

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 15, 2003

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, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, and Kevin Stufflebean. City staff present were Interim City Manager Chuck Knight, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Eura Washburn, Finance Director Janell Howard, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

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 minutes of the June 3, June 6, June 17 and June 24, 2003 meetings, initiation of the vacation of a portion of Pine Avenue and setting a public hearing before the Planning Commission on August 12, 2003, adoption of Resolution 03-20 authorizing interfund loans for FY 2003/04, adoption of Resolution 03-21 revising the city dock moorage agreement, appointment of two Coos Bay Library Board of Trustees members, and adoption of findings and conclusions remanding approval of the planned unit development to the Planning Commission. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Citizen Request for the City Council to Protest the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Proposal to Impose a Day-Use Fee for Sunset Bay State Park

Bonnie Koreiva, Coos Bay, commented the city went through this some years ago and the City Council was instrumental in keeping Sunset Beach for our town beach. Mrs. Koreiva expressed concern about the timing of adding a user fee and noted Coos County has the highest rate of unemployment and highest rate of hunger in the state. Mrs. Koreiva requested the City Council support keeping access available to Sunset Beach to all county and city residents. Mayor Benetti suggested the Council submit a letter to the State objecting to the fee and ask the City of North Bend to also submit a letter. Councilor Miller moved to submit a letter to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department objecting to the proposed day-use fee for Sunset Bay Park, and request the City of North Bend to join in objecting to imposing the fee. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Council Ratification of Appointment of Members to the Firefighter's Memorial Committee

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Mayor Benetti requested the City Council approve appointment of Chris and Gail Common, Kristin Hanners, Councilor Roger Gould, Councilor Jon Eck, Matt Fare, Mike Seldon, Mike White, Wayne Steward, Bob Huggins, and Glenn Holcombe to the Firefighter's Memorial Committee. Councilor Miller moved to ratify the Mayor's recommendation for appointments to the committee. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Authorization to Proceed with Sale of the Empire Community Building

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported the appraisal of the Empire Community Building came in at \$205,000 for the building and \$80,000 for the property. Currently the college and Head Start are interested in purchasing the property; however, there are some zoning and parking issues to be reviewed before the property is sold. The Council briefly discussed possible leasing options, zoning, and the impact to the park of the sale. Councilor Gould moved to authorize the city manager and city attorney to move forward with the sale of the Empire Community Building property. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported the Parks Commission has approved improvements to the Mingus Park stage requested by Music on the Bay, and the Commission will be discussing the Steve Clay memorial at their August 4th meeting. Mr. Knight reported the city and urban renewal budgets have been filed with the county, and a proposal to purchase urban renewal property will be presented at the next Urban Renewal Agency meeting.

Public Comments

Tom Hibbert, Lion's Club, presented American flags to the City Council and briefly explained the club's programs for helping people in need.

Council Comments

Councilor Miller reported Music on the Bay will be at Mingus Park tomorrow evening, and expressed condolences to the family of Bridgett Morris. Councilor Miller commented Chief Gibson will be in Oklahoma serving on a Board of Standards for Firefighter Training and she expressed appreciation for the quality of employees serving the city. Councilor Eck also extended condolences to the family of Bridgett Morris, and reported he and the Mayor attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the gas pipeline last week. Councilor Larson extended condolences to the Morris family and commented on an article in the Oregonian regarding the growth of Oregon cities. Councilor Stufflebean reported a tribute to Bridgett Morris will be presented by Bay Area Teen Idols at the Celebration Center Thursday evening. Councilor McKeown reported the South Coast Development Council is working on a number of different projects that are close to becoming reality and noted there are many positive things happening in the community.

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Mayor Benetti extended the sympathy of the City Council and staff to the Morris family and noted a community service will be held Saturday in Mingus Park at 4 p.m. He reported Linda Doman has submitted her resignation from the Budget Committee due to moving out of the area and he expressed appreciation for her service on the Budget Committee since February 1999 and for her volunteer work at city hall. Mayor Benetti reported a grand opening for Specialty Coating and Finishes will be held Thursday, he and Councilor Eck participated in the North Bend July Jubilee parade last Saturday, and the natural gas groundbreaking was a great success. Mayor Benetti complimented Rick Dancer of KEZI for his program spotlighting the Coos Bay-North Bend area.

Executive Session – for the Purpose of Discussing Labor Negotiations Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d)

Mayor Benetti reported he had not been successful in setting up a meeting with the Police Association so there would not be a need for the executive session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to August 5, 2003 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder