

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

**September 5, 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, Cindi Miller, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilors Roger Gould and Jeff McKeown were absent. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Chief Eura Washburn, and Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley.

### **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 adoption of Resolution 06-29 establishing the effective date for system development charges for storm drainage, wastewater collection, and wastewater treatment plants. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Presentation by Ned Beman – Coos-Curry Housing Authority**

Mr. Ned Beman, Executive Director of Coos-Curry Housing Authority, briefly commented on services provided by the housing authority and reported his main goal was to improve customer service. Office hours have been extended to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the office is now open during lunch hour, and the application has been reduced from seven pages to one. Mr. Beman commented the housing authority should be a part of the community and he would like to work with the city to expand affordable housing.

### **Consideration of Approval to Support Proposed LNG Forums – Camby Collier**

Camby Collier, Coos Bay, updated the City Council on the progress of the LNG public forums and reported the forums would be held Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and January 11<sup>th</sup> in Bandon, Coos Bay and North Bend. The Council briefly discussed the wording for advertising of the forums, and approved supporting the forums. City Manager Scott McClure commended Ms. Collier for her work in arranging for the forums.

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### **Public Hearing on the Proposed Replat of a Portion of Pacific Crest Subdivision ZON2006-00068**

Planning Administrator Laura Barron read the public hearing disclosure to the assembly and reported on August 8<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission unanimously approved the proposed replat of the Pacific Crest Subdivision. Ms. Barron reported the property was zoned R2 and the owner would like to change the configuration of the six lots by taking an acre from tax lot 100 and adding a portion to each of the lots for the purpose of enlarging the lots so bigger houses could be built. Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. No comments were given and Mayor Benetti closed the hearing. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt the Planning Commission findings and conditions as the City Council's. Councilor Miller second the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Public Hearing for Determination of Dangerous Buildings Located at 716 Southwest Boulevard**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the hearing was being held to make a determination on the buildings located at 716 Southwest Blvd. The buildings sustained damage due to a fire and the building inspector has determined the structures to be dangerous buildings. A letter of notification has been sent and a number phone contacts have been made with the owner by staff. Mr. Hossley reported no attempt has been made by the owner to abate the conditions. Staff estimated the cost of abatement at \$4,000; if the city proceeds, a lien would be placed on the property. City Attorney Nate McClintock reported a local collection agency already has a lien on the property; however, the City lien would still apply. Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing.

Lou Leberti, Coos Bay, reported he was the adjacent property owner and requested the City demolish the buildings as soon as possible. Mr. Leberti commented he had contacted the City six months ago about the problem and suggested staff move faster on future situations. Mary Ann Harper, Coos Bay, commented many properties in the area have been nicely developed and she encouraged the City to move quickly on abating the property. There were no further comments to be heard and Mayor Benetti closed the hearing. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt Resolution 06-30, which is attached and hereby made a part of the record, declaring the structures as dangerous buildings and ordering abatement by demolition and removal. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilor Stufflebean moved to transfer funds from contingency and set the limit at \$10,000. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Consideration of a Request for Funds for Development of the Skateboard Park – Citizens for Bay Area Youth (C-BAY)**

Cathi Thompson, C-Bay, reported Grindline has been hired to design and build the skate park. The design is expected to be completed by the end of September and would require a payment of \$20,000. Ms. Thompson requested the \$6,000 budgeted by the City be used towards the payment. Councilor Miller moved to make \$6,000 available to C-BAY. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye. Mayor Benetti suggested the \$6,000 be tied into the memorandum of understanding. City Manager Scott McClure reported the MOU would be brought back to the Council.

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### **Report on the Burn Barrel Issue**

Fire Chief Stan Gibson reported a review of Fire Department records showed there were very few responses to burn barrel issues, which indicates that most citizens use the barrels in a safe and efficient manner. The Fire Department had received a number of calls concerning banning burn barrels. The City Council reviewed regulating wrongful use of burn barrels and considered requiring permits for burn barrels. Chief Gibson recommended following up with public education on the use of burn barrels and continuing with keeping statistics on calls regarding burn barrels. Mayor Benetti suggested the chief report back to the council in a few months.

### **Consideration of Approval for Funding from the General Fund Contingency for Public Works and Development Planning Division**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the funds would be used for the Planning Division for consultants to work on an affordable housing report. Mayor Benetti commented the issue needed to be addressed. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt Resolution 06-31, which is attached and hereby made a part of the record, transferring funds up to \$10,000 from contingency to public works planning division. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

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

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported use of firearms and hunting within the City is not included in the Fish and Wildlife administrative rules. A copy of the City's ordinance and City map will be provided to Fish and Wildlife, and they will make a determination whether to include the area in the administrative rule.

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

**Report on Southwest Area Flood Mitigation** – Fire Chief Gibson reported considerable damage was caused by flooding in December and January of this year. In April the area was declared a national federal disaster which allowed the City to apply for funding to mitigate the problem. Chief Gibson reviewed the process for determining relocation or repairs to affected residences in the flood plain, the payment procedure, and use of the property.

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Scott McClure reported the City of North Bend and the Port of Coos Bay had submitted letters to FERC regarding avoiding densely populated areas for the pipeline and asked the Council if they also wished to send a letter. Consensus of the City Council to submit a letter to FERC. Mr. McClure reviewed the project status report and reported a public meeting on locating the fire station would be held September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were given.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Miller commented concerts in the park would be held every Tuesday during the month of September and encouraged the public to attend. Councilor Miller reported the Fun Festival

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would be held September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and a new event, the toilet race, had been added. Councilor Stufflebean asked that downtown business owners be contacted regarding the public meeting on the fire station. He inquired about status of the antique fire pumper. Chief Gibson reported the 1904 Knott steamer was stored at Marshfield Bargain House and the Volunteer Firefighter's Association was doing the restoration work. Mayor Benetti reported the semi-annual brush pickup began this week, the newly painted fire hydrants look great, and notes from the teleconference with the mayors of Boston and Everett, Massachusetts would be distributed to the City Council.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to September 19, 2006 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder