

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 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 Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Jon Eck, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Eura Washburn, Finance Director/Recorder Janell Howard, Assistant Library Director Ellen Thompson, Police Captain Gary McCullough, Planning Director Laura Barron, and Battalion Chief Howard Owens.

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 minutes of the August 11 and 16, 2005 meetings. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Introduction of New Employees by Department Heads

Barry Hardman, Building Codes Administrator for the Community Services Department introduced himself. He moved here from Utah with his wife and two children last month. He recently was certified by the State of Oregon and is now able to perform inspections.

Finance Director Janell Howard introduced Jackie Mickelson, Clerical Assistant for the City Manager's Office and Finance Department. She started with the City of Coos Bay in January as a temporary employee through Cardinal Services and became a permanent employee August 1st. Ms. Mickelson stated that she is a lifetime resident of Coos County and prior to working for the City of Coos Bay, she worked for the City of North Bend for 4 and ½ years. She said she has enjoyed working with the professional staff at Coos Bay and looks forward to working with the City until retirement.

Chief Eura Washburn introduced Tessa Jolley, a new dispatcher with the Police Department. She has been with Coos Bay since August 1st. Ms. Jolley stated she is a lifetime resident of Coos County and is very happy to be working for the City of Coos Bay. Chief Washburn also thanked Tia Akers for all her hard work holding the dispatch center together over the last three years with the reduction in force.

Update from Coos Historical and Maritime Museum by Executive Director Anne Donnelly

Ms. Anne Donnelly stated the Historical Society recently made their collections manager full-time. The position is partially funded by a grant the society received this year. They will be starting a school program for fourth grade students at Coos Bay and Coquille School Districts, and would like to eventually include all schools in the area. The Native American exhibits were recently updated and staff plans to next update the Maritime exhibits. Councilor Eck asked about the new book that Bill Lansing wrote, and Ms. Donnelly confirmed that Mr. Lansing has donated all proceeds of his most recent book to the Historical Museum.

Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 05-17
Approving the Expansion of the Bay Area
Enterprise Zone

Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve Resolution 05-17 expanding the Bay Area Enterprise Zone, which is attached and hereby made a part of the record. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of Award of the Alder Avenue Sanitary
Sewer Replacement Project

City Manager Scott McClure commented the Alder Avenue project will replace a 1905 sewer line, and the bid came in within budget. Councilor McKeown moved to award the construction bid in the amount of \$58,514 to John Williams Construction. Councilor Meunchrath seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Scott McClure reviewed the status of the project list and reported the new Community Services Director Jim Hossley will be starting October 10th. He reported the city has received another draft of the Development and Disposition Agreement and staff is continuing to work on finalizing it and the Bond Agreement with Home Depot. Mr. McClure reported a meeting to discuss downtown improvements has been schedule for October 10th.

Mr. McClure presented minutes from a meeting between Coos Bay and North Bend staff regarding the crossover of sewer lines. North Bend proposed that residents pay the sewer rate of the city they are located in, but the money would go to the city accepting the wastewater. Mayor Benetti stated he does not agree that residents in North Bend on Coos Bay sewer should pay North Bend rates. The Council has discussed not being able to capture costs for capital improvements except through rates. If someone is hooked up to Coos Bay sewer, they should pay Coos Bay rates.

Councilor Meunchrath inquired if an agreement is required, and he also supported residents paying the city whose treatment system they are connected to. Attorney Nathan McClintock stated the city needs an agreement so they have the authority to maintain the lines located in North Bend, and to address other enforcement issues. Mayor Benetti stated the city needs to expedite the agreement, but the agreement needs to be in place before approval is given to Wayne Schrunk. Councilor McKeown agreed and commented the agreement needs to be done correctly. There was consensus of the council that the agreement be utility-based.

Public Comments

Mike Vaughn, 598 4th Court, Coos Bay, commented the dance studio recently moved from the Englewood School to the Eastside School and he cautioned drivers to be aware of children in the area. Mr. Vaughan requested the city install new street signs.

Steve Fager, 1331 Central, Coos Bay, requested the city adopt a traffic management program and reduce the speed on Central Avenue from 30 to 25 mph. He also requested the Police Department enforce the current speed limit. City Manager McClure stated the city has limited resources and does not have enough officers to do traffic control. Crimes in progress, crimes against a person, domestic violence, etc. get priority. Chief Washburn stated there are many residential areas that have speeding problems and Central is not the worst. City Manager McClure and Chief Washburn will review this issue.

Council Comments

Councilor Eck congratulated Councilor Miller on her work with another successful Fun Festival. Councilor Miller apologized for her recent absences at Council meetings. She asked if any action had been taken on Will Wright's request. Mayor Benetti stated the city had previously done a study which shows Mr. Wright's proposal would not work and a solution would cost considerably more than the city can afford. Councilor Miller also congratulated Councilor Meunchrath for being in the parade. Councilor Stufflebean shared compliments he received on the Fun Festival and parade. Councilor McKeown also complimented Councilor Miller and others involved in the Bay Area Fun Festival. He reported the rail spur on the North Spit is almost complete, and he congratulated Chief Washburn on 30 years with the city.

Mayor Benetti mentioned the Music on the Bay tonight and next Tuesday at Mingus Park. He also commented the Fun Festival was well attended and successful. He recently attended a convention in Sunriver for the State Restaurant Association and the Association will be doing a fundraiser to benefit the Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina tragedy. Benetti's Restaurant will be participating in the event.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to October 4, 2005 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder