

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 3, 2007

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 Jeff McKeown and Councilors Michele Burnette, Mark Daily, Jon Eck, Roger Gould, and Stephanie Kramer. Councilor John Muenchrath was absent. 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 McKeown opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

Mayor McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of March 1 and 6, 2007 and adoption of Resolution 07-08 accepting and appropriating insurance proceeds to repair city property. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 by Roy Rogers, Pauly Rogers, and Company

Mayor McKeown commented Roy Rogers would be giving a formal presentation on the audit report at the May 1st council meeting, so he would like to postpone this agenda item until then.

Report from Ned Beman, Coos Bay/ North Bend Housing Authority

Ned Beman reported the Coos-Curry Housing Authority is the owner and manager of the Woodland Apartments and management agent for the Powers Development. Mr. Beman briefly reviewed the number of housing units available, the number of citizens on a waiting list, and the number of citizens served through the Coos-Curry Housing Authority housing. Mr. Beman reported the average income of those on public housing is \$11,428 and the average voucher is just over \$10,000. He further explained a small percent of those on housing assistance make \$25,000 or more, but can't afford to move out because of the cost of housing. Mr. Beman briefly reviewed other sources of income of residents in public housing, and explained 54 percent of those in public housing have no chance of moving out. Mr. Beman explained the housing authority is considering selling their housing units and using the money to develop a 30 to 40 unit complex in Coos and Curry Counties because the units now are located in various locations and this would make it much easier to maintain.

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Consideration of Approval of the Award of the Eastside Boarding Floats

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the City applied for a grant from the Oregon State Marine Board to replace the boarding floats at the Eastside boat ramp. The City went out to bid twice; however, both times the lowest bid was well beyond the grant amount plus the amount of the City's match, so they were rejected. The Marine Board engineers redesigned the boarding floats, and the City went out for bid for the construction only. Empire Wood Products was the lowest bid at \$40,275, the Marine Board grant was \$55,800, and the City budgeted \$6,200, which left approximately \$24,000 to hire a local contractor or volunteer to help install the boarding dock. Councilor Burnette moved to award the boarding floats to Empire Wood Products in the amount of \$40,275.00. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Approval of Expenditure of Funds for Improvements and Replacement of Equipment in the Police Department's Communication Center

Police Chief Eura Washburn reported this project is a reorganization of the communication center in the Police Department and most of the project has been budgeted. Chief Washburn explained the communications center is where all the electronic data is located; and because the electronics are so old, parts are very hard to find. Chief Washburn explained each phase of the job has been planned, so there won't be any problems meeting the time line. The extra \$10,000 is for a contingency and would come out of the Major Capital Reserve fund. Councilor Gould moved to approve expenditures of \$190,000.00 to replace the 911/dispatch center, the integrated radio equipment, and applicable accessories. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Acceptance of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2005/2006

Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen explained Mr. Rogers could not attend the meeting because of tax season, but he would be at the April 17th or May 1st meeting. Ms. Jansen requested the Council accept the audit because it would allow the City to file the audit with the Secretary of State's office, and closes that process. Councilor Gould commented he did not feel comfortable adopting the budget before it was presented to the Council by the auditor. Mayor McKeown agreed with Councilor Gould, and commented he would like to call Mr. Hopkins at the State Auditing Division to review the request with him. It was a consensus by the Council to wait for the presentation by the auditor.

Approval of a Contract with Pauly Rogers and Company for Audit Services

City Manager Joyce Jansen commented she had received approval from the Council recently to enter into negotiations with Pauly Rogers and Company to extend the audit contract. Ms. Jansen reported Pauly Rogers and Company agreed to extend their current contract with the City for two more years, and agreed to roll back the first year's cost to \$22,800. Mayor McKeown agreed there were advantages to continuity, but commented he would like to contract

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with a local CPA firm after the contract was complete with Pauly Rogers and Company. Councilor Eck moved to extend the contract with Pauly Rogers and Company for additional two years for a total of three years at \$22,800 each year, plus cost of living allowance as requested. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

David Engholm, Egyptian Theatre Preservation President, publicly thanked the City of San Gabriel in Southern California for donating a piano, diaphones, and relays needed at the Egyptian Theatre. Mike Tribble, Coos Bay, commented this weekend the Egyptian Theatre would be showing the movie Rocky at 11 p.m. and the following weekend the play “MM” will start and encouraged everyone to attend. Rich Shearer, Coos Bay, expressed his appreciation to the Urban Renewal Agency for purchasing the Egyptian Theatre and assured the Agency it was being used to the fullest with plays, movies, concerts, and commented they plan on marketing the theater as a meeting and convention center and distributed a recently produced brochure of the Egyptian Theatre.

City Attorney’s Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the El Conquistador has been docked at Central dock for three years, and there may be a legal issue if it doesn’t get moved because of trespassing on City property. Mr. McClintock reported he had talked to the owner and was assured he would be moving the boat. Mr. McClintock commented if it doesn’t get moved the City might have to initiate legal action based on trespass.

City Manager’s Report

Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen congratulated the Boys and Girls Club for 25 years of service to the community, gave a brief review on the city manager interview scheduled for the April 14th and requested the Council submit preferences on interview questions; requested the Council submit their name if they plan on attending the League of Oregon Cities Conference in September; reported she would be going to see her niece in Washington DC and would be back on Tuesday; and requested the Council review the budget meeting ad and make suggestions of any needed changes. Mayor McKeown suggested the wording at the top say “The City of Coos Cay Invites You”, and to include the meetings can also be viewed on Channel 14.

Council Comments

Councilor Burnett had no comments. Council Kramer thanked Steve Skinner for working with the Shuttles Creek crew clearing the Hollering Place property. Councilor Daily commented he had the opportunity to see a movie at the Egyptian Theatre and expressed appreciation for the volunteers; and commented he was coaching a major league ball team for the Cal Ripkin team with boys and girls ages 5 to 12 and if anyone is interested they can stop by the Out Door Inn to fill out a form. Councilor Eck expressed his appreciation for Steve Skinner’s help at the Hollering Place. Councilor Gould commented the Boys and Girls Club had their State gymnastics tournament in Coos Bay and it was very successful, and commented April 18th would be the Boys and Girls Club’s 25th birthday.

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Mayor McKeown reported he had spoken to all the candidates for city manager to extend a welcome and offer answers to any question they may have, and reported everyone was very personable. Mayor McKeown commented the National Guard would be making a presentation on emergency preparedness tomorrow at the IBO luncheon at 11:30 a.m., and he would be taking a ride in their helicopter in the morning; commented he spoke to the Port of Coos Bay regarding a presentation at a council meeting regarding the container facility project at the North Spit; and congratulated the Boys & Girls Club for 25 years of service.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to April 17, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Acting Deputy Recorder