

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

**June 17, 2003**

The minutes of the proceedings of City Council interviews beginning at 6:00 p.m. and 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, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Roger Gould was absent. City staff present were Interim City Manager Chuck Knight, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Eura Washburn, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Engineering Services Coordinator Karen Turner, and Community Services Administrative Assistant Susanne Baker.

### **Council Interviews**

The City received applications from Andrew Locati, Philip Marler, Rex Miller and Mike Vaughan for consideration of appointment to the Planning Commission. Mayor Benetti interviewed Mr. Locati, Mr. Miller and Mr. Vaughan. Mr. Marler was unable to attend.

### **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 approval of the 2003/04 amendment to the library funding agreement, appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals and Tree Board, recommendation to approve OLCC license renewals and applications, adoption of Resolution 03-11 authorizing appropriation of insurance payments made to the City of Coos Bay, adoption of Resolution 03-12 establishing a major capital reserve fund, adoption of Resolution 03-13 establishing a minor capital reserve fund, adoption of Resolution 03-14 transferring funds from the repair and replacement reserve and jurisdictional exchange reserve capital outlay to materials and services, and adoption of Resolution 03-18 appropriating debt service on bonds. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Hearing Regarding Authorization for the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board to Pursue Financing for the Coos Bay Crossing Pipeline**

Joe Benetti opened the public hearing. Phil Matson, Financial Consultant for the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board made a presentation. Cost is estimated to be 1.76 million to do this project with Northwest Natural Gas. The estimated cost for the Water Board to do the project on their own is approximately \$2.1 million. The Coos County Urban Renewal Agency has also committed \$100,000 to this project. The Water Board has met with state agencies including

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OECCD and OECCD has tentatively agreed to loan \$1.2 million; \$600,000 on behalf of each city. Ron Hoffine made the technical presentation and answered questions. There will be two pipelines; one for treated water and the other for untreated water. There were not further public comments and Mayor Benetti closed the hearing. Councilor Miller moved to authorize the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board to submit an application for funding to the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Hearing on a Proposed Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 and Adoption of Resolution 03-15 Adopting the Supplemental Budget and Making Appropriations**

Mayor Benetti opening the public hearing, no citizens came forward and the mayor closed the hearing. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt Resolution 03-15 adopting the supplemental budget and making appropriations. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2003/04 Budget And Use of State Revenue Sharing Funds**

This agenda item was deferred to the June 24, 2003 meeting at 4:00 pm.

### **Appointment to the Planning Commission**

The appointment to the Planning Commission was made by Council ballot and Rex Miller received the majority vote. Mr. Miller's appointment will fulfill the remainder of the term left by Steve Clay and will go through December 31, 2003. The deputy recorder will issue the oath of office at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

### **Approval of Contract for DEQ Flow Monitoring Requirements for Pump Station No. 3 Design**

Councilor Stufflebean moved to authorize the expenditure of \$30,000 as outlined in the staff report and approve contracting with HGE Inc. to complete the flow-monitoring analysis as proposed. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Nate McClintock congratulated Chuck Knight on his new position as interim city manager, and reported he will be on vacation beginning Thursday through next Wednesday.

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

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported he is settling into his new office after serving in the Police Department for almost four decades. Mr. Knight commented he has always known the city had good employees, but did not realize until the past few weeks how good. He reported everyone has been pulling together to assist him with the transition, including moving furniture and painting his office.

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### **Public Comments**

No public comments were given.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Eck welcomed and congratulated Chuck Knight on his new position as interim city manager. Councilor Miller also congratulated Mr. Knight, and reported the Farmer's Market is in full swing. Councilor Miller reported the Commission on Children and Families met last week and she is helping to put together a program called "Teen Idol". There will be a competitions at Mingus Park and at the County Fair, with the finalist crowned at the Fun Festival. Councilor Larsen congratulated Mr. Knight on his appointment and thanked the Police and Fire Departments for responding to a 911 call for her husband.

Councilor Stufflebean reported on the effort to raise transportation funds and invited Mayor Benetti to speak at a faith-based community conference at the Red Lion. It is anticipated 200 people will attend the conference. Councilor McKeown congratulated and welcomed both Chuck Knight and Eura Washburn on their new positions. He met with Leslie Davis, previous coordinator at SWOYA, and commented how fortunate we are to have our Boys and Girls Club. Councilor McKeown commented he takes exception to the Oregonian's article on the November 25, 2002 fire and the subsequent OSHA report. He commented the article was very one-sided.

Mayor Benetti expressed appreciation to Rick Kenin for his service on the Budget Committee from February 2002 through June 2003. The myrtlewood plaque will be delivered to Rick as he was unable to attend the council meeting. Mayor Benetti reported he is attending weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. with other local government officials and administrators to participate in a conference call with state legislators and senators. The big issues are bills regarding mandated staffing for police and fire, and a bill on transient taxes that would add a 1% statewide transient tax with a pre-emption. Councilor Stufflebean commented Tricia Benetti is doing a great job of handling the responsibilities of director of the promotions committee.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to June 24, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder