

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 21, 2012

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 Library Meeting Room, 525 Anderson Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Crystal Shoji and Councilors Jennifer Groth, Jon Hanson, Stephanie Kramer, Gene Melton, John Muenchrath and Mike Vaughan. City staff present were Acting City Attorney Karen Costello, Deputy Finance Director Amy Kinnaman, Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen, Library Director Sami Pierson, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Engineering Service Coordinator Jennifer Wirsing, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Flag Salute

Mayor Shoji opened the meeting and asked Gene Shoji to lead the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

Public Comments

No comments were given.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 3a: approval of the minutes of August 7, 2012; 3b: acceptance of July 2012 accounts payable and payroll check registers; and 3c: acceptance of the July 2012 combined cash report. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the consent calendar which consisted of approving the minutes of August 7, 2012, accepting the July 2012 accounts payable and payroll check registers, and accepting the July 2012 combined cash report. Councilor Groth seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Groth, Hanson, Kramer, Melton, Muenchrath, and Vaughan voting aye.

Presentation of Appreciation of Service Award for Jelena "Dudi" Wittwer

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated Jelena "Dudi" Wittwer served on the Budget Committee from February 2004 through August 2012. Mayor Shoji presented Ms. Wittwer an appreciation of service plaque. Ms. Wittwer stated she was moving away from the area and thanked the City for the opportunity to serve on the Budget Committee.

Public Hearing to Consider Enactment of an Amendment to Ordinance No. 67 Relating to Disposition of Abandoned Personal Property – Approval Would Require Enactment of the Proposed Amending Ordinance

Police Chief Gary McCullough stated while reviewing the current Municipal Code, Chapter 3.50 for Abandoned Personal Property, staff found the Police Department's current and past practice for property disposition was not in compliance with the wording within the municipal code. Staff researched procedures for personal property disposition and recommended amending

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Ordinance No. 67. Chief McCullough stated adjusting the procedures for abandoned personal property disposition would allow the Police Department staff to efficiently purge property and evidence in such a way that would be beneficial for the property owners as well as the City and Police Department.

Mayor Shoji opened the public hearing. No public comments were given and the hearing was closed. Councilor Kramer moved to enact the amendment to Ordinance No. 67 relating to disposition of abandoned personal property. Councilor Groth seconded the motion. Deputy Finance Director Amy Kinnaman read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 447 was enacted by the following vote:

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| Aye: | Mayor Shoji and Councilors Groth, Hanson, Kramer, Melton, Muenchrath, and Vaughan |
| Nay: | None |
| Absent: | None |

Presentation on the Coos Bay Rail Link's Past, Present, and Future by the Port of Coos Bay

David Koch of the Port of Coos Bay provided a brief history of the Coos Bay Rail service and stated the Coos Bay Rail (CBR) Link re-opened the Coos Bay rail line in October 2011 to re-establish freight rail service to manufacturers for the first time in four years. The CBR currently had ten customers with inbound and outbound cargo consisting of wood products, steel, and dairy feed with a weekly load average of 45 cars weekly. CBR also purchased four reconditioned locomotives and opened a new office in Coos Bay employing ten people. The Port of Coos Bay continued oversight of the rehabilitation of the rail line in Coos, Western Douglas, and Western Lane Counties. Mr. Koch briefly reviewed the various upgrades and repairs already completed and noted train service along the full line was expected to resume in late summer or fall.

Consideration for Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bunkerhill Sanitation District

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) representative Jon Gasik approached the City earlier in the year and advised if the city worked Bunkerhill Sanitary District (BHSD) to update their Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to prepare an overflow points letter for the City, both DEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would remove the Mutual Agreement Order (MAO) and would also amend the effluent limit requirements. Mr. Hossley advised to date, the City prepared and submitted an overflow point letter and BHSD was in the process of preparing their overflow point letter. City staff and BHSD representative Daniel Hinrichs prepared an IGA which specifically addressed the inflow and infiltration reduction program. Approval of the IGA would complete one of the requirements to remove the existing MAO on Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 and amend the effluent limits. Councilor Groth moved to grant approval for the City of Coos Bay to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bunkerhill Sanitary District regarding inflow and infiltration reduction. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Groth, Hanson, Kramer, Melton, Muenchrath, and Vaughan voting aye.

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Consideration for Approval of the Redesign of 10th Street and Central Avenue

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated the City received concerns from the community regarding the width of the turning lane at Central Avenue and 10th Street. The width of the turning lane for the past several years was nine feet. The American Association of State Highway (AASHTO) for rural and urban arterial recommended minimum turning lane widths of ten feet; the current striping pattern on Central Avenue would require shifting the traffic markings 1.5 feet to the north on Central Avenue, a solid center yellow line, a white dash line for traffic lane and turning arrows. Total estimated project costs were \$23,000 which included the estimates for design, removal of striping, and construction costs. Robert Moore, Coos Bay: expressed concern that the turn lane at 10th and Central was too narrow and suggested the City should approve the redesign. Police Chief Gary McCullough stated he did not recall any notable motor vehicle accidents at the intersection. Councilor Hanson asked if there was a difference in liability exposure between a nine and ten foot turning lane. Acting City Attorney Karen Costello stated it would depend if there was negligence involved in the part of the City in the design and maintenance of the turning lane but generally speaking she did not have any concerns. Councilor Hanson suggested based on a cost benefit analysis there were other pressing projects within the City. Councilors Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath were in favor of having staff look into the cost and requirements for removing the turn lane at 10th and Central. Councilor Groth stated she was not in favor of making any changes. Mr. Hossley advised he would work with Police Chief McCullough to discuss other potential solutions.

City Attorney's Report

No comments were given.

City Manager's Report

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported improvements were underway at the Old Bank building; three B's Nursery donated landscaping materials to improve the old Fire Station lot; improvements continued at the eastside boat ramp; brush pickup was scheduled for September 4th; and reminded citizens the deadlines for Council openings were August 21st if filing by petition and August 28th if filing by fee.

Council Comments

Councilor Melton thanked everyone who supported the Veterans Safety Stand Down last week; reported over 200 meals were served. Councilor Kramer stated she noticed the Coos Art Museum, Outdoor-In, and Wardrobe Cleaners buildings were recently painted and noted the positive impact of the improvements. Councilor Hanson advised Coos Bay brush pickup was scheduled for September 4th. Mayor Shoji reported today the National Register posted the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery on their website; thanked Beckie and Cricket Soles and all the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery volunteers; and noted there was an ice cream social scheduled at the Cemetery on Wednesday, August 29th from 4-6 p.m. to celebrate the listing on the National Registry.

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Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for September 4, 2012 in the Meeting Room at the Coos Bay Public Library.


Crystal Shoji, Mayor

Attest: 
Susanne Baker, City Recorder