

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

**September 22, 2007**

The minutes of the proceedings of a work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 11 a.m. in the Culinary Arts School, at Southwestern Community College, 1988 Newmark Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### **Those Attending**

Those present were Mayor Jeff McKeown and Councilors Mark Daily, Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Stephanie Kramer, and John Muenchrath. Councilor Michele Burnette was absent. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, Clerk to the Council Jackie Mickelson, Assistant City Manager Joyce Jansen, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Captain Rodger Craddock, and Support Services Supervisor Linda Mitchell.

### **Flag Salute**

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

### **Work Session with Councilors and Staff**

Mayor McKeown commented honored guests State Representative Arnie Roblan and Senator Ken Messerle agreed to present a brief speech for the meeting. Representative Roblan commented it was very important to identify the issue, have a plan to solve it, and work toward the solution in steps. He reported on the importance of listening and trusting others to do their part in the solution. Senator Ken Messerle commented it was a tremendous responsibility to be an elected official and noted the importance on receiving accurate information before making a decision. Mr. Messerle expressed the importance of respecting colleagues, being prepared for meetings, working as a team, and communicating with each other.

City Manager Chuck Freeman briefly reviewed the existing Council and Urban Renewal Agency goals and the three year General Fund budget forecast. Mr. Freeman commented the carry over balance was shrinking, so it was important to make sure of strategic planning. Mr. Freeman commented the mission statement was perfect, but suggested also having a vision statement. Mayor McKeown read the current Mission Statement to the assembly. The group discussed new ideas for the mission statement and ideas for a vision statement. Mr. Freeman read the proposed vision statement from the earlier discussion to the assembly. Create a safe, clean and inviting City that protects and enhances our cultural, historical and environmental uniqueness by working in a collaborative partnership that creates opportunities for the South Coast Region through living wages and affordable housing. Mr. Freeman commented the only change he would suggest to the mission statement was to add the word cultural as suggested by Library Director Carol Ventgen.

### **Discussion of City Goals and Projects**

Mr. Freeman suggested a brainstorming session on projects, programs, and services, and then organize the categories and condense and prioritize the list. The Committee provided numerous ideas for projects, programs, and services for consideration.

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Councilor Gould briefly reviewed the issue with the Department of State Lands and Coos Bay lands, and commented the State considered itself the owner of most of the property in the downtown area. Councilor Gould distributed a copy to the Council of the statutes that was applicable to the issue for review. The Council discussed possible approaches to the issue, and it was a consensus to send a letter to the Department of Land State Land Board.

Mr. Freeman noted there were 72 projects, programs, and services identified; and commented the next step would be to vote on each item and then work on the ones with more votes. It was a consensus by the Council to have staff organize the list and schedule another meeting on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Coos Bay Public Library.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting.

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Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Mickelson, Clerk to the Council