

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 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, Mark Daily, Jon Eck, Stephanie Kramer, Gene Melton, and John Muenchrath. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, City Attorney Nate McClintock, City Clerk Susanne Baker, Economic and Community Development Manager Joyce Jansen, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, City Engineer Carl Nolte, Interim Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Rodger Craddock.

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 October 21, 2008. Councilor Burnette moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Presentation of the Coos Bay-North Bend Visitors and Convention Bureau's Quarterly Report by Director Katherine Hoppe

Katherine Hoppe, Coos Bay-North Bend Visitors and Convention Bureau Director, reported the national travel industry conference in Portland last week, 2008 is forecasted to end with a loss and 2009 is expected to follow the same. Due to the recession in Germany, which is anticipated to spread throughout Europe, international travelers to Oregon are anticipated to decline. The travel related industries are anticipating a loss and are encouraged to redirect their advertising efforts to conventions, business travel, and local travelers within the state. Many utilize the internet to research destinations, and the updated websites with photos and videos will have a positive impact. The Bay Area is receiving positive press attention which leads to more credibility for our area as a travel destination. Ms. Hoppe stated with the new airline route south, there is an advertising market in California to bring travelers for business and leisure to our area.

Award Contract for Architect Services for Fire Station #1

Stan Gibson, Fire Chief, stated at the last Council meeting three architectural firms presented information and proposals for services to design the new Fire Station #1. The proposals were evaluated based on qualifications, experience, sustainable design, local experience, project approach, and fees. On October 27, 2008, the Public Safety Standing Committee reviewed and approved staff's recommendation to award the contract to HGE. Mayor McKeown asked for the

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breakdown in the architectural fees. Chief Gibson stated the fees were: PSE 11.4%, Crow Clay & Associates 10.5%, and HGE 7.45%. Councilor Melton asked if the construction timeline can be met. Chief Gibson stated that Head Start will be relocating during spring break and there is sufficient time to relocate church equipment to keep the construction schedule. Councilor Eck and Mayor McKeown thanked the members of the First Presbyterian Church for their participation in moving the project forward and completing the property transaction. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve awarding the architectural services contract for Fire Station #1 to HGE. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Kramer, Melton and Muenchrath voting aye.

Approval of Purchase Agreement for the Presbyterian Church Property

Nate McClicktock, City Attorney, stated staff has been in contact with the First Presbyterian Church, 438 Elrod, Coos Bay, for purchase of their parcel for construction and relocation of Fire Station #1. On October 19, 2008 the church membership voted to sell the property to the City of Coos Bay. On October 27, 2008 staff met with the church leaders to discuss the sales agreement for the purchase of the property for \$960,000. The purchase price is based on the appraisal report provided by Marineau and Associates dated June 27, 2008. The purchase price will be paid for from the sale of bonds. On October 27, 2008, the Public Safety Standing Committee reviewed and approved the sales agreement. Councilor Burnette moved to approve the sales agreement with the First Presbyterian Church for \$960,000 for the construction and relocation of Fire Station #1. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Kramer, Melton and Muenchrath voting aye.

Approve Intent to Reimburse Expenditure with Proceeds of a Future Loan or Issuance of Bonds – Approval Will Require Adoption of Resolution 08-30

Chuck Freeman, City Manager, stated that Resolution 08-30 provides for the City to be reimbursed for expenditures made 60 days prior to bond issuance for apparatus, property acquisition, and architectural design work for the new fire station. Councilor Burnette moved to adopt Resolution 08-30. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Kramer, Melton and Muenchrath voting aye.

Public Comments

Steve Pickering, 2170 N 28th Street, Coos Bay, thanked the Council and Mayor for their work and community involvement.

City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

City Manager's Report

No report was given.

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Council Comments

Councilor Daily congratulated the Fire Chief and staff for their work on the Fire Station #1 project; stated the Outdoor Inn will accept food and other items for the December 6th Bus Jam; and expressed his appreciation on a recent article in The World that provided information on the importance of running for public office. Councilor Kramer thanked all candidates running for public office. Councilor Burnette expressed her appreciation as serving as City Councilor and stated she will miss the position. She also encouraged those who contribute to The Worlds' online blogs to sign their postings. Councilor Melton read a proclamation received from the Governor's office to set aside November 10-14th in observance of veterans to acknowledge their service and sacrifice; reported on Friday, Sunset Middle school has a veterans program scheduled; and on November 11th at 11:00 there will be a dedication for the memorial on the north side of the bridge. Councilor Eck stated requested the City of Coos Bay also honor the veterans through a proclamation similar to the Governor's to honor our veterans. Mayor McKeown thanked the Fire Chief and staff for their work on the Fire Station #1 project.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2008 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Rae Lea Cousens, Interim Finance Director