

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 19, 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.

Those Attending

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

Councilors John Muenchrath and Mark Daily were absent.

City staff present were 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, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

Mayor McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the Minutes of August 5 and 12, 2008 and approval of an OLCC application for additional privileges for Empire Café.

Councilor Burnette moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Kramer, and Melton voting aye.

Presentation on the Consideration of an Animal Shelter / Dog Park To Be Located in Coos Bay by Janet Huggins

Janet Huggins, President of the Pacific Cove Humane Society, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the need of a new animal shelter in Coos Bay. Ms. Huggins presentation gave an overview of the needs of a new shelter, condition of the current shelter, and various programs the shelter offers and what they can accomplish. Ms. Huggins also presented conceptual drawings of the new shelter. Some of the features of the new building were noise abatement materials for both the interior and exterior of the building, surveillance system, and landscaping conducive to both the neighborhood and noise-reflecting fencing. Ms. Huggins stated that the right plan and area are needed, noise levels are important, and internal sound controls are a new development. Councilors Kramer and Melton commented that their major concerns would be noise and odor control. Mayor McKeown asked Ms. Huggins about the dog park being part of the shelter. Ms.

Huggins stated there is interest in a sand based park, the dogs have to be supervised, and a membership is required.

Request Approval to Submit the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department Renewable Energy Feasibility Fund (REFF) Grant Application

Rob Schab, General Manager of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, gave a presentation on the planning phases for the expansion and improvement of the Pony Creek Water Treatment Plant and the Renewable Energy Feasibility Fund (REFF) grant application. Mr. Schab stated that one of the components of the project is a feasibility analysis of potential alternative energy options which could supply the additional energy requirements of the expanded treatment plant. Mr. Schab gave an overview and general information on the Renewable Energy Feasibility Fund (REFF) grant and the application process. Mr. Schab is requesting a \$25,000 grant request and that the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board staff be designated as the city's agent in administering the project and grant, coordinating with city staff as required. Councilor Burnette moved to submit the grant application on behalf of the Water Board to Oregon Economic and Community Development (OECDD) Renewable Energy Feasibility Fund. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Kramer and Melton.

Mr. Schab reviewed the progress and solution to reduce the manganese levels and discoloration of the water.

Approval of an Award of Bid for the Empire Area Sanitary Sewer Projects

Jim Hossley, Public Works and Development Director, gave a brief description of the Empire Area Sanitary Sewer Project which consisted of fixing two failed sections of sewer lines. Mr. Hossley stated the sections were between Michigan and Salmon west of South Morrison Street and the other section is south of Michigan Avenue between South Wall and South Wasson. Mr. Hossley said HBH designed the replacement projects under the Engineer of Record agreement with the City and that the administration and inspection work will also be conducted by HBH. Councilor Eck moved to award the Empire Area Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to LTM, Inc. in the amount of \$104,515 plus an additional 10% contingency appropriation of \$10,451 for a total of \$114,966. Councilor Burnette second the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Eck, Kramer and Melton.

Public Comments

Karen Zink of 1055 Pirates Court, Coos Bay stated that an animal shelter or dog park should not be in a residential district. Ms. Zink's concerns were noise, smell, lack of cleaning up after the dogs and having an increase of abandoned animals. Ms. Zink asked the Council to consider the fact that is a residential neighborhood.

Steve Pickering of 2170 28th Street, Coos Bay stated he has seen a lot of shelters close and without animal shelter we will see more animals abandoned in neighborhoods. Mr. Pickering said the noise can be mitigated by control. Mr. Pickering also said he has been to several dog parks and has experienced people taking responsibility for their pets.

Carol Behr of 1088 Pirates Court, Coos Bay stated she has health conditions that would compromise her quality of life if the animal shelter was located in the proposed area. Ms. Behr passed out an informational packet with additional letters of concern from citizens the neighborhood. Ms. Behr stated she didn't feel that a residential area is ideal for an animal shelter.

Robin Marsh of 1135 Lakewood Lane, Coos Bay stated she lives and enjoys the peace of her neighborhood and doesn't feel that a residential area is ideal for an animal shelter.

Glenda Marchant of 825 Seabreeze Terrace, Coos Bay said an animal shelter in the neighborhood would decrease the property value. Ms. Marchant stated that a shelter is needed, but not in a residential area.

Joe Kasnia of 1099 Pirates Court, Coos Bay stated he would be concerned about the smell and the noise.

Larry Plews of 1155 Lakewood Lane, Coos Bay stated his yard would back up to the proposed site and feels that a residential area is not a good area for an animal shelter.

Debby Wilkinson of 549 North Morrison Street, Coos Bay she was opposed to the proposed animal shelter due to the additional traffic it may cause.

City Attorney's Report

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

City Manager's Report

Chuck Freeman, City Manager reminded everyone that Vicki Dugger and her project team will be here August 27th and 28th for the Hollering Place developers' walk-around. Mr. Freeman said a public hearing is scheduled to present two conceptual scenarios for Hollering Place, August 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Empire Fire Hall. Mr. Freeman reported he was notified that the Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) was granted the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000. Mr. Freeman asked the Councils feedback on an outline he prepared to present to the Surface Transportation Board. Mr. Freeman briefly went over the outline. It was consensus of the Council that the outline covered the issues. Mayor McKeown suggested adding, if the rail is salvaged it must be done in a sensitive way and not disrupt the environment.

Council Comments

Councilor Burnette visited the Sunday Farmers Market and said the comments from the vendors were good. Mayor McKeown said the \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded to the Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) was a wonderful success and it will be a great project for the community. Mayor McKeown suggested that helmets should be required for the skate park.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. until September 2, 2008 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Janell K. Howard, City Recorder