

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

**November 21, 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 Mayor-elect Jeff McKeown and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Stephanie Kramer, Mark Daily and John Muenchrath. 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, Captain McCullough and Captain Craddock, Battalion Chief Howard Owen, 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.

### **Administration of the Oath of Office to Mayor McKeown and Councilors Mark Daily, Roger Gould and Stephanie Kramer**

The oath of office was administered to Mayor McKeown and Councilors Mark Daily, Roger Gould, and Stephanie Kramer by Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson.

### **Election of Council President**

Mayor McKeown asked the Council to approve his nomination of Councilor Roger Gould as Council President. Councilor Eck moved to appoint Councilor Gould as the Council President. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Presentation of Appreciation Awards to Mayor Benetti and City Councilors Cindi Miller and Kevin Stufflebean**

Mayor McKeown commented what stood out about Councilor Cindi Miller was the Delta Kappa Gamma award "Woman of the Year" she received and commented she had earned it year after year. Mayor McKeown expressed his appreciation for Councilor Miller's dedication and service to the Council and presented her with an appreciation plaque. Councilor Miller thanked everyone and commented she was brought up in a family that learned to give back and that is what she has done. Mayor McKeown commented Councilor Stufflebean could not attend the meeting and expressed his appreciation for Kevin's years of service. Mayor McKeown expressed his appreciation for Mayor Benetti's years of service and dedication to the City and presented him with an appreciation plaque. Mayor Benetti commented it had been an honor to serve as Mayor and Councilor, and he had enjoyed serving with everyone and would cherish all the friends he had made during this time. Councilor Gould commented Cindi Miller and Joe Benetti established themselves as great citizens in the history of Coos Bay and there are not many people in our history since 1856 that could match up to them.

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### **Consent Calendar**

Mayor McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of August 1 and 15, 2006; adoption of Resolution 06-39 transferring funds from contingency for the Firefighter Memorial dedication; and adoption of Resolution 06-04 transferring from contingency for city manager recruitment. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Consideration of Parking Sign Design for South Broadway**

Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen explained she recently had a request to add additional parking signage downtown in the area called the “pedway”. Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reviewed design from Art Signs, Inc. and city staff. Anna Marie Larson, Coos Bay, commented her preference was the smaller sign with vertical letters with the arrow. Joannie Johnson, Coos Bay, also recommended the smaller sign with vertical letters and an arrow pointing to the parking. The Council agreed the smaller sign would be the best choice and directed staff to move forward with the parking sign.

### **Consideration of Approval to Adjust the Rate for Alum Sludge Treatment and Clarifying the Rate for New Residential Accounts – Adoption of Resolution 06-38**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley explained alum sludge was a byproduct of the Water Board’s water treatment plant. An agreement has been in place for several years between the City and the Water Board for the treatment by the City’s wastewater treatment plant. The resolution would modify fees for the wastewater treatment and approval would increase the rate from \$.406 cents per pound to \$.464 cents per pound of solids treated. Councilor Muenchrath inquired how the increase was determined and Mr. Hossley explained the cost is estimated by usage and the cost of chemicals used to treat it. Councilor Gould moved to adopt Resolution 06-38. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

### **Appointment to Fulfill the Remainder of Mayor McKeown’s City Councilor Position**

Mayor McKeown explained his election as Mayor left a vacant position on the Council and traditionally the Council appoints the new person. Councilor Gould explained in the past notice was given, applications submitted, and the Council interviews the candidates and makes an appointment for the remainder of the term. Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen explained the only criteria necessary was to live in the City limits one year prior to the appointment and be a registered voter. Councilor Gould moved to fill the vacancy by accepting applications from interested qualified citizens of the City of Coos Bay by the City Manager’s office through December 15, 2006. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, and Gould voting aye, and Councilors Muenchrath and Kramer voting no.

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### **Discussion on Scheduling a City Council Orientation and Training Session**

Mayor McKeown recommended funding be budgeted for hiring a professional to provide leadership training for the Council. After a brief discussion, consensus of the Council was to proceed with arrangements for the training session.

### **Public Comments**

Steve Schneiderman, Oregon Volunteer Firefighter Association President, reported the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association fund-raising center has been a success and they are now able to offer their members many benefits. One of the benefits is scholarships continued education. Mr. Schneiderman presented Coos Bay Fire Department Cadet Jessica Lucas with a \$1,500 education grant for the fire science paramedic program.

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

No report was given.

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

Chief Gibson encouraged everyone to attend the Firefighters Memorial dedication Saturday and thanked staff for their help; congratulated Jessica Lucas and expressed appreciate to the OVFA for the help with the scholarship. Police Chief Washburn reported Officer Randy Sparks and Officer Chris Chapanar were promoted to sergeant positions recently and gave a brief review of the promotion process and the department structure.

Interim City Manger Joyce Jansen welcomed the new Councilors and Mayor and expressed her appreciation to Councilors Miller and Stufflebean, and Mayor Benetti. She asked for direction on whether the Council desired city manager recruiting be done regionally or nationally. It was a consensus to ask the recruiting firm's recommendation. Ms. Jansen asked the Council for dates to meet with Jim Antonen to develop the city manger profile; requested Planning Commissioner interviews be held December 19<sup>th</sup>; and asked the Council to consider the committees they would like to serve. Ms. Jansen reminded the Council of the annual Economic Outlook Forum Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mill Casino, and encouraged everyone to attend the annual tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the downtown fire station.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Muenchrath welcomed the new council members and congratulated Councilor Gould and Mayor McKeown. Councilor Gould thanked Cindi Miller and Joe Benetti for their service and congratulated Councilors Kramer and Daily and Mayor McKeown; and thanked Chief Gibson and staff for all their work on the Firefighter's Memorial dedication. Councilor Kramer thanked those who voted for her. Councilor Daily expressed his appreciation to those who voted for him. Councilor Eck congratulated Councilors Kramer, Daily, and Gould, and Mayor McKeown; and encouraged everyone to attend for Firefighter Memorial dedication. Mayor McKeown commented the financial report had been provided for review; commented he would miss Cindi Miller and Joe Benetti; welcomed Councilors Kramer and Daily; expressed

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appreciation to those who helped with the Firefighter Memorial site; commented his first speaking engagement was to welcome Santa Claus on Sunday at 5 pm; and was pleased to see the Egyptian Theatre opened.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to December 5, 2006 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Mickelson, Acting Deputy Recorder