

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 18, 2006

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, Jeff McKeown, and John Muenchrath. Councilors Cindi Miller and Kevin Stufflebean were absent. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Community Services Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, 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 March 7, 2006 minutes and approval of an OLCC application for Back Street Sports Saloon, new owner. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Tree City USA Presentation by Jennifer Wright, State Forestry Department**

Jennifer Wright congratulated the City for being a Tree City USA and commented participation in the program is an important contribution to the community. She briefly reviewed the purpose of the program and presented Mayor Benetti with the Tree City award.

### **Adoption of Resolution 06-10 Extending Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage to Volunteers**

The Council briefly reviewed the volunteers covered under the City's worker's compensation policy and the salary amounts which included volunteer firefighters. Councilor Gould moved to adopt Resolution 06-10 which is attached and hereby made a part of the record. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Gould, McKeown, Muenchrath voting aye, and Councilor Eck abstaining.

### **Public Hearing – Enactment of the Proposed Ordinance Establishing System Development Charges (SDCs) and Procedures for Collecting and Expending SDCs**

Community Services Director Jim Hossley reported an ordinance implementing system development charges has been prepared, and notice and process has been completed in accordance with ORS 223. Mr. Hossley commented each SDC will come before the Council by

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resolution for adoption. The SDCs will be imposed on all new development within the City. Corrections to the ordinance were noted in Section 12. Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. Gene Melton, Coos Bay, inquired if a house burns down, will the SDC be required when the house is rebuilt. Mr. Hossley reported an SDC would only be paid if it was a change of use. There being no further public comments, Mayor Benetti closed the public hearing.

Councilor Gould moved to enact the draft ordinance establishing system development charges and procedures for collecting and expending system development charges. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 382 was enacted by the following vote:

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

### **Adoption Resolution 06-09 Adopting the Transportation System Development Charges Report Establishing the Methodologies for System Development Charges for the Transportation System**

Community Services Director Jim Hossley presented Resolution 06-09 adopting the transportation system development charge and explained the process of developing SDCs is regulated by state statute. Mr. Hossley reported an average of 51 homes are built annually in the city and with a Transportation SDC of \$732, it is estimated the City will collect \$39,332 annually. Mr. Dees, with Dyer Partnership, explained what equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) represents and its use in the SDC methodology, and how credits would be applied. Councilor Gould commented EDU is the base by which everything else is measured. Councilor McKeown reported the contractor's board was involved with the Council discussion on SDCs, and Coos Bay is one of the last cities in the state to adopt SDCs. City Manager Scott McClure commented on the impact of staff time for working with SDCs. Mr. Dees reported there is a 5% administrative allowance. Councilor McKeown moved to adopt Resolution 06-09 adopting system development charges for the transportation system. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Presentation of a Design Plan for the Timber Inn Corner Sidewalk by Mike Vaughan**

Mike Vaughan presented a concept plan for installation of a sidewalk along Hwy 101 South, from Lumbermens to downtown, and reviewed the current condition of the sidewalks in this area. The plan includes a four-foot retaining wall which would utilize railing materials from the Haynes Inlet and Santiam bridges. Mr. Vaughan commented considerable analysis and study would be required before proceeding with the project. Mr. Vaughan encouraged the Council to consider the walkway for pedestrian safety and as a way of preserving local history. Councilor Muenchrath commented the project is long overdue; he has seen people walking in this area and it is very dangerous. Mayor Benetti commented Mr. Vaughan had brought the project to the Council before and recently Downtown Association President Chris Coles brought it to the Council's attention. City Manager Scott McClure reported ODOT recently completed surveying in this area for 2007 surfacing of the highway and offered to look at constructing the sidewalk.

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Staff will contact ODOT for a time line and also look at funding for the project. Mr. Vaughan also gave an update on the pre-bid conference for the Choshi Bridge replacement project.

### **Consideration of Approval for Additional Funding for the Street Patching Project**

Community Services Director Jim Hossley reported the street patching project had been awarded to Johnson Rock and due to weather, the project could not begin until mid-February. There was also an unforeseen problem with the repair to the Coos River Hwy in regards to the depth of the asphalt. The project cost overrun is \$63,712 bringing the total project cost to \$132,729. Councilor Gould disclosed he represents Johnson Rock on legal matters. Councilor McKeown moved to approve additional funding for the project in the amount of \$63,712.51. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Adoption of City Council Goals for 2006/2007**

Mayor Benetti reported the Council reviewed the goals at the previous meeting. The goals, which are attached and hereby made a part of the record, were read to the assembly. Councilor Muenchrath moved to adopt the goals as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

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

City Manager Scott McClure reviewed the status of the project list and reported the fire station sites have been narrowed down, the wastewater SDCs will come to the Council in June, the electrical repairs have been completed on the Egyptian Theater, mediation has been scheduled with the Police Association, Empire improvements will be discussed at a council work session, and the first budget meeting will be held on Thursday.

Mr. McClure reported an employer alliance is being formed on the PERS issue, and the City could become a member for \$430. After a brief discussion, consensus of the Council to approve funds for the City to join the alliance. Mr. McClure reported on a marketing program which would provide live streaming video on the City's web site. The program is free to the City and is supported by the company selling ads on the banner. The Council briefly discussed the type and subject of the advertising and consensus of the Council to have the city manager look into the program.

### **Public Comments**

Mike Vaughan, Coos Bay, commented his drawings for the Timber Inn corner sidewalk project are conceptual and not construction drawings. Staff has permission to use the drawings to get information and he encouraged the City to get design cost estimates so staff can begin looking for funding.

Gary Rifkin, Coos Bay, commented on projects that could be done in the downtown area and reviewed areas that are in need of maintenance. Mr. Rifkin reported a large number of internet hits have been made keying in on certain words and in February 14,242 people looked at Coos

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Bay. The Council explained the City's efforts and planning for improvements to the downtown area.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Gould commented the Boys and Girls Club 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention will be held in Boston and Coos Bay will be one of 50 presenters at the event. He will be speaking on the City's partnership with the Club last year in sponsoring the National Kids Day event. Councilor Muenchrath thanked the firefighters for the annual banquet. Councilor Eck reported Jason Wilson was selected as Firefighter of the Year. Councilor McKeown commented on the professionalism of Police Department personnel and reported he rode with an officer last Friday evening. Mayor Benetti reminded everyone of the Budget Committee meeting on Thursday and invited citizens to attend.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to May 2, 2006 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder