

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 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, Stephanie Kramer, and John Muenchrath. City staff present were Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

Flag Salute

Mayor McKeown opened the meeting and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Mayor McKeown commented the scheduled executive session would be discussed in open session and item number six the presentation of the Audit Report by Roy Rogers would be moved below item number nine because Mr. Rogers would be arriving a late.

Consent Calendar

Mayor McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the OLCC change of ownership license for Bayway Market. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Report on the Boys and Girls Club by Denise Gould

Denise Gould expressed her appreciation to the City of Coos Bay for their continued financial support. Ms. Gould briefly reviewed some of the activities, programs, and fees of the Boys and Girls Club and reported the summer activities brochure would be available in mid May. Ms. Gould reported March of 2007 the Boys and Girls Club began their year long celebration of 25 years of operation and briefly reviewed the history of the club. Ms. Gould introduced Charles Hill a member of the Boys and Girls Club who won the 2007 Youth of the Year award, and commented one of his requirements was to write a speech on what the Boys and Girls Club meant to him. Mr. Hill reported he had been a member of the Boys and Girls Club for over ten years and has participated in many sports programs, and was a staff member. Mr. Hill briefly described his experience working with children and his enjoyment of the activities at the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Gould presented Mr. Hill an award of \$1,000 from the Boys and Girls Club to help with his college education. Resource Developer Rob Miles reported May 10th was the Annual Women's Luncheon at the William J. Sweet Memorial Tennis Center; June 2nd and 3rd would be the Pacific School of Dance recital at the Marshfield High School Auditorium; the Day for Kids would be held during the Bay Area Fun Festival, and the annual auction would be held in November at the Mill Casino.

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Presentation of the Tree City USA Award by Jennifer Wright

Jennifer Wright commented she would like to present the City with a Tree City USA award, and reported this was an accomplishment that only 44 other communities in Oregon receive and 3,500 communities shared in the nation. Ms. Wright briefly reviewed the purpose of the program and presented the City of Coos Bay with their 13th Tree City award.

Presentation of a Proclamation on Emergency Medical Services by Steve Humphrey

Steve Humphrey reported May 20th through 26th was Emergency Medical Services Week and the proclamation recognized everyone who serves in emergency services. Mr. Humphrey read the proclamation to the assembly and invited the Council to the Emergency Medical Services barbeque May 26th between 11 am to 4 pm at 3505 SE Ocean Boulevard, Coos Bay.

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

Roy Rogers distributed an executive summary to the Council and reported the City's statements were clearly presented, the City was in compliance with state and federal laws, and his firm didn't find anything glaring this year. Mr. Rogers reported in 2006/07 and 2007/08 auditors would discuss issues on internal controls cycles, explain the type of audit process the firm was having done, and conversations they had with the employees. Mr. Rogers reported there were no disputes with staff, no difficulties with the audit, no disagreement on accounting estimates, no other issues or problems, no excessive adjustments, and there was an unqualified opinion. Mr. Rogers reported the Urban Renewal District's audit was the same. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the audit report for fiscal year 2005/2006 as submitted. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing: To Consider Approval of the Preliminary Subdivision Plat for a Subdivision Located on the Woodland Drive

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley commented April 10th the Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision subject to conditions on the conditional use and variance applications. Mr. Hossley reviewed the conditions. Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing and hearing no comments the public hearing was closed. Councilor Gould moved to approve the preliminary subdivision plat and adopt the Planning Commission's findings as our findings and their conclusions as ours, and adopt the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission with the condition that if the pump station was sold, it would need to be built to city specifications. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Council members present voting aye.

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Public Hearing: For Determination of a Public Nuisance Located at 2710 32nd Street

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported in January 2006 the City began receiving complaints of junk accumulation at 2710 32nd Street in Coos Bay. Mr. Hossley reported staff conducted inspections, determined the property was in violation of Ordinance No. 99, and the owner was contacted numerous times, but no attempt was made to abate the violation. Mr. Hossley reported abatement for the removal would be approximately \$7,500, and requested the Council adopt Resolution 07-09 A Resolution of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, Finding That the Unauthorized Dumping, Storage and Junk Accumulation Located at 2710 32nd Street, Coos Bay, Oregon is a Public Nuisance and Ordering Abatement to cover the cost of abatement. Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing.

Betty Jones, property owner, reported the items were Mr. Johnson's items who lived in the house, and he had no place to store the items after losing his property. Ms. Jones requested the City allow her three months to remove the items. Joe Greene, Federal Way, WA, reported Mr. Johnson had short term memory and he was trying to help him get his property back and requested the City allow three more months to move the items. Kim Lehmann, Coos Bay, commented this was a reasonable conclusion, and they have had plenty of time to remove the dangerous items. Councilor Muenchrath moved to adopt Resolution 07-09 A Resolution of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, Finding That the Unauthorized Dumping, Storage and Junk Accumulation Located at 2710 32nd Street, Coos Bay, Oregon is a Public Nuisance and Ordering Abatement with the amendment to extend the date to July 31, 2007. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of Acceptance of a Proposed Local Improvement District for Harris Avenue

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported two-thirds of the property owners abutting North Empire Boulevard right-of-way north of Harris Avenue and the Harris Avenue right-of-way between North Wasson Street and North Empire Boulevard petitioned the City Council requesting a Local Improvement District (LID) be formed for the purpose of paving their roadway. Mr. Hossley reported staff mailed property owners the estimated cost for the proposed improvements of \$188,300 prepared by HBH Consulting Engineers, and based on the property owners response, owners of 60 percent of the assessed value within the LID were now against the formation of the LID. Mr. Hossley commented per ordinance 131, should written remonstrance be filled before or during the future public hearing by owners of lots representing 67 percent of the estimated assessed cost of the improvement, the formation of the LID would be abandoned for at least six months. Councilor Gould moved to approve the adoption of Resolution 07-10. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Rondi Potter, Coos Bay, commented she would like to see a dog park in Coos Bay and thought the Eastside Park would be a good location. Robert Russell, Coos Bay, expressed concern of a possible mess being left near the 17 unit subdivision on Woodland Drive. Tom Hibbert, North

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Bend, requested a letter of support from the City of Coos Bay for the City of North Bend's swimming pool "Save the Pool." Mr. Hibbert reported the North Bend swimming pool was 60 years old and needed improvements. Mark Mattecheck, North Bend, commented he was the new chairman for the Promotions Committee and Katherine Hoppe was their new marketing director. Mr. Mattecheck reported the Promotions Committee had signed a contract for a web page with Eco Design and they also have a newly developed logo. Gene Melton, Coos Bay, expressed his concern for the possible dog park being located at the Eastside Park.

Discussion of the City Manager Agreement

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the standard City of Coos Bay's employment contract had a six months severance pay and an annual revolving contract, but Chuck Freeman requested the contract be an open contract with the severance pay to be nine months, and the City pay all the relocation expenses. Mr. McClintock commented he didn't see any problems with the requested changes. It was a consensus of the Council to increase the severance pay to eight months. Mayor McKeown requested Mr. McClintock make the suggested changes and e-mail the corrected contract to the Council for their review.

City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

City Manager's Report

No report was given.

Council Comments

Councilor Burnette reported the American Indian Woman's conference at the Mill Casino was very successful. Councilor Muenchrath expressed his appreciation to the members of the Budget Committee for their participation. Councilor Kramer thanked Chief Gibson and Councilor Eck for the invitation to the Annual Volunteer Firefighters' dinner. Councilor Daily commented he was in favor of a local dog park and believed there were numerous potential locations. Councilor Eck requested Chief Gibson announce those who were awarded at Volunteer Firefighters' banquet dinner. Councilor Gould commended the Budget Committee for their work and creativity and expressed his pleasure in adding city staff. Councilor Gould also reported Dr. Norman Rabin was in Eugene at a memory care facility because he had developed a rare form of dementia. Mayor McKeown commented he was sorry to hear of the loss of a very valuable member of our community; expressed his appreciation to the Budget Committee; reported he enjoyed the Volunteer Firefighter banquet dinner, and expressed his appreciation of the hard work from City staff.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to May 15, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Acting Deputy Recorder