

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 17, 2004

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, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilor Cindi Miller was absent. City staff present were Acting City Manager Janell Howard, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Community Services Operations Administrator Steve Doty, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, 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 6, 2004 minutes and adoption of Resolution 04-11 authorizing interfund borrowing and interfund loans during fiscal year 2004/05. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Award of Bid for the 2004 Overlay Projects for a Portion of Coos River Hwy and South 4th Street

Finance Director Janell Howard reported STP funds will be used to overlay a portion of Coos River Hwy and South 4th Street from Elrod Avenue to Lockhart Avenue. STP funds are funds the city receives from the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program. The city will receive \$83,123 from the program. The city received bids from Laskey-Clifton, Johnson Rock, and LTM which included a base bid and six alternates for each of the six blocks on Elrod Avenue. Councilor McKeown requested staff to make sure the paving is done to state standards. Ms. Howard commented the city anticipates next year's STP funds will be \$128,000. Councilor McKeown moved to direct staff to proceed with the project as presented and award the bid to Laskey-Clifton in the amount of \$141,308.60, to include the base bid and alternates 1 and 6. Councilor Larson seconded the motion which passed with the mayor and all councilors present voting aye.

Citizen Input on Recruitment of the City Manager

Mayor Benetti explained the citizens have an opportunity to provide the Council with input on the recruitment process and criteria for the city manager. No comments were given.

City Manager's Report

Finance Director Janell Howard reported she had heard from City Manager Chuck Knight and he arrived safely in Alaska, and the remainder of her comments would be given in executive session.

Public Comments

Allan Spjut, North Bend, as a downtown business owner expressed concern that the Farmer's Market takes away parking for his customers. Mr. Spjut referenced the letter he submitted to the Council and explained the reason he located his insurance business in the downtown area was accessibility for elderly customers. Since the Farmer's Market has moved onto Central, his business has decreased substantially. Mr. Spjut suggested the vendors park in the lot behind the art museum. Mayor Benetti reported Chris Coles, president of the Downtown Association, also submitted a letter to the Council and if they found that block three was not needed for the market, they would remove the barricades. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to ask the vendors to move their parking to another lot and Mayor Benetti stated he would talk with Downtown Association president Chris Coles.

Frances Cooley, Coos Bay, reported the Nissan dealer on Ocean Blvd is parking his cars too close to the street obstructing visibility for people exiting from Radar Road. The dealer also parks his trucks on the street to off-load vehicles. Councilor Stufflebean commented the dealership is under new ownership and perhaps the new owner is not aware of the city's parking requirement. Councilor McKeown noted the dealer was very cooperative in the past. Chief Washburn advised Ms. Cooley to contact the police department and an officer would meet with the dealer about the parking.

Council Comments

Councilor Larson reported the Alzheimers annual walk will be held September 26th at Mingus Park. She has been asked to speak at the event and Tim Nivotny will be the master of ceremonies. Councilor Larson encouraged citizens to attend the event. Councilor Stufflebean reported the Tourism Committee met last week and developed a new marketing plan. Tricia Benetti continues to fulfill the duties of the director and is doing a great job. The plan includes redoing the advertisements on television with one ad focusing on winter and one on summer.

Mayor Benetti commented the horseless carriage group was a great success and had 130 vehicles come to the Bay Area. He further noted the participants were happy with the hospitality they received during their visit. Councilor Eck reported the Lions Club will be selling raffle tickets at the Seafood Festival this weekend as a fundraiser. He will be sharing space with County Commissioner John Griffith in the dunk tank with the proceeds going to developing ball parks in the Barview parks district. Councilor Gould had no comments.

Councilor McKeown reported he and Mayor Benetti attended a presentation by Operation Smile which is involved with helping children all over the world that have cleft pallets. It was very positive and impressive. Councilor McKeown commented an news article had mentioned he was on the library board and it was actually his mother. He further commented his mother had

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served on the Library Board and was instrumental on getting the library built. He also wished his mother a happy 89th birthday.

Mayor Benetti reported Operation Smile could bring between 20 and 30 jobs to the local firm Web Marketing, and would bring Coos Bay on the national scene. Mayor Benetti commented a citizen had contacted him regarding the width of the new sidewalk on Newmark not being sufficient to allow a wheelchair to pass. Steve Doty stated he would look into the matter. Mayor Benetti commented he will not be available for the Fun Festival parade and asked councilors to consider participating.

Executive Session

Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) an executive session was held for the purpose of discussing negotiation of real property transactions. The Council reconvened in regular session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to September 7, 2004 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder