

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 16, 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, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, and Cindi Miller. Councilors Roger Gould and Kevin Stufflebean were absent. City Staff present were Interim City Manager Chuck Knight, Finance Director Janell Howard, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Eura Washburn, 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 a proclamation Proclaiming October as Disability Employment Awareness Month, approval of a proclamation proclaiming September 17th as U.S. Constitution Day and September 14th through September 20th as U.S. Constitution Week, and approval of the salary range adjustment for Building Codes Administrator. 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.

Consideration of a Request from Coos County Area Transit for Support of the Creation of a Transit District

Bruce Bennett, Director of Coos County Area Transit, made a presentation on the formation of a Coos County Transit District and requested the City of Coos Bay support the creation of the non-taxing district. Consensus of the councilors present was to support the creation of the Coos County Area Transit Special District.

Discussion of OSHA Stipulated Final Order

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight presented the draft stipulated order from OSHA to the Council. Fire Chief Gibson stated the findings would lead to safety improvements in the fire department and the fire department is now a safer workplace than before the November 2002 fire. Chief Gibson also stated the OSHA investigation found that the safety issues were not a contributory factor in the firefighter fatalities. Councilor Miller moved to accept the settlement agreement. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Chuck Knight reported he will be attending a conference during the remainder of the week and Finance Director Janell Howard will be the acting city manager in his absence. Mr. Knight reported the United States flags will remain up through the Fun Festival, and will be replaced by the international flags by October 1, 2003. A meeting has been scheduled with the Railroad Association to discuss the progress of the rail museum project.

Public Comments

Bill Richardson, 2680 Ash, North Bend, representing Les' Sanitary, reported the fall brush pickup will begin September 29, 2003, and gave the phone number to call for information regarding the pickup.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson reported a Memorial Alzheimer's walk will be held September 28th at Mingus Park and she will be there representing the council. Councilor Miller reminded everyone that the Bay Area Fun Festival will be September 20th and 21st and the Cruise the Coos will be dedicated to the three fallen firefighters. Councilor Eck invited everyone to the Fun Festival and the Cruise the Coos and reported he will be absent at the next council meeting. Councilor McKeown stated he is pleased the OSHA incident is behind us and he is proud of the fire department with the way they have handled the situation.

Mayor Benetti also commented he is glad the OSHA investigation is behind us and he is proud of the fire department and the fire chief. He reported the Fun Festival fills up motels and businesses in Coos Bay more than any other time of year and thanked those who help put on the event. Mayor Benetti commented the city dock is frequently at full capacity and requested staff to look into expanding the facility. He asked that anyone from the council who would like to attend the League of Oregon Cities conference to contact the city manager's office.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to October 7, 2003, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder