

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 7, 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, Cindi Miller, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. City staff present were Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen, Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Public Works and Development 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 adoption of Resolution 06-35 accepting a donation from John Topits for park benches; adoption of Resolution 06-36 accepting a Department of Homeland security grant; and adoption of Resolution 06-37 transferring funds from contingency for additional audit services. Mayor Benetti explained Mr. Topits had donated \$7,360 for benches for the John Topits Park and it was one of Coos Bay's best parks. Mayor Benetti gave a brief review of the park and its history and expressed appreciation for Mr. Topit's donation. Councilor Muenchrath commented he would like to discuss Resolution 06-37 transferring funds from contingency for additional audit services. Mayor Benetti placed the item as agenda item 3a. Councilor Miller moved to adopt the consent calendar as amended. Councilor Eck seconded the motion with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Resolution 06-37 Transferring Funds From Contingency for Additional Audit Services

Councilor Muenchrath commented if the Council was to allocate an additional \$14 to \$15 thousand dollars for additional items in the audit it should be more specific for the benefit of the Council on the causes for the additional audit expenses. Mayor Benetti reported Rob Wall felt there were certain things that needed more detail which created an additional charge. Councilor Stufflebean explained there were changes in the trial balance on two different occasions which caused some added costs. Councilor Miller added it appeared an excessive amount of changes were made before the information was submitted to the auditor and those changes needed to be addressed. Mayor Benetti explained there needed to be more help in the Finance Department with the checks and balances. Councilor Gould moved to approve Resolution 06-37 transferring funds from contingency for additional audit services. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, Gould, McKeown, Miller and Stufflebean voting aye, and Councilor Muenchrath voting no.

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Recognition of John and Teri Whitty

Mayor Benetti presented an award to John and Teri Whitty for their services to the community and reported both John and Teri grew up in the Bay Area. John graduated from the University of Oregon and has been an attorney for 50 years, and Teri was a school teacher before she and John began raising their six children. John's most significant commitments were the construction and operation of the Bay Area Hospital and his interest in transportation issues for this area. John and Teri both have been involved with the Art Museum, Historical Museum, and SMART reading program.

Consideration of Approval of the Water Recharge Amendment for the Sand Hills Gun Club

Councilor McKeown declared a conflict of interest and excused himself from the discussion. Rob Schab, General Manager of Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board asked the Council to consider an amendment to an existing easement the Water Board has held with the Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend and the Sand Hills Gun Club. Mr. Schab gave a brief review of the location and background on the existing easement. He reported the primary changes to easement agreement were: 1) Established lake recharge as consideration for the easement; 2) Recharge set to lake level triggers and well pumping level 500,000 per day; 3) Increases potential recharge from 44 GPM to 250 GPM. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the Water Recharge Amendment for Sand Hills Gun Club. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, Gould, Miller, Muenchrath and Stufflebean voting aye, and Councilor McKeown abstaining.

Report on the Coos Art Museum by MJ Koreiva, Director

MJ Koreiva, Director of the Coos Art Museum, gave a brief update on the programs and projects at the museum and the 2007 exhibit schedule and requested a letter of support from the City for the Mabel Hansen Gallery improvement project. Councilor Miller moved to approve the letter of support for the Mabel Hansen Gallery improvement project. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Award of Bid for Barham Terrace Storm Water Project

Public Works and Development Department Director Jim Hossley reminded the Council of the large sink hole that occurred during a storm in January at the intersection of West Park Roadway and Barham Terrace. He explained the project had gone out for bids on October 17th and the low bidder was John Williams Construction for \$47,684. Mr. Hossley recommended awarding the construction contract to the lowest bidder John Williams. Councilor McKeown moved to approve the award of contract for the Barham Terrace Storm Sewer Replacement Project to John Williams for \$47,684. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Benetti and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing on Proposed Plan Map Amendment and Rezone of Approximately 30 Acres West of Lindy Lane and Approximately 700 Feet South of Ocean Boulevard

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Public Works and Development Department Director Jim Hossley explained the Planning Commission recommended approval to change the zone designation of approximately 33 acres from Residential Certified Factory-built Home Park to Qualified Multiple Residential. Mr. Hossley read the public hearing disclosure to the assembly and reported the applicant was Powder River Corporation and they were proposing to change the plan and zone designation in order to enable the development of a variety of residential dwelling types. Engineer Susanna Nordoff, Stuntzner Engineering & Forestry, explained she was representing the Powder River Corporation and gave a brief review of the locations and the zoning status. Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. There being no comments given Mayor Benetti closed the hearing.

Councilor Stufflebean moved to approve the zone change and enact the ordinance, adopt the Planning Commission's findings and conclusions as the Council's findings and conclusions, and include staff's recommended conclusions. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 389 changing the zoning designation for certain real property from Residential Certified Factory-Built Home Park to Qualified Multiple Residential was enacted by the following vote:

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

Councilor Gould moved to approve the Plan Map Amendment and adopt the Planning Commission's findings and conclusions as the Council's findings and conclusions subject to conditions recommended by staff. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 390 changing the comprehensive plan map designation for certain real property from Residential Low-Density to Residential High-Density was enacted by the following vote:

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

Public Comments on the Hiring Process for City Manager

Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen reported a meeting had been scheduled for next Tuesday at the Coos Bay Public Library at 7:00 p.m. to hear presentations from Bob Murray & Associates; McPherson & Jacobson, LLC; and Waldron and Company.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock stated the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Officer's Association had been signed.

City Manager's Report

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Public Works and Development Department Director Jim Hossley reported high tides had caused some flooding problems in the downtown area, and a sewer line had collapsed at Third and Commercial, and there will be nine foot tides in December. Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen reported she and Fire Chief Gibson attended a training exercise on emergency management for a flu epidemic. The City had given tentative approval for borings in the bay and an appeal had been submitted which would go to the Planning Commission in December.

Public Comments

Police Chief Washburn commented she would miss Councilors Miller and Stufflebean and Mayor Benetti and thanked them for all their work and support of her department.

Council Comments

Councilor Gould thanked Councilors Stufflebean and Miller and Mayor Benetti for their years of service. Councilor Eck expressed appreciation to Councilors Stufflebean and Miller and Mayor Benetti and encouraged everyone to attend the Firefighter's Memorial Dedication November 25th. Councilor Miller reported the downtown Halloween event was a success and the fifth annual Bus Jam will be held December 2nd. Councilor Muenchrath commented he would miss Mayor Benetti and Councilors Miller and Stufflebean and wished Councilor Stufflebean good luck. Councilor Stufflebean thanked everyone for their support. Councilor McKeown expressed appreciation to Councilors Millers and Stufflebean and Mayor Benetti and wished Councilor Stufflebean the best. Mayor Benetti commented it had been great working with everyone and thanked his wife for her support.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to November 21, 2006 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Acting Deputy Recorder