

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 2, 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 Cindi Miller. Councilor Stufflebean was absent. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Knight, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Administrative Assistant Susanne Baker, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Planning Administrator Laura Barron, 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 added a proclamation for Prematurity Awareness Day to the consent calendar, and reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of September 21 and 30, 2004; approval of the minutes of October 5, 2004; and adoption of Resolution 04-12 designating the library parking area to be used as parking for library use only during library open hours. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing – Review of 18-Lot Subdivision Plat for Pennsylvania Place

Laura Barron, Planning Administrator, read the public hearing disclosure to the assembly and reviewed the subdivision located on Pennsylvania Avenue. Ms. Barron reported the issues of sprinkling and water flow were discussed at the Planning Commission meeting. The subdivision was approved by the Planning Commission with the conditions that the water meters and lines would be upsized per dwelling unit, conditions on parking and lighting on the hammer heads, and the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue which encroaches onto Lot 1 must be deeded to the city as part of the final plat. Councilor McKeown inquired if the hammer heads have adequate space for fire department use and Ms. Barron stated yes.

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. Stuart Woods, McSwain and Woods Architects, commented he represents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hampel, and he prepared the plan for the subdivision. Mr. Woods reported the developer agrees with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission, and he suggested the dedication of the sliver of land be completed prior to submission of the final plat. Ms. Barron commented that would be acceptable as long as the dedication is completed prior to the final plat being signed. Councilor Larson inquired if comments had been received against the development and Ms. Barron stated no comments had been submitted. Councilor Eck asked Fire Chief Gibson if he was comfortable with

sprinklers. Chief Gibson commented a hydrant would be require a greater flow and sprinklers are fine. Councilor McKeown moved to adopt the Planning Commission's findings, conditions and final recommendation for Subdivision Application ZON-2004-00077 and approve the preliminary plat for the subdivision including the requirement to deed to the city the sliver of paved Pennsylvania Avenue lying on proposed Lot 1. Councilor Larson seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Review of Priority Wastewater Projects and Consideration of Authorization to Proceed with the Bid Process and Funding for the Projects

Administrative Assistant Susanne Baker reported several wastewater projects have risen to priority and there is adequate funding in the wastewater budget carryover to fund the projects. Ms. Baker briefly reviewed the projects which included developing the methodology for wastewater collection system development charges, construction of the Coalbank Slough pressure line, construction of the North Main Street storm water reroute, replacement of the Alder Street sanitary sewer line, and repair of the Market Street storm water outfall. Staff is requesting the Council earmark the funds for the projects to allow staff to proceed with engineering for the projects, and direct staff to proceed with bidding the projects and preparing the supplemental budget. Councilor McKeown moved to direct the city manager to enter into an agreement with Bunker Hill Sanitary District for payment of the City's share of the Coalbank Slough pressure line, and direct staff to bid the projects and proceed with the supplemental budget. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of Authorization to Purchase Vehicles for the Police Department

Police Chief Washburn requested authorization to purchase four vehicles for patrol. The vehicles will replace older high mileage cars and will be purchased through state purchasing. Mayor Benetti commented the city skipped purchasing vehicles last year. Councilor Miller moved to authorize the purchase of four 2005 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles through State of Oregon Cooperative Purchasing for a total of \$115,085.20. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation of Appreciation Plaque to Outgoing City Councilor Anna Marie Larson

Mayor Benetti commented Ralph and Anna Marie moved to Coos Bay in 1982 and they were the motivators in fixing up their block in downtown Coos Bay. They raised their sons David and Nicholas in Coos Bay and Ralph served as councilor in 1988. Mayor Benetti expressed his appreciation for serving with Councilor Larson on the City Council and for her dedication and commitment to the City, and presented her with a Myrtlewood plaque. Councilor Larson commented it was an honor to receive the recognition and noted it had been her husband's idea that she run for City Council. She further commented it was an honor and a privilege as well a great learning experience to work with Mayor Benetti and the City Councilors, and to serve the citizens. She thanked staff, her sons Nick and David, her daughter in law Stella, Mayor Chuck Holbert, and others for their assistance and support. Councilor Larson wished Chuck Knight

well in his retirement and best wishes to the City Council. Councilor Gould commented he has known the Larson family for a long time, had coached Nick in grade school, and enjoyed working with Ralph and Anna Marie on the Council. Ralph always spoke his mind and what he believed, and Anna Marie continued expressing her beliefs also. Councilor Gould commented the Larsons have contributed a lot to the community including bringing more awareness of Alzheimers to citizens. Mayor Benetti commented Ralph was here when Anna Marie was sworn in and he was very proud of her. Councilor Miller commented she has known both Anna Marie and Ralph for a long time and admires their dedication to community and family. Councilor Eck thanked Anna Marie for her support of him on the council and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve with her. Councilor McKeown expressed appreciation to Councilor Larson for her service on the City Council.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock commented it has been a pleasure to work with both Councilor Larson and City Manager Chuck Knight, and both will be missed.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Knight submitted his last report in writing, and thanked the City Council and staff for their support for past one and one-half years.

Public Comments

No public comments

Council Comments

Councilor Gould thanked Chuck Knight for serving as acting city manager and commented he first met Chuck in 1972 when he was city attorney. Councilor Gould commented Chuck could have been an extremely successful city manager and will be missed. Councilor Eck congratulated Mr. Knight on almost 40 years of service with the City and thanked him for doing a great job as city manager. Councilor Miller also thanked Mr. Knight for his years of work with the Police Department and for serving as city manager. She commented he will be missed and urged him to keep in touch. Councilor Larson wished Mr. Knight the best with his retirement and she wished the Mayor and City Councilors well. Councilor McKeown commented the words grace and wisdom apply to Chuck Knight and he has been a tremendous police chief and city manager.

Mayor Benetti commented Chuck Knight joined the Coos Bay Police Department in 1966 and worked as patrol officer, detective, captain, assistant chief, and chief. His career also included working as a part time faculty member at Southwestern Oregon Community college. Chuck was appointed as interim city manager in 1995 and again in 2003, and he is now retiring after more than 38 years of service to the City of Coos Bay. Mayor Benetti presented Mr. Knight with a Myrtlewood plaque in recognition of his years of service. Mr. Knight thanked Mayor Benetti and Councilors for the opportunity to serve as the city manager, and stated the opportunity has far exceeded any dream he had. He commented that thanks to the Council and staff he feels his tenure in the city manager's office was a success. Mr. Knight further commented the current

Council is the best the City's had. Mayor Benetti announced that Chuck Knight would receive the Mayor's Community Service award for 2004, and read a statement from Mr. Knight's report, "...it is my hope that the City of Coos Bay is just a little better off because I was here. If that is the case, then I have succeeded as a person and as an employee of the City."

Mayor Benetti reported the Council needed to appoint an acting city manager. Councilor Gould moved to appoint Finance Director Janell Howard as acting city manager. Councilor Eck seconded the move which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations.

The City Council reconvened into regular session. Councilor Gould moved to approve a \$100 offer to all employees in bargaining units to compensate for the change in medical insurance coverage. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to November 16, 2004 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder