

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 2003

The minutes of the proceedings of a joint work session of the City Council and the Planning Commission of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 6 p.m. at the Public Library, 525 Anderson Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Council President Jeff McKeown and Councilors Jon Eck and Roger Gould; Planning Commission Chair Bruce Harlan and Commissioners Chris Coles, Chris Hood, Jeff Marineau, Susan Spargo, and Rex Miller. Staff present were Planning Administrator Laura Barron, Planning Specialist Debbie Erler, and Engineering Services Coordinator Steve Doty.

Discussion of the Transportation System Plan

Planning Director Laura Barron introduced consultant Carl Springer of DKS Associates and reported the purpose of the work session is to familiarize the councilors and commissioners with the draft Transportation System Plan [TSP] and discuss issues, problems or questions anyone may have on the draft plan.

Mr. Springer outlined the TSP process and reported the City needs a TSP to be eligible to receive state funding. He stated two separate committees have met throughout the process to discuss different elements of the plan. The Council and Planning Commission discussed to what extent bike lanes will be developed and what part they will play in the overall plan, and expressed concern over the expense of developing bike lanes in conjunction with the overall cost of development. Mr. Springer stated some of the bike lane projects could be moved from the Action Plan to the Master Plan to spread out the bike lanes projects. Steve Doty stated that pedestrian and bike lanes can be combined. Mr. Springer stated that it is an option, but should not become the standard.

Mr. Springer discussed the "Goals/Policies" section of the plan and stated no problems or issues have been identified. Mr. Springer discussed the "Street Design Standards" section of the plan and recommended the distinction between major arterial and minor arterial be removed. He stated there are signals planned for LaClair Street and Ocean Boulevard, and for LaClair Street and Newmark Avenue. He said that identifying LaClair Street as a collector would make it easier for business to have access on LaClair Street. Steve Doty added the Newmark Improvement Project should be done by November 18, 2003.

Mr. Springer stated the plan proposes signal upgrades along Hwy101 North and Hwy101 South. He said old style signals would be changed to brighter heads and detectors would be placed on side streets so that the signal will change only when there is a vehicle on the side street. Mr. Springer stated the plan proposes to change Ocean Boulevard to one lane each way with a center turn lane, and is being proposed as a way to improve safety and slow traffic down. The City Council and Planning Commission discussed requiring new development to participate in future improvements through a "No Remonstrance Agreement" that could activate at the time the area is 50-percent developed.

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Adjourn

The work session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jeff McKeown, Council President

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder