

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 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, Jon Eck, Roger Gould, and Stephanie Kramer. Councilors Mark Daily and John Muenchrath were absent. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, Clerk to the Council Jackie Mickelson, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Assistant City Manager Joyce Jansen, 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 setting a public hearing on September 11, 2007 for the proposed vacation of a portion of Edwards Avenue; approval of the OLCC license for Buffalo Bill's Steak House located at 274 South Broadway; approval of the OLCC license renewal for Back Street Saloon located at 1880 North 7th Street; and approval of the July 3 and 17, 2007 minutes. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Gould, and Kramer voting aye. Councilors Daily and Muenchrath were absent.

Presentation of the Tourism and Promotions Committee's Quarterly Report by Director Katherine Hoppe

Katherine Hoppe reported on the Tourism and Promotion Committee's new website project and redesigning of their brochure. She reported the 2007/2008 advertising plan would include \$100,000 to several regional publications, \$50,000 towards web based advertising, \$20,000 to \$30,000 towards regional newspapers for local events, and \$30,000 for vertical print markets. Ms. Hoppe reviewed some new funding guidelines, areas of recent and future press on the area, and the current grant applications for the Promotions Committee to produce a four to six minute video to attract conventions to the area, and a Prefontaine Hometown Project that would place ten bronze plaques placed along Ocean Blvd and to create a brochure on the history of Prefontaine. Ms. Hoppe requested two letters of support from the City Council for these projects.

Presentation of a Report on the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds by Laurel Johnson

Laurel Johnson commented she was part of a state funded project called (FESRI) Fishermen Extending Salmon Recovery Information and would be reporting on the Oregon Plan for Salmon

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and Watersheds which was connected to the commercial fishing industry. Ms. Johnson reported she would like to raise public awareness and interest on various programs and efforts to restore salmon runs, improve water quality, and achieve healthy watersheds. Ms. Johnson reported the key elements of the Oregon Plan for salmon and watersheds were voluntary restoration actions by private landowners; coordinated state and federal agency and tribal actions; monitoring watersheds health, water quality, salmon recovery; and a strong scientific oversight by an independent panel of scientists. Ms. Johnson reported the watersheds start in the mountains, go through the rivers, streams, bays and estuaries, and the watershed processes was very important for the health of the salmon. Ms. Johnson briefly reviewed ways to help preserve the watersheds.

Request from Coos County Clean Air Coalition to Require City Public Events to be Smoke Free

Steven Brown reported he would like the City to support smoke free family events in the City of Coos Bay, and reported tobacco was the leading preventable disease in the United States. He reported world wide tobacco kills approximately five million people a year, and tobacco addiction was a life long disease that began in childhood, mostly at the age of 12 or 13. Mr. Brown briefly reviewed the statistics of tobacco use in Coos County and reported cigarette use had declined since the State's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program began in 1997. Mr. Brown reported one of the most important approaches to decrease smoking was to de-normalize smoking by restricting it from public places. Mr. Brown requested the Council consider forming a committee or choose someone to be a liaison for the Clean Air Collision and Public Health Department.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Ordinance Establishing Procedures for Advance Financing of Public Improvements and Consideration of Enactment of the Ordinance

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the proposed ordinance would allow the installer of a sewer line or paved street to recoup some of their installation cost for improvements from owners of the other lots as they develop their property. Mr. Hossley reported the developer would submit an application to the City and two public hearings would be held. Mr. Hossley briefly reviewed the process to create an advanced financing district, and reported the cost for the intervening property owners would be determined similar to the local improvement districts. Mr. Hossley reported the language in the proposed ordinance should read the City Council would adopt a resolution to create a district, so the word resolution would replace the word ordinance. Mr. Hossley commented his recommendation was the Council consider enacting the proposed ordinance establishing the procedures for the advanced financing and public improvements with changes to the word ordinance to the word resolution in sections 2c, 2g, 9, 15b, and 16.

Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing. David Griffith, Maxwell Street, commented he had a small piece of property, and was concerned of the potential cost to him. Jonele Loftis, Cow Creek, Oregon, requested information on why residents who would benefit from improvements would not be included. Mr. Hossley replied it was not an LID, so it wouldn't allow the City to include existing homes. Ms. Loftis expressed concern of the City not being consist with their standards. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Gould

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moved to approve Ordinance No. 397 an ordinance of the City of Coos Bay, establishing procedures for advanced financing of public improvements with the recommended language changes. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion. Clerk to the Council Jackie Mickelson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 397 passed with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Gould, and Kramer
No: None
Absent: Councilors Daily and Muenchrath

Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendments to the Land Development Ordinance and Consideration of Enactment of the Amending Ordinance

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the proposed ordinance was an amendment to the text of the Land Development Ordinance in chapter 2.3 Multiple Residential District (R3), changes to chapter 3.22 Manufactured Homes Special Siting Standards, and housekeeping changes. Mr. Hossley reported chapter 2.3 would add language whereby a legally established single-family dwelling or duplex was considered an allowed use and this would allow the structure to be repaired if damaged to an extent greater than 50% or replaced without the approval of a conditional use. Chapter 3.22 would be proposing to delete language requiring a garage or carport be sited in conjunction with a manufactured home, and delete language requiring specific siding and roofing for a garage or carport. The last change would be to change the name Community Services to Public Works and Development Department. Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Burnette moved to approve Ordinance No. 398 an ordinance amending chapter 2.3 and 3.22 of Ordinance No. 93, and to perform housekeeping measures on the City of Coos Bay's Land Development Ordinance. Councilor Eck seconded to motion. Clerk to the Council Jackie Mickelson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 398 passed with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Gould, and Kramer
No: None
Absent: Councilors Daily and Muenchrath

Consideration of Award of the Construction Contract for the Minnesota Avenue Street Improvement Project

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported bids were received on July 26th for the construction of street improvements associated with Minnesota Avenue Local Improvement District (LID) formed in accordance with the Ordinance No. 131. Mr. Hossley reported the LID was formed by 14 adjacent property owners to widen and pave the current gravel roadway from South 14th Street to its western terminus. Mr. Hossley reported he had received three competitive bids with the low bidder being Laskey-Clifton at \$134,091.20. Mr. Hossley reported \$150,000 had been budgeted in this fiscal year in the Special Improvement Fund and together with \$18,800 in design contract there would be adequate funds to complete the project. Mr. Hossley reported the quantities of asphalt and rock was transposed in the bid

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document, but the award would be made according to the bid document amounts, and the actual quantities placed during construction would determine payment; and the total cost of the LID would be reimbursed by the district owners through the contract.

Councilor Eck moved to award the Minnesota Avenue LID project to Laskey-Clifton for \$134,091.20. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Gould, and Kramer voting aye. Councilors Daily and Muenchrath were absent.

Public Comments

Kathy Codey thanked the City of Coos Bay for sponsoring the community event at the Ferry Road Park, and encouraged the Council to support non smoking at public events.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock commented he was pleased Woodland Drive was being resurfaced.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Freeman reported the signing ceremony of House Bill 5036 would be held on Friday at the Coos Bay Board Walk; reported the work session to review the City Goals was scheduled September 22nd at SWOCC in the Culinary Institute Center; and reported the City's web site was being updated.

Council Comments

Councilor Kramer commented the City needed to enforce the City's ordinances. Councilor Burnette commented she attended the dedication of the Front Street Historic Plaques and encouraged everyone to view it; and introduced her daughter and welcomed her to Coos Bay.

Mayor McKeown expressed his enthusiasm for an action plan on the Urban Renewal agenda to consideration to revitalize the Empire and Downtown areas; and commented he and Chuck would be meeting with City Manager Jan Willis the following week to discuss transient room tax.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to August 21, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Clerk to the Council