

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 5, 2003

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 Interim City Manager Chuck Knight, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Finance Director Janell Howard Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

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 July 1, 2003 and July 15, 2003 minutes, and re-appointment of Chris Guernsey to the Coos County Library Board. 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.

Presentation of Awards to Outgoing Library Board Members Bonnie Barron and Curt Benward

Mayor Benetti and Library Director Carol Ventgen presented appreciation plaques to outgoing Library Board Members Bonnie Barron and Curt Benward. Board Chair Bob Adams accepted the plaque for Mr. Benward as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Department Head Report by Carol Ventgen

Children's Librarian Pat Flitcroft reported on the various children's programs presented by the public library which included events sponsored by the Oregon Coast Music Association and the Boys and Girls Club.

Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board Report by Rob Schab

Water Board General Manager Rob Schab briefly reviewed the progress on the Bay Crossing pipeline project and explained the cause to recent discolored water was due to an abundance of manganese. Mr. Schab reported on a number of water board projects including the water main and hydrant replacement on the Newmark Avenue improvement project.

City Manager's Report

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Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported a work session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the next regular council meeting to discuss DEQ wastewater discharge requirements. The city manager's office received notice that the OSHA conference with the city will be held August 18th. Mr. Knight requested council direction on whether to put the international flags up on the boardwalk. The Council briefly discussed leaving the American flags up through the Fun Festival. Councilor Miller moved to keep the American flags flying on the board walk until after the Fun Festival weekend. Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, Gould, McKeown, Miller, and Stufflebean voted aye; Councilor Larson voted no.

Public Comments

Bob Fritz, Coos Bay, expressed concern regarding shrubbery overhanging the sidewalk along 10th and Central. Wim devriend, Coos Bay, commented the city does not have a parking problem in the downtown area and expressed concern about locating the historical museum on Central Dock. He recommended the Council concentrate on improving the downtown area. Councilor McKeown reported the museum board supports the Central Dock location and had requested the Urban Renewal Agency purchase the property. Mayor Benetti noted the original plan had been to locate the museum on Front Street. Mr. Devriend asked the Council to consider making more downtown streets two-way.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson expressed disappointment that the international flags would not be going up and also commented on the need for a larger skateboard facility for the youth. Councilor Stufflebean reported Ed Waite has resigned from the Oregon Economic Development Department and his expertise will be missed. He commented a swim meet will be held at Mingus Park the 16th and 17th and a large crowd is expected. Councilor Miller reported on efforts to raise funds for the skateboard park, commended the library for a wonderful children's program, and invited everyone to attend the Blackberry Arts Festival.

Councilor Eck reported on the improvements to the airport and the lawsuit was dismissed by Judge Barron which will allow the airport district to certify its tax base. Councilor Gould reported on National Kids Day events and commended KCBY for their participation in the activities. Councilor Gould recommended the Council consider making changes to the 4th and Anderson intersection. Councilor McKeown reported the Historic Society building committee is working with SCDC with the development and plan for the facility, and he commended library board members for their time and dedication.

Mayor Benetti thanked the library board and staff for their work and reported the first meeting of the Firefighters Memorial Committee will be held August 14th. He suggested the committee have the authorization to ask other community members to be a part of the committee. Councilor Gould noted North Bend Fire Department members should be involved with establishing the memorial.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to August 19, 2003 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder