

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

**April 15, 2008**

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.

### **Executive Session**

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations.

### **Those Attending**

Those present were Mayor Jeff McKeown and Councilors Michele Burnette, Mark Daily, Jon Eck, Stephanie Kramer, Gene Melton and John Muenchrath.

City staff present was City Manager Chuck Freeman, City Attorney Nate McClintock, City Clerk Vicki English, Police Chief Rodger Craddock, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Finance Director Janell Howard, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Assistant City Manager Joyce Jansen and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

### **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 April 1, 2008 and approval of a Card Room Table Permit for Gussies Bar and Grill. Councilor Kramer moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Kramer, Melton and Muenchrath voting aye.

### **Report from Marshfield High School Student Council Representative Ellen Fields**

Marshfield High School Council Representative Ellen Fields gave an overview of the events that have and will be taking place at Marshfield High School. Ms. Fields reported that the Mr. MHS Pageant took place April 12, 2008 and \$17,000 was raised. The donations will go to several local community charities. Ms. Fields reported that the upcoming events were the 100th anniversary Coos County Track Meet which will be held April 18, 2008 and the combination Senior and Junior Prom which will be April 26, 2008. Ms. Fields continued to report that the Forensic Team will be traveling to state; the Journalism and Year Book Staff will be going to California for a National Work Shop and Jeff Franklin, a senior, received 1st place at a state wide welding competition.

**Presentation of a Tree City USA Award by Jennifer Wright**

Jennifer Wright of the local Oregon Department of Forestry presented the City of Coos Bay with a Tree City USA award, and reported this was an accomplishment that only 48 other communities in Oregon receive. Ms. Wright briefly reviewed the purpose of the program and presented the City of Coos Bay with their 14th Tree City award.

**Presentation of a Proclamation on Emergency Medical Services by Steve Humphrey**

Steve Humphrey, emergency medical technician at Bay Cities Ambulance made the presentation of the Proclamation on Emergency Medical Services Week. He asked the Council to recognize May 18 through May 24, 2008 as Emergency Medical Services Week. A plaque was presented to Mayor McKeown.

**Presentation by the Oregon Resource Corporation on Developing a Domestic Supply of Mineral Sands for Global Marketing by Chief Operating Officer Dan Smith**

Dan Smith, Chief Operating Officer of Oregon Resource Corporation (ORC), gave a presentation on the Mineral Sand Project. Mr. Smith gave an overview of the different minerals and their uses, the mineral processing operation, a conceptual plant site design, water treatment process, and the economic benefits to the southern coast. Mr. Smith stated that the challenge is transportation of the product. Mr. Smith reported that ORC is currently going through the process of getting all the required permits and anticipates construction of the plant to begin in June 2008 and completion in December 2008. Mr. Smith said that ORC will employ approximately 70 full time employees with an average wage of \$40,000 annually with benefits. He said that the hiring process will begin in September employing 25% of the hourly employees, employing 50% in September and the remaining 25% in November. Mr. Smith reported that ORC will be using local contractors for some of the construction of the plant. Mr. Smith concluded with there will be tours of the facility upon completion.

**Funding Request for the Olympic Team Trials Event in Eugene by Coos Bay-North Bend Visitors and Convention Bureau by Katherine Hoppe**

Katherine Hoppe gave a presentation on the opportunity to take an advantage of the Olympic Team Trials in Eugene. Ms. Hoppe stated that this is an opportunity for the whole community to entice tourists to come to the southern coast. Ms. Hoppe gave an overview of all the contributors that have joined together to take advantage of this opportunity. Ms. Hoppe reported that financial resources are needed for the prize giveaways and the printed materials and brochures. Ms. Hoppe is requesting financial support from the City of Coos Bay in the amount of \$10,000 to support this project. Councilor Daily stated that he was concerned about why this wasn't budgeted for earlier. Ms. Hoppe replied that at the time of the budget process VCB was unaware of this opportunity. Ms. Hoppe said that the opportunity arose when The Mill Casino decided to get a booth and that allowed VCB to partner with them to promote the area. Councilor Eck moved to give \$10,000 to VCB to promote the Olympic Team Trials Event. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Kramer, Melton and Muenchrath voting eye.

**Public Hearing to Repeal Ordinance No. 239 Building Codes Ordinance and Adopt the Current International and Specialty Codes Ordinance**

Jim Hossley gave a summary of the major changes between Ordinance 239 and the new ordinance. City Manager, Chuck Freeman commented that the City Council shall establish by resolution a fee schedule based on the International Code Council (ICC) valuation table and will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated to reflect any changes to the ICC table. City Attorney, Nate McClintock stated that there will be an addition to Section 34, subparagraph 12 of the Ordinance stating *transportation is allowed in compliance with the Federal Department of Transportation rules and regulations*. Mr. McClintock stated that because there is an amendment to the Ordinance as it was presented there were a couple of options to consider. One of the options was to read the amended Section 34 which was five pages long or to have another public hearing on May 6, 2008 to discuss the brief amendment. It was a consensus with the Council to have a public hearing on the amendment as presented and then to have another public hearing on the brief amendment at the May 6th Council Meeting. Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing. Scott Frasier asked if his existing building permit would be affected by the amended ordinance. Ms. Baker stated that if the permit has already been issued then there would be no affect to Mr. Frasier's existing permit. Mayor McKeown closed the public hearing.

**Approval of Mayor Jeff McKeon's Signature on SOCC Public Safety Information Packet and Proposal to Their Board**

Chief Craddock reported the joint committee met three times and discussed such issues as the history of law enforcement services on the campus and why it has increased, the law enforcement services provided through a joint agreement with the City and the college, and the demise of that agreement. Chief Craddock gave an overview of the issues and the demand of police service needed. Chief Craddock presented several statistical graphs showing the number of arrests by incident type, number of incidents per day of week, number of incidents per time of day, and number of incidents and arrests/citations each month. Along with the statistical graphs Chief Craddock presented an incident activity log dated September 2006 through May 2007. Chief Craddock stated that a sub-workgroup was formed to determine how to best handle incidents occurring on campus. It was determined through this workgroup that some events occurring on campus could be handled through Southwestern Oregon Community College (SOCC) code of conduct system, while others needed to be addressed through the criminal justice system. Based on the 2006/07 school year statistics of incidents/crimes occurring on SOCC campus Chief Craddock discussed three options that would provide law enforcement services to meet the incident activity demands. Chief Craddock reviewed the options and the cost. Chief Craddock requested that a packet be prepared with the options that are available to SOCC and it be presented to their board for consideration at their April 28th meeting. Mayor McKeown stated that there may be some grant opportunities to absorb some of the costs. Mayor McKeown said that the next logical step to address the issue would be to present the packet to the board. There was consensus from the Council to present the packet to the SOCC board.

**Presentation of the Police Department's Annual Report by Support Services Supervisor Linda Mitchell**

Chief Craddock gave an overview and comparison of the calls for service, major crimes, citations issued, and vehicles towed, overtime summary and police agency comparison by city. Chief Craddock stated that the Police Agency Comparison chart was compiled by the Grants Pass Police Department and was for review only. In addition Chief Craddock reported that there was almost 2500 hours of Police Officer training during 2007.

**Public Comments**

Camby Collier, resident of Coos Bay, asked the Council to support Governor Kulongoski's letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory commission (FERC) requesting a National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) needs analysis.

Jody McCaffree, resident of North Bend, asked the Council to consider a letter or resolution against the Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) projects in Oregon. Ms. McCaffree reported on the potential of renewable and decentralized energy.

Scott Frasier, resident of Coos Bay, commented about the Toyota expansion. Mr. Frasier asked the cost of the Traffic Impact Analysis. Mr. Frasier commented that we should support the business, not drive them away, and that we should move forward. The councilors discussed their obligation to protect the interest of all the citizens and to ensure good planning of the City of Coos Bay and stated that they tried to come to a compromise concerning the expansion.

**City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Nate McClintock had nothing to report at this time.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Chuck Freeman reported that Garbage Appreciation Day is April 26th. For a food donation you are allowed two 35 gallon garbage drop offs at the fire stations. Mr. Freeman also stated that you must be a City of Coos Bay resident and proof of identification will be required. Mr. Freeman reported that Concepts to Operations (CTO) will be here next week meeting with the PSAP Committee to start the implementation plan of phase one of the PSAP merger.

**Council Comments**

Councilor Kramer stated her support for the need of the fire station. Councilor Muenchrath requested that the LNG topic be made a future agenda item. Councilor Daily stated that Cal Ripkin baseball is under way and also encouraged everyone to try and help out and get involved with the Nancy Devereux Center. Mayor McKeown commented on the loss of Mr. Leonard Farr.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. until May 6, 2008 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Jeff McKeown, Mayor

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Janell K. Howard, City Recorder