

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 2, 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 7:00 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, and Cindi Miller. Councilor Stufflebean was absent. City Staff present were Interim City Manager Chuck Knight, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

Flag Salute

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

Approval of Park's Commission Recommendation for the Dedication Of the Coos Bay Boardwalk for the Steve Clay Memorial

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported at the Council's direction, the boardwalk will be dedicated in Steve Clay's memory. The Parks Commission has reviewed the project and staff is requesting the Council approve the wording of the plaque. Councilor Gould moved to approve the wording for the plaque and dedication of the Coos Bay Boardwalk in memory of Steve Clay. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Mayor Benetti commented the plaque will take six to nine weeks to complete.

Public Hearing Regarding the Request From Bay Area Hospital to Vacate of a Portion of Pine Avenue – Council Approval of the Vacation Would be Implemented by Enactment of Ordinance No. 237

Planning Administrator Laura Barron read the public hearing disclosure to the assembly and noted Joe Slack would be representing Bay Area Hospital. Ms. Barron reviewed the request and location of the proposed vacation of a portion of Pine Street. The hospital owns the property on both sides of the street and is requesting the vacation for the purpose of future development of the hospital. Ms. Barron reported the Planning Commission reviewed and approved the request August 12, 2003. Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. Joe Slack commented the vacation would open access to the hospital's property and is part of the hospital's long term master plan. The property is not currently zoned medical park, but a request to make the change will be going before the Planning Commission. There being no further comments to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti closed the public hearing.

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Councilor McKeown moved to approve the vacation of a portion of Pine Street. Councilor Miller seconded the motion and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and polled the Council. Ordinance No. 337 was enacted with the following vote:

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

Award of Contract for the South 5th Street and Lockhart Avenue Storm Drain Replacement Project

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported the project would repair damage to the storm drain outfall at South 5th Street and Lockhart and the engineer's estimate for the repairs was \$85,000. Bids were received from JBS Construction for \$109,385, Johnson Rock Products for \$84,599.85, Laskey-Clifton for \$92,402.45, and LTM for \$97,524. Councilor McKeown moved to award the contract to the low bidder Johnson Rock Products in the amount of \$84,599.85. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported landscaping improvements have been made to the McAuley property; he is in the process of negotiating the Charter Communication franchise; and reminded everyone of the Marshfield High School football game Friday night with South Eugene.

City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported Fire Chief Gibson is in Rosesburg assisting with a memorial for deceased firefighters. The fire at Central Dock was at the south end of the dock and does not appear to have caused much damage. The property is still in the County's possession and the city attorney is currently working with county counsel on the deed and transaction. Mr. Knight reported the OSHA report has not yet been received. Mayor Benetti commented OSHA indicated the city would have the report two weeks ago, and it is not the city holding up the process.

Public Comments

Oded Shulsinger, Vice-president of Music on the Bay, reported on the formation of the group, thanked the council for placement and establishment of the stage, and reported the first concert of the season will be held tomorrow night. Dr. Shulsinger reported \$75,000 had been raised for the lighting and improvements to the stage and seating areas and \$12,500 had been a grant.

Larry McCabe, President of Music on the Bay, reported the goal of the group is to build a world class music series in Coos Bay. The concerts are family friendly, alcohol free, and admission is free. The artists also do clinics with the Bay Area Lab Band.

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Mike Vaughan, Coos Bay, reported a master plan has been developed for the stage and seating area and includes installation of retaining walls as seating. The lights have been installed in time for the first concert and he invited the Council to drop by the park to view the lights. Mr. Vaughan reported on the proposed landscaping design for the area and requested the Council approve removal three of the camellia plants and a dying tan oak tree. He noted enough plants will be left for a screen to the theater area. Consensus of the Council was to approve removal of the plants.

Laurie Todd, Coos Bay, expressed safety concerns with the Bunker Hill School parking area. Mayor Benetti advised she contact the school district and the county commissioners as the school is outside the city limits.

Council Comments

Councilor Gould commented he will be out of town for the September 16th meeting. Councilor Eck extended condolences to Councilor Stufflebean and family, and he thanked Mayor Benetti for helping with the fundraiser for the Bridgett Morris family. Councilor Miller expressed condolences to the McNutt family; reported the Farmer's Market is doing very well; and she will be attending a meeting with the county commissioners regarding 911. Councilor Larson also expressed condolences to the Stufflebean and McNutt families, and to the families of the firefighters who died last week. She congratulated Chuck Knight on his retirement from police service.

Councilor McKeown commented he was pleased with the memorial for Steve Clay and it is good to remember those who do wonderful things in our community. Mayor Benetti invited everyone to attend the concert in the park and reminded everyone of the Salmon derby next weekend. He also expressed condolences to the Stufflebean and McNutt families for their loss.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to September 16, 2003, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder