

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 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 Roger Gould, Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilors Jon Eck and Cindi Miller were absent. City Staff present were City Manager Chuck Knight, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Finance Director Janell Howard, Battalion Chief Mark Anderson, 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 reported the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the October 7, 2003 minutes. Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion, which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation by John R. Hill Regarding the Placement of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Mr. John Hill reported the Vietnam Veterans of America would like to donate a wood statue representing all American veterans to the City. Because the statue was carved from wood, Mr. Hill suggested the city locate it out of the weather. Mr. Hill reported comments for placement from the public included Mingus Park, Charleston Fire Station, the previous location of Far West Supply, the pedway, Shore Acres Garden, and the North Bend Y, however; the overwhelming suggestion was the boardwalk because many WWII veterans left for the war from the train station which was located in the boardwalk vicinity. Consensus of the Council was to accept the donation of the statue. Mayor Benetti commented placement of the statue has been forwarded to the Parks Commission for a recommendation and they will be meeting on December 1st.

Coos Bay – North Bend Water Board Report by General Manager Rob Schab

Water Board General Manager Rob Schab reported the board has received notification of approval for financing the bay pipeline crossing project and the contract for engineering has been secured. The board is working on determining the location and securing easements for the pipeline, and anticipate construction beginning in January/February. Mr. Schab reported the closure of the Weyerhaeuser paper mill has not greatly affected water board revenues because the water to the mill was inexpensive water and there is a cost savings to the water board for not producing the water for the mill. He commented there are still maintenance and monitoring

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considerations even though the customer is no longer operating. Mr. Schab briefly reported the board will be studying whether to proceed with the \$1 million funding for the dunes well project and the decision will be brought back to both city councils for discussion. Mr. Schab reported the water board has completed their portion of the Newmark Improvement Project successfully. Councilor McKeown inquired if the water board has a standard for patching streets and after a brief discussion, Mr. Schab suggested city and water board staff meet to discuss standards.

Formation of the Coos County Transit Service District and Adoption of Resolution 03-25

City Manager Chuck Knight reported formation of transit service district had previously been presented to the city council and at this time the council is being asked to adopt a resolution supporting the formation of the district. Councilor Gould moved to adopt Resolution 03-25 supporting the creation of the Coos County Transit Service District. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Enactment of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 78 Granting to SAH Systems a Franchise for the Operation of a Cable Communications System

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the franchise allowing for operation of a cable system within the Shore Pines residential area has expired. An increase from \$175 annually to \$200 annually, with a 3% increase each year the franchise is in effect is included in the amendment.

Councilor Gould moved to enact Ordinance No. 340 amending the franchise with SAH Systems. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and polled the Council. Ordinance No. 340 was enacted with the following vote:

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

Adoption of Resolution 03-26 Extending the International Exchange Program

Mayor Benetti reported there is interest in the community to make application to the International City Management Association to extend the exchange program. Martin Callery, Port of Coos Bay Marketing Director, reported the educational and cultural exchange between Coos Bay and Bitung, Indonesia has been very successful and a good experience for both communities. If the program is extended, it will include public health and environmental health education. Mr. Callery commented the cost to the city has been minimal with ICMA picking up travel and lodging costs. Councilor McKeown moved to adopt Resolution 03-26 supporting the extension of the international exchange program between the City of Coos Bay, Oregon, USA and Kota Bitung, Sulawesi Utara, Indonesia. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported attending the Oregon City Attorney's meeting which was held during the annual League of Oregon Cities Conference in Eugene, and he found the meeting informative. He also attended the annual OMI customer appreciation dinner.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Knight reported a meeting had been held regarding the Tug Irene project and progress has been made on the design and preliminary sketches. A meeting of the Emergency Management Agency was held today to review the plan for updates and an evacuation test will be done at city hall in the near future. Mr. Knight reported city hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving and also from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday for the firefighters' remembrance service.

Public Comments

Flora Lee Lockhart, Coos Bay, expressed concern for pedestrian safety at the 4th and Anderson intersection and at the traffic light at 3rd and Anderson. She requested the Council review the traffic flow and make changes. There was further discussion of the concerns expressed and the history of why the changes had been made originally. Councilor Gould reported the city is in the review and public comments process for adopting a transportation plan and these are the types of issues that will be addressed in the plan.

Gary Rifkin, Coos Bay, inquired about funding for replacement of the Choshi Bridge and encouraged the Council to move forward quickly with the project. Mayor Benetti reported there is approximately \$22,000 in the bike path fund, but it is not committed to the bridge. Councilor McKeown cautioned about moving ahead too quickly with the project and recommended the city take the time to do the project correctly. Councilor Stufflebean suggested using the city's engineer of record for design concepts and have the Sister City Association and the Parks Commission meet to discuss replacing the bridge.

Council Comments

Councilor Larsen expressed condolences to Flora Lee Lockhart for the loss of her husband, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. She commented the sentences of Jonathan Inskeep and Verline Villines for contributing to the deaths of the three firefighters was not sufficient. Councilor Larsen expressed support for Bandon's Police Chief. Councilor Stufflebean commended the Finance Director Janell Howard and City Manager Chuck Knight for their exemplary work on the urban renewal projects and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Gould also commended staff for the job they are doing and encouraged citizens to attend the Remembrance Ceremony next Tuesday for the three firefighters. Family members wish to express their appreciation to the community and they want to move on with their lives. Councilor McKeown commented city staff does a great job and he was impressed with the police officers who participated in the training exercise recently. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, expressed condolences to Flora Lee Lockhart, and encouraged everyone to attend the Remembrance Ceremony on the 25th. Mayor Benetti commented he deals regularly

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with staff and they are doing a great job, and commended Rob Schab for his management of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board. He also expressed condolences to Flora Lee Lockhart and encouraged citizens to attend the Remembrance Ceremony.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Councilor McKeown moved to proceed to the executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d). Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

Regular Session

Councilor Gould moved to approve the Coos Bay Police Officers Association's offer as presented, authorize the city manager to enter into a contract amendment with AFSCME to split their 2004-05 COLA increase over the current and following years, and authorize an equal increase for non-represented employees. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. City Manager Chuck Knight reported the Police Officer's Association has agreed to extend their contract for one year with a salary increase July 2004 based on the CPI with a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 3.5%, and adding an article to the contract for sick leave incentive. The AFSCME contract would be amended to increase salaries 2.5% retro to July 1, 2003 and 2.5% July 1, 2004. Non-represented employees would also receive a 2.5% salary increase. Finance Director Janell Howard reported the raises would not require budgeting additional funds and the cash carryover would remain unchanged.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to December 2, 2003, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder