

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 19, 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, and John Muenchrath. Councilors Roger Gould and Stephanie Kramer were absent. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Assistant City Manager Joyce Jansen, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Captain Gary McCullough, Police Captain Rodger Craddock, and Administrative Assistant Susanne Baker.

Flag Salute

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

Mayor McKeown reported because of scheduling conflicts the City Council meeting would be suspended until after the Urban Renewal Agency meeting. Mayor McKeown welcomed the new City Manager Chuck Freeman, and reported there would be a reception on June 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the Black Market Gourmet and encouraged everyone to attend the gathering to meet and welcome Chuck and his family.

Consent Calendar

Mayor McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of the approval of the minutes of May 31, 2007, approval of annual OLCC license renewals, approval of an OLCC application for Mak's Old City Hall Lounge, and authorization to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the county-wide law enforcement records management system. Councilor Daily reported he would not be voting because one of the issues involved his restaurant. Councilor Burnette moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Muenchrath voting aye, and Councilor Daily abstaining.

Presentation of an Appreciation Award to Gordon Young for His Work in the Government Access Channel

Mayor McKeown presented an award of appreciation to Gordon Young, and commended Mr. Young for his dedicated service to the PEG Broadcast Services since 2005. Mayor McKeown reported Don Vandyke, President of PEG Broadcast Services, would take over the recording of meetings, and assured everyone that Mr. Young would still be around. Mr. Young commented it had been a pleasure working with the Council and Assistant City Manager Joyce Jansen.

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Public Hearing and Consideration of Approval for the City to Sponsor a Community Development Block Grant for Oregon Coast Community Action

Councilor Burnette reported there was a letter enclosed from Shorebank Enterprise Cascadia, and disclosed she was on their board. Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) was an organization that serves low income people in Coos, Curry, and Western Douglas Counties through a broad range of services. Mr. Hossley reported one of those services was South Coast Head Start, and ORCCA was requesting the City sponsor a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to construct a new Head Start Building in Coos Bay. Mr. Hossley reported the proposed location was a 10-acre lot at the southeast corner of Thomas and LaClair Streets, three and half acres of it would be an ORCCA campus, and within the campus would be the Head Start building. Mr. Hossley reported the City sponsored a CDBG to construct the Boys and Girls Club that required a lot of staff time; but the rules have changed so it would only require approximately two hours a week of staff time.

Mary Schoen-Clark, CEO of Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) briefly reviewed the history of ORCCA and programs offered such as South Coast Head Start, South Coast Food Share, Housing, Energy Assistance, Emergency Medical and Dental Assistance, Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, and Great Afternoons/RCLC. Ms. Schoen-Clark reported it was time to have a permanent building, and commented the project location would be at 275 LaClair, Coos Bay. Ms. Schoen-Clark briefly reviewed the Head Start building design, site plan, community benefits, other components of the project, economic impact on the community, estimated cost of the Head Start building, and what was needed from the City of Coos Bay.

Dale Helland, Head Start Director, commented finding a permanent building was their goal, and reported last week legislature in Salem approved the education budget which included \$39,000,000 in expansion for Head Start. He further commented the aim was to serve every eligible child in Oregon, but currently only 56 percent of the eligible children are being served. Mr. Helland reported a Head Start facility in Bandon was built with CDBG monies and was a successful project. It is being used for the WIC program, ESD's therapeutic sessions, and a community building for parenting classes. He further commented they were looking for more expansions and the Federal Government was looking to increase the income guideline on eligibility of Head Start and the number of children eligible for our program would increase and require more room. Mayor McKeown commented this was a great project and would be of great benefit for the community. Councilor Eck moved to approve the City of Coos Bay as sponsor for the CDBG application and authorize the Mayor to sign the appropriate paperwork. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilors Gould and Kramer were absent.

Presentation of a Proposal for Use of the Coos Bay Board Walk by Gary Rifkin

Gary Rifkin, Coos Bay, presented a brief power point presentation on proposed ideas for the use of the Coos Bay Board Walk. Mr. Rifkin briefly reviewed the history of the board walk, its current condition, improvement ideas, and possible future attractions. Mayor McKeown thanked Mr. Rifkin for his time and commented he would like to discuss the board walk in the goal setting

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work session. Mayor McKeown recommended staff to look at maintenance of the board walk and make note of the needed repairs.

Discussion on Regulating Cage Fighting / Mixed Martial Arts

City Attorney Nate McClintock commented there had not been much legislation from other communities on mixed martial arts, but the State of Oregon had a Senate bill that passed a resolution statute which should be on the governor's desk soon. The bill creates state law regulating mixed martial arts and would be regulated through the Oregon Athletic Commission. Mr. McClintock reported the statute indicates it is an emergency, so as soon as it gets signed by the governor it will go into effect. He further commented Police Chief Washburn suggested contacting the State to include regulations on compensation for injuries, and reimbursement of costs for extra police officers. Mayor McKeown requested staff prepare suggestions to submit to the Council after the bill was passed.

Consideration to Approve an Award of Bid for the Newmark Overlay Project

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley commented Newmark Avenue from Ocean Boulevard and westward to Empire Boulevard was in need of repair, and reported the source of funding would be from the Jurisdictional Exchange Fund. Mr. Hossley reported the City received two bids for the five-lane street from Ocean Boulevard to Schoneman for the road section with the low bid from LTM at \$91,491. Mr. Hossley reported the City also had a failing drain in the intersection of Newmark and Schoneman and the low bid was from LTM for \$43,684. Mr. Hossley requested approval of the total bid to LTM for \$135,176 with a 20 percent contingency. Councilor Eck moved to award the base bid for \$91,491 and damaged storm line \$43,684 for a total of \$135,175 to LTM and to include a 20 percent contingency. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, and Eck, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilors Gould and Kramer were absent.

Department Head Report by Public Works Director Jim Hossley

Administrative Assistant Susanne Baker presented a brief power point presentation on the procedures for preparing plot plans and submitting building plans to the Public Works and Development Department. Mayor McKeown thanked Ms. Baker for her presentation and commented one of his goals was to educate the public on the function of each department in city hall.

Public Comments

No public comments were given.

City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

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City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Freeman thanked everyone for the warm welcome, and commented it was nice to be in Coos Bay.

Council Comments

Councilor Daily welcomed City Manager Chuck Freeman. Councilor Eck welcomed City Manager Chuck Freeman, and commented the Fire Department would be hosting the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association Convention this week. Councilor Burnette welcomed City Manager Chuck Freeman, and reported there had been progress on the Hollering Place brochure.

Mayor McKeown commented he would be welcoming the Eagles Convention tomorrow; reported there would be a welcoming reception for City Manager Chuck Freeman June 28th at the Black Market Gourmet; reported there would be a reception for Jon Richards who is retiring from SWOCC June 21st at the Business Development Center; welcomed City Manager Chuck Freeman; and commented he really enjoyed working with Joyce Jansen as city manager and commented he felt very grateful to be able to work with someone who had so much knowledge of the City.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to July 3, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Acting Deputy Recorder