy. Mr. Grile reported the passage of the levy would sustain five police officers and one clerical position in the police department and three firefighters in the fire department. Councilor Gould moved to implement the budget cuts and reorganization, and redline salaries of the two additional positions. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Review of Consultant's Draft Findings on the Consolidated Budget Study**

City Manager Bill Grile reported the firm of Hovee and Company have reviewed the consolidated budget and submitted a draft report to the City. Copies of the draft report were distributed to the Council and Mr. Grile recommended Mr. Hovee be invited to meet with the Council in a public meeting to discuss the report. Councilor Gould commented the report shows the consolidated budget is within reasonable parameters of cities the size of 25,000 and Hovee did a good job of analyzing the information. Consensus of the Council was to follow the city manager's recommendation to hold a public meeting.

### **Public Comments**

Bob Miles, Coos Bay, stated Joyce Jansen was offered as a sacrificial lamb to show elimination of a non-represented position, but in fact, the position was not eliminated, just shifted around. He further commented on salary increases for non-represented employees, overtime costs in the fire department, and suggested eliminating the battalion chief positions. Mr. Miles stated the Council has not been told the whole truth about fire department operations.

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**City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Bill Grile reported Nathan McClintock has been hired as the city attorney; the Newmark project is moving forward; and Jeff Marineau will give a presentation on his trip to Indonesian on Thursday during the noon hour.

**Council Comments**

Councilor Eck reported the consultant looking at Coos Bay and North Bend streets gave a presentation at the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. Mayor Benetti reported the joint Coos Bay-North Bend convention will be held tomorrow evening for the purpose of adopting the ballot title and appointing the clerk of the convention; and reminded Councilors of the annual review of the city manager scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Session**

Councilor Eck moved to go into an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (f) and (h) for the purpose of considering records that are exempt from public inspection and for consulting with legal counsel concerning potential litigation. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to the Joint Convention on October 16, 2002 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder