

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 19, 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 Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, and Kevin Stufflebean. 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, Police Chief Chuck Knight, Police Captain Eura Washburn, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

Flag Salute

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

Oath of Office

The oath of office was issued to Mayor Benetti and City Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Cindi Miller and Kevin Stufflebean by Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen.

Election of Council President

Mayor Benetti commented Councilor McKeown has done a good job as council president and recommended he continue to serve as Council President. Councilor Miller moved to appoint Councilor McKeown as Councilor President. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes from the October 1, 15, 16, and 29, and November 5, 2002 meetings, and authorization to execute a Fund Exchange agreement with ODOT. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Report from Marshfield High School council by Leslie Wall

Leslie Wall reported Jaime McDermott competed in an American Choir Directors Association contest and was selected for the honor choir to perform in New York City in February. The drama club will present Murder of 1940 on Thursday and Friday of this week; Marshfield High and SWOCC jazz bands are performing this evening at MHS auditorium; Megan Kozlowski is Girl of the Month, the Chess Team brought home the trophy from the first chess tournament, girl's cross county placed first, and plans are underway for the Senior all Night Party. Winter sports have begun and the Breakfast of Champions will be held next Tuesday at the high school.

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Presentation of the Blue Star Service Flag by American Legion Bay Area Post 34

Jackie Collison, American Legion Post 34 Commander, explained the Blue Star Service Flag originated in 1917 and was displayed to show support of family members serving in the armed forces. Ms. Collison presented the flag to Mayor Benetti for the city to display in support of the men and women from Coos Bay that are serving in the armed forces protecting our country. Mayor Benetti stated the City will display the flag and expressed the Council's appreciation to the American Legion.

Department Head Report by Finance Director Janell Howard and Presentation of the Annual Audit by Rob Wall, CPA

Finance Director Janell Howard reported finance staff have been working with the City's auditor on the annual audit; she will be reviewing the confusion on the reporting of urban renewal on property tax statements; and she has been working on refinancing the bonds and will have a report to the council at the next meeting. Rob Wall explained the audit procedure is governed by auditing and accounting standards and the City has a clean unmodified report with no material deficiencies. He briefly reviewed the audit for the fiscal year period ending June 30, 2002 and thanked the finance staff for their work. Councilors McKeown and Gould commended Ms. Howard and her staff for their work.

Adoption of Resolution 02-31 Renaming 10th Street Park

Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs reported the Optimists Club partnered with the City in 1998 for the maintenance of the 10th Street Park. Club members have done the majority of maintenance and improvements to the park and in recognition of their commitment, staff is recommending the park be renamed to Optimists 10th Street Park. Pam Wilson, President of the Optimist Club, reported the club has plans for more improvements and will also provide the new sign. Ms. Wilson presented Capt. Washburn with ten bags of stuffed animals for public safety officers to give to children in traumatic situations. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt Resolution 02-31 renaming 10th Street Park. Councilor Mckeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of a Request for Approval to Amend the Loan Agreement with the State of Oregon Economic and Community Development Department

Water Board General Manager Rob Schab reported an amendment to the loan agreement with the State of Oregon Economic and Community Development Department is necessary to show the interest earned on deposited loan proceeds. The loan is part of the financing of the water supply enhancement project and is supported by both the City of Coos Bay and the City of North Bend. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the contract amendment and authorize the city manager to approve the amendment and future amendments to the agreement. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of an Explanatory Fact Sheet for the Public Safety Operating Levy

Police Chief Chuck Knight reported staff has prepared a fact sheet for distribution to the public on the proposed public safety levy. Oregon law prohibits the City from using language to sway voters, but they may give factual and unbiased information. The city attorney has reviewed the fact sheet and the manual

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from the Secretary of State's Office, and approved the fact sheet as being in compliance with the law. Fire Chief Stan Gibson read a letter from the Coos Bay Firefighters Association in support of the public safety levy which is attached and hereby made a part of the record. Chief Gibson reported the association is working in cooperation with the Police Officers Association to set up an information program. Councilor McKeown inquired if staff is restricted in what they can say and City Attorney McClintock explained while on duty they can only give out factual information. Councilor Miller moved to approve the fact sheet as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nathan McClintock reported the McAuley building appears to be vacant and they are working on securing the building and cleaning it up. He has a trial commitment made prior to being appointed as city attorney and will not be available for the next council meeting. Mr. McClintock reported staff will be bringing an ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 300 concerning regulatory takings as provided by Ballot Measure 7.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported attending the SCDC summit meeting for government officials for the purpose of planning and providing resources to help SCDC accomplish their mission. The city's contribution can be assets in urban renewal resources to help make sights developable and develop infrastructure, implementation of enterprise zone benefits, and staff support. The Chamber Government Affairs Committee will be presenting three forums regarding the state's budget situation to help citizens understand the budget problems. Mr. Grile expressed concern about the yacht that came into port without going through proper procedures. Chief Knight reported Ken Keim of Oregon Emergency Management met recently with staff regarding 911 communications, and OEM will be writing a plan for Coos County to be submitted to the legislature for approval. There are currently five counties in Oregon without plans at this time.

Councilor McKeown commented on a meeting with Randall Edwards, State Treasurer, and he agreed communities need leadership from the legislatures as well as tax reform. Coos Bay's budget situation is not unique, but other cities, schools and the state are experiencing the same problems. There was further discussion regarding meeting budget challenges, whether the Council and citizens should travel to Salem to meet with the legislature, and making local representatives accountable to local communities. Mayor Benetti requested the city manager look at setting up a meeting with local elected officials before the next legislative session begins in January.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson expressed condolences to Mayor Benetti and his family for the loss of his mother, thanked the American Legion for the Blue Star flag, and commended Community Services staff on the neighborhood meeting regarding parking around the high school. Councilor Stufflebean congratulated the mayor and councilors on being elected to the council, reported he has been working with the Helpline and they would like a council representative on their board, and the Boys and Girls Club is moving forward with getting teen involved in the club and in the community. Councilor Stufflebean reported the County Solid Waste Committee has suggested the county filter metal out of the ash pit which would extend the life of the pit to 2025.

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Councilor Miller congratulated councilors on the election and also expressed condolences to Mayor Benetti. She reported the tree lighting event will be held Saturday, November 30th in downtown Coos Bay, and thanked her family members for attending the meeting for her oath of office. Councilor Eck also expressed his condolences to Mayor Benetti and thanked the voters for electing the city councilors. He recently attended the League of Oregon Cities Conference and the workshops provided information to help him in serving as councilor.

Councilor Gould thanked the Optimist Club for their commitment to 10th Street Park and the American Legion for their work. He reported attending a meeting with city staff for the CONOCO tank farm and was pleased with the positive people attending the meeting. They were all from DEQ and were very helpful and positive. Councilor Gould thanked the voters for returning him to the Council and extended congratulations to the mayor and other councilors on the election. He commented Councilor Eck has become an excellent councilor in a short amount of time. Councilor Gould stated the current council is the strongest council he has seen in several years and with difficult times and the challenges facing the city, this is a good group to move the Bay Area in a positive direction. He also urged citizens to vote yes on the public safety levy; and stated it is important that we provide for ourselves that level of public safety.

Councilor McKeown expressed his appreciation with the election results and for serving with this council. He stated support for the public safety levy as a way of taking care of ourselves and supporting the level of public safety we desire. Councilor McKeown also had met with staff from state government and was pleased with their attitude of helpfulness. Mayor Benetti congratulated councilors on the election and thanked citizens for reelecting him as mayor. He stated this council is one of the best he has served on and he is confident that by working together, the city will move forward through difficult issues. Mayor Benetti expressed appreciation of the council and staff and commented he looks forward to the next two years; wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving; and commented the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held tomorrow evening at Kaffe 101 and Sincerely Yours Antiques. Mayor Benetti thanked everyone for their condolences and flowers.

Executive Session

Councilor Miller moved to go into an executive session for the purpose of considering records that are exempt by law from public disclosure pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (f). Councilor Eck 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 December 3, 2002 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder