

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 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 Council President Jeff McKeown and Councilors Jon Eck, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Roger Gould and Cindi Miller were absent. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Community Services Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Battalion Chief Howard Owens, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Capt. Rodger Craddock, and Capt. Gary McCullough.

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 of the November 15, 2005 minutes. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

Report from South Coast Development Council Executive Director Ron Opitz

Ron Opitz gave a power point presentation on economic development and housing in the Bay Area. The report included a brief history of the economy beginning in the 1970s to present, and listed the new and expanding businesses in the area. Mr. Opitz commented on the challenges new businesses place on housing, schools, and economy. It is anticipated there will be a substantial increase in construction jobs from 2006 to 2008 which will greatly increase the need for affordable housing. Mr. Opitz noted the average income from Coos County is \$27,500 and commended the Council for looking into options for providing housing. SCDC is also working with home builders and realtors on affordable housing. Councilor McKeown commented there are cities in Oregon that have the situation where people working in those cities cannot afford to live in the city. He further commented on the importance of the City to plan for affordable housing for workers, young families, and retirees.

Presentation by Cathi Thompson – Citizens for Bay Area Youth

Cathi Thompson, director of Citizens for Bay Area Youth, reported they are in the process of creating a mission statement and planning ways to provide youth activities. Their first goal is to build a skateboard park. Ms. Thompson asked the Council for a letter of support, and to consider financial support and the use city property next for the skateboard park. Ms. Thompson

reported they will be applying for grants and doing fundraising for construction of the park. Twinky Goorhuis, Reedsport, commented on her experience with developing, funding, and taking care of the skateboard park in Reedsport. Consensus of the Council to support development of the park and provide a letter of support to C-BAY. Mr. McClure commented the group will be presenting the project to the Parks Commission at their next meeting. Brandon Davison, Coos Bay, referred to an article in a skateboard magazine which mentioned the condition of Coos Bay's skateboard park.

Presentation of the Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2004/05 by Rob Wall, CPA

Rob Wall reported the audit gives the City a clean opinion on the financial statement and an unqualified opinion. Mr. Wall briefly reviewed the audit report and commented the City is in compliance with GASB 34, has strong internal controls in financial matters, and has a \$1.8 million carryover. Councilor Eck moved to approve the audit as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

Request by the Confederated Tribes for a Continuance of the Appeal of the Variance to the Height of the Cell Tower Proposed South of Their Property on Fulton

Community Services Director Jim Hossley reported the third request for continuation has been received from the Confederated Tribes asking for extension to January 17th. Councilor Stufflebean moved to grant the request to continue the hearing to January 17, 2006. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with all Councilors present voting aye.

City Attorney's Report

No report.

City Manager's Report

City Manager McClure reviewed the progress of the project list, and reported the crossover IGA has been reviewed and sent back to North Bend. Staff anticipated the IGA will be on the January 17th agenda. The Central Dock building removal bid is out and staff anticipates having the item before the Council on January 17th. Progress is being made on the System Development Charge plan and ordinance, and the Empire Waterfront Concept Plan Committee is moving forward.

Public Comments

Jody McCaffree, North Bend, encouraged the Council to support the skateboard project and suggested both cities work on the development of the park.

Council Comments

Councilor Eck reminded everyone the Fire Department will be hosting at Shore Acres on the 23rd and invited the public to enjoy the lights at the park. Councilor Stufflebean suggested the Council consider a parks serial levy or parks system development charge. He expressed concern about the city's ability to properly maintain the city's several parks with the current funding. Councilor McKeown reported the city has two openings on the Budget Committee and one opening on the Tourism Promotions Committee. He encouraged everyone to visit Shore Acres Park and enjoy the light display.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to January 3, 2006 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Council President

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder