

## **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**March 1, 2005**

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 President McKeown and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Cindi Miller, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. Mayor Joe Benetti was absent. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Building Codes Administrator Joe McClay, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Battalion Chief Dean Martin, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Library Asst. Director Ellen Thompson, and Police Sgt Robert Lounsbury.

### **Flag Salute**

President McKeown opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

### **Consent Calendar**

President McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval February 1, 2005 and approval of a card room license application for Fireside and Woodshed, Inc. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Review of the Project to Replace Choshi Bridge in Mingus Park**

City Manager Scott McClure reported the plan to replace Choshi Bridge has stalled and he recommended a committee be appointed to move the project forward. He recommended the committee include a representative from the City Council, Parks Commission, Sister City Association, citizen Gary Rifkin, and other interested citizens. Councilor Eck reported the Parks Commission met today and recommended Bev Meyer be appointed to the committee. By consensus, the City Council appointed Gary Rifkin, Councilor Miller as Council representative, Councilor Gould as the Sister City Association representative, and Bev Meyers as the Parks Commission representative.

### **Ocean Blvd. Intersection Safety Review**

President McKeown suggested rather than paying for another study, city staff look at the intersections and make a recommendation to the Council. He also requested improving the Ocean and Central intersection. Councilor Gould commented there isn't much that could be done because of the curve and the residences in the area. Consensus of the Council that staff will review all Ocean Blvd. intersections.

### **Consideration of a Request for Waiver of Building Code Fees for the School District 9**

**Building Project at Marshfield High School**

Baseball Coach Larry Willet reported the covering over the bull pin was made possible because the material and labor for the project has been donated. The Marshfield facility is also used for Little League and Babe Ruth teams. Mr. Willet asked the Council to consider waiving the \$500 building permit fee. Councilor Gould commented the City's policy is to not waive the fees and suggested the Council make personal donations to MHS for the fee. Consensus of the Council was to not waive the fee and request donations from the community for the additional funding.

**Consideration of Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department**

Councilor Eck stated for the record he is a volunteer firefighter. Councilor Miller moved to approve the purchase of 36 complete ISI Viking self-contained breathing apparatus and nine additional masks from Life Safety Corporation of Portland for \$165,192.00. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye. \$16,519.00 of the purchase price will be paid by the City and the remaining \$148,673 will be paid by the Department of Homeland Security Firefighters grant award.

**Consideration of Enactment of an Ordinance Continuing the Local Contract Review Board**

City Attorney McClintock reported the new laws pertaining to public contracting take effect March 1<sup>st</sup> and requires enactment of a new ordinance to reappoint the City Council as the Contract Review Board. The Board rules will be presented by resolution at the next meeting. Councilor Miller moved to enact the ordinance continuing a local contract review board, establishing the rulemaking procedure, and repealing ordinance No. 63. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion and Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only. Ordinance No. 365 was enacted by the following vote:

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

**Consideration of Adoption of the 2005/2006 Council Goals**

President McKeown briefly reviewed the goal setting process and read the proposed goals, which are attached and hereby made a part of the record, to the assembly. Councilor Eck moved to approve the 2005/06 goals as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye. Councilor Gould suggested replacement of Choshi Bridge, building a new fire station, and moving forward with development on the Empire and Downtown waterfronts be implemented during the coming year. President McKeown agreed and further commented there is a lot going on in the community as the recent Waterfront Forum demonstrated. Councilor Muenchrath suggested Council receive monthly updates on the progress of the goals. City Manager McClure commented a work plan for the goals will be presented at the next meeting.

### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney McClintock reported the contracting rules will be on the next agenda for adoption.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager McClure reported staff did a great job of developing the City's display for the Waterfront Forum. The City Manager and Fire Chief attended a luncheon for the Indonesian group and presented information on tsunami warning systems. Mr. McClure briefly reviewed some of the bills currently before the Legislature regarding urban renewal, annexation, and labor negotiations.

### **Public Comments**

Mike Vaughan, Coos Bay, commented on the replacement of Choshi Bridge and distributed photocopies of Japanese bridges.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Gould briefly explained the history of the design and construction of Choshi Bridge and asked Mr. Vaughan if he would be willing to serve on the Choshi Bridge Committee. Mr. Vaughan stated he would. Councilor Gould reported the session on library service was well attended and the main concern is the hours are not long enough. The City holds the mortgage on the Boys and Girls Club property as required by the grant and Councilor Gould requested the City satisfy the mortgage as the five-year period is coming to an end.

Councilor Eck reported the Optimist Club met with the Parks Commission regarding plans for a covered picnic facility at Tenth Street Park and dedication of the park is planned for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Eck reminded everyone of the upcoming Lion's Club auction to raise funds for sight and hearing programs. Councilor Miller commented Mayor Benetti is doing a fundraiser for Red Cross tonight at his restaurant. Councilor Stufflebean reported Southwestern Community Action has received a donation of property for a new food bank facility.

President McKeown reported the Coquille Tribal Community Fund awarded a grant to the City for \$100,000 for the Bay Crossing Sewer Line project. A total of \$400,000 was issued in grants at the banquet. He also reported SCDC is working on several business relocations which has the potential of adding many new jobs to the community. President McKeown commented Charles Graham and Jack Goll will be missed by the community.

### **Executive Session**

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

The Council reconvened into regular session

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**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, President McKeown adjourned the meeting to March 15, 2005 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Jeff McKeown, President

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder