

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 15, 2011

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 Crystal Shoji and Councilors Jon Eck, Jennifer Groth, Joanie Johnson, Stephanie Kramer, Gene Melton, and John Muenchrath. City staff present were City Attorney Nate McClintock, Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

### Flag Salute

Mayor Crystal Shoji opened the meeting and asked Councilor Jennifer Groth to lead the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

### Public Comments

Robert Cribbins, Coos Bay: Expressed his concern with the traffic intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> and Anderson stating this has been brought to the Council's attention before due to the many near accidents. Andy Jensen, Coos Bay: Stated the intersection at Central and Ocean Boulevard would be more hazardous if the stop sign were removed. Katherine Hoppe, Coos Bay: Stated the AAA basketball tournament was nearing and requested support from the community by displaying team colors, placing welcome statements on reader boards, or with the purchase of event tickets.

### Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 3a: approval of the minutes of the February 1, 2011 Council Meeting; 3b: acceptance of the January 2011 accounts payable and payroll check registers; 3c: acceptance of the January 2011 combined cash report; 3d: ratification of Mark Mattechek's reappointment to the Coos Bay/North Bend Visitor and Convention Bureau Board as the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's representative; 3e: approval to donate a 15 kilowatt generator to Millicoma River Parks & Recreation District; 3f: appointment of Gene Melton to the County Urban Renewal Agency. Councilor Kramer moved to approve the consent calendar approving the minutes of the February 1, 2011 Council Meeting, accepting the January 2011 accounts payable and payroll check registers, approving the January 2011 combined cash report, ratifying Mark Mattechek's reappointment to the Coos Bay/North Bend Visitor and Convention Bureau Board as the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's representative, approving the donation of a 15 kilowatt generator to Millicoma River Parks & Recreation District, and appointing Gene Melton to the County Urban Renewal Agency. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

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### **Presentation of Appreciation Award to Claude Coffman**

Mayor Shoji presented an appreciation plaque to Claude Coffman for five years of volunteer service to the Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend with the Disabled Parking Enforcement Program.

### **Appointments to the Parks Commission**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated there were three openings on the Parks Commission with applications received from Ariann Lyons, Bill Otton, and Mike Vaughan. Councilor Melton moved to appoint Ariann Lyons as the citizen-at-large representative, Bill Otton as a service organization representative, and Mike Vaughan as a design professional representative to the Parks Commission, each for a four-year term ending December 31, 2014. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

### **Award of Work Order for Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 Pre-Design**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated the scope of work for the existing pre-design work order with Civil West Engineering for the reconstruction of Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 has changed due to the necessity to expand the facility footprint to accommodate new Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements for ammonia treatment. The additional tasks would include wetland delineation activities, biologic analysis and cultural evaluation, and biosolids study for a not to exceed sum of \$476,025 plus a contingency of \$91,600 for the biosolids study. Councilor Groth asked how much of the pre-design work was completed. Garrett Pallo, Civil West Engineering, stated approximately half had been completed. The pre-design work commenced by Civil West Engineering utilized the original facilities plan prepared by West Yost & Associates and during this pre-design process, DEQ changed the requirements for the plant to meet additional clean water requirements. Because of this change, parts of the pre-design must be reworked to meet the new requirements. Mr. Pallo stated up until DEQ accepts the final design, the requirements are a "moving target". Councilor Muenchrath asked how this process compared to other pre-design projects wherein Mr. Pallo stated this was common. Council Melton and Johnson both stated they were uncomfortable with the process, large dollar amounts, and were concerned about the final cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Hossley stated pre-design costs were typically 15-20% of the final construction cost, which was estimated to be \$18 million for Plant No. 2. Councilor Melton moved to approve the work order with Civil West Engineering for \$476,025 plus a contingency of \$91,600 for the biosolids study. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

### **Proposed Intersection Improvements at Ocean Boulevard and Central Ave**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley submitted letters of concern from area residents. Mr. Hossley stated the recent traffic accident at Ocean Boulevard and Central Avenue caused extensive damage to the guardrail, flashing cautionary/stop light and light pole at this intersection. Replacement parts have been ordered, temporary barriers installed, and staff have met with area residents to address their concerns regarding safety. Garrett Pallo from Civil West Engineering, provided recommendations for short-term and long-term

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improvements based upon input from the area residents, traffic accident history, and regulations regarding intersection improvements. Mr. Pallo noted concerns included turning into the church parking lot; residents report daily traffic near misses; difficulty for residents to access their driveways; and pedestrian difficulties using the crosswalk. Previous traffic planning, May 2010 Downtown Traffic Plan, recommended converting this section of Central and Ocean Boulevard to a three lane section through the use of a "Road Diet". The improvements included utilizing the modified "Road Diet" in this area; placing advanced signing; light the existing stop sign for eastbound traffic; place widely spaced rumble strips for the eastbound traffic; place a second set of rumble strips spaced closer together, closer to the stop sign; re-angle the eastbound traffic by shifting the traffic to the east; move the stop bar for the church patrons farther east; create a refuge area for residents to access their driveway; remove the crosswalk; and place a stiffer guardrail. Mayor Shoji asked the timeline wherein Mr. Hossley stated within a month Council would be apprised of the cost, final recommendation, and a potential funding source.

Mitch Harper, Coos Bay: Stated the proposed improvements would provide the desired safety, he liked the phased plan for adding the sidewalk, and thanked the Council. Chris McCullum, Coos Bay: Expressed his thanks to staff and the Council and hoped the recommendations would be implemented. Andy Jenson, Coos Bay: Stated he appreciated the neighborhood meeting to take input.

Councilor Melton asked the cost to place another flashing light closer to the first set of rumble strips and asked if more illumination could be installed. Councilor Muenchrath stated the lighted stop sign would be very bright and if someone missing the stop sign and hit the guardrail they would be striking it at the appropriate angle.

Councilor Eck moved to direct staff to obtain costs, funding source, and alternatives to phase the project. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

### City Attorney's Report

No comments were given.

### City Manager's Report

No comments were given.

### Council Comments

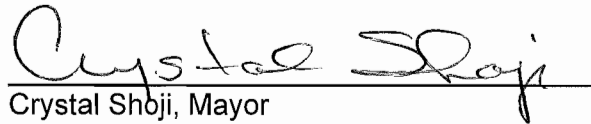
Councilor Melton stated the Ford Foundation leadership group completed their John Topits Trails project which included brushing the trails, installing doggie bag stations, placing trail markers, and placing new main trail signs. Councilor Eck stated the Parks Commission will be proposing to the Budget Committee several projects to consider and proposed to update the Parks Master Plan. Councilor Groth stated the last wine walk had over 300 in attendance; and requested more justification for projects such as the wastewater pre-design work order to better understand how the cost was relative to other communities and projects, and what the cost provided. Councilor Johnson reminded everyone of the programs at the Coos Art Museum, encouraged support of the Egyptian Theatre, encouraged attending North Bend's wine walk in

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support of Stephanie Kilmer, and complimented Mayor Shoji on facilitating the recent Urban Renewal Agency work session with the Egyptian Theater Association. Councilor Kramer attended the memorial service for Andy Jackson and stated he would be missed. Councilor Muenchrath attended the Oregon Coast Railway Museum meeting and stated there would be more equipment acquisitions, reported the goal for passenger rail service between Coos Bay and Coquille, and encouraged people to visit the museum. Mayor Shoji stated Senator Merkley would have a town hall meeting Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and encouraged Council to attend; attended Leadership Coos as a speaker; and reminded of the Library's community reading and discussion of "High Tide".

### Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

  
Crystal Shoji, Mayor

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Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder