

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

**September 30, 2014**

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 5:30 p.m. on September 30, 2014 at the Sunset Middle School Gymnasium, 245 South Cammann Street, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### **Those Attending**

Those present were Mayor Crystal Shoji, Councilors Brian Bowers, Mark Daily, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kramer, Thomas Leahy, and Mike Vaughan. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, Community Development Director Eric Day, Public Works Director Jim Hossley, Planner I Kim Trimpert, Wastewater Project Administrator Jennifer Wirsing, Engineering Technician Jessica Spann, and Police Sergeant Mike Shaffer.

### **Flag Salute**

Mayor Shoji opened the meeting and led the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

Councilor Mike Vaughan recused himself declaring a conflict of interest stating he was a consultant for the landscaping.

### **Presentation on the Project Status of Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2**

Public Works Director Jim Hossley stated SHN and CH2MHill were contracted for pre-design services in 2012 for construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 (WWTP No. 2). The pre-design 30% plans were completed in August 2013; value engineering performed, December 2013; final design commenced, January 2014; 60% plans completed, May 2014; 90% plans completed, September 2014. The project will construct a new wastewater treatment plant on property located at the northeast corner of Empire Boulevard and Fulton Avenue; directional drilled waste activated sludge line constructed to convey sludge to Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1, and demolition of the existing wastewater treatment plant at the terminus of Fulton Avenue.

An application has been submitted to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) State Revolving Fund (SRF) program for funding which required review by Department of State Lands, Army Corp of Engineers, Oregon Fish and Wildlife, and Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, the National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) met with staff and requested information related to potential impacts of WWTP No. 2 stormwater, a Biological Evaluation (BE), and how the City would account for stormwater treatment over the next 20 years. NMFS stated because DEQ requires WWTP No. 2 be designed for growth over the next 20 years there should be a plan to treat stormwater runoff.

To date, a BE has been prepared, a stormwater ordinance or plan would need to be developed, and NMFS would require citywide implementation to similar large city requirements as regulated by DEQ stormwater permits. A large city stormwater requirement would take significant effort and budget to implement. DEQ has not yet issued a stormwater permit for the City of Coos Bay and staff would seek legal advice regarding the stormwater issue prior to the submittal of the environmental documents and the BE. City staff contacted the law firm of Cable Huston to

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provide consultation as to whether NMFS has the legal authority to require the City to update their stormwater policy as a result of the new construction of WWTP No. 2. The City anticipated a recommendation from the Cable Huston in two weeks, submittal of the environmental documents have been delayed.

City staff reviewed the 90% design plan submittal and a workshop scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> with the consultants and the CMGC contractor to discuss the submittal and design challenges. An updated cost estimate would be available in early November; final plans, January 2015; guaranteed maximum price, winter 2015; construction commenced, spring 2015; and construction completed, fall 2017.

Councilor Daily entered the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m.

### **Presentation of Architectural Options for the New Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2**

Pursuant to Council approval on August 5, 2014, an amendment to the WWTP No. 2 contract was entered into with the design team of SHN and CH2M HILL to perform an architectural alternatives analysis. Public Works Director Jim Hossley introduced Craig Massie, Principal Project Manager for CH2MHill, who presented façade and the architectural features for the new WWTP No. 2. Alternatives included landscape, color scheme, texture/structural relief, and potential locations for murals.

Mr. Massie provided renderings from four key vantage points which included the initial and mature landscaping after five years, an enhanced landscaping component, renderings of alternate colors and textures, and the cost additions and savings associated with the alternatives. The alternatives included a siding selection of concrete masonry units (CMU) or hardy plank (horizontal and vertical), texturing on the walls with a bird/grass motif, and landscaping.

Questions and comments from the public and Council included the transportation impact on South Empire Blvd and Fulton, construction schedule, structure height and location of the headworks, odor control, impact on the two nearby creeks, if the design of the structures could be changed, visibility at the intersection of Fulton and South Empire Blvd, fencing, view shed obstruction from Marple Street to the west, the industrial nature of the facility, and the selection of motifs (grass/birds) on the concrete wall versus tribal motifs. A suggestion was made to move the entrance sign further from the street and to reduce the size of the sign.

### **Break for Public to Review Options**

### **Reconvene for Council Discussion and Public Comment of Architectural Options for the New Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2**

Color/Texture: The most popular alternative was Alt. 2C, red roof, with vertical hardy plank; Alt. 3C, green roof with vertical hardy plank; and Alt. 1A, dark bronze metal roof with horizontal hardy plank. Discussion ensued regarding the additional cost or cost savings regarding the selections. Councilor Bowers preferred Alt. 3C. Councilor Leahy preferred Alt. 1A with CMU block. Councilor Kramer preferred the CMU. Councilor Groth preferred the alternative with the most votes. Councilor Daily preferred a cost savings selection, additional landscaping for

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screening, and stated the metal railing was not conducive to a residential setting. Two of the adjacent neighbors stated they preferred the green roof. Mayor Shoji agreed with the CMU block. A show of hands from the audience preferred the green roof.

Councilor Kramer moved to approve the split faced CMU block with a green roof. Councilor Bowers seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Bowers, Daily, Groth, Kramer, and Leahy voting aye. Councilor Vaughan abstained from the vote, was deemed, pursuant to the provisions of 4.7.4 of the Rules of the City Council, to have voted with the majority, which approved the motion.

Landscaping. Councilor Bowers moved to approve the enhanced landscaping option. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Bowers, Daily, Groth, Kramer, and Leahy voting aye. Councilor Vaughan abstained from the vote, was deemed, pursuant to the provisions of 4.7.4 of the Rules of the City Council, to have voted with the majority, which approved the motion.

Process Facilities Texture Options. Councilor Kramer moved to approve Alt. 1, vertical stripes. Councilor Groth seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Bowers, Daily, Groth, Kramer, and Leahy voting aye. Councilor Vaughan abstained from the vote, was deemed, pursuant to the provisions of 4.7.4 of the Rules of the City Council, to have voted with the majority, which approved the motion.

Councilor Daily made a motion to screen the headworks with landscaping. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion. It was the consensus of the Council to postpone deliberation and requested staff to place additional trees and revisit the size and placement of the entrance sign. Councilor Daily requested the handrail color on the process facilities blend with the facility.

### Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for October 7, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attest:   
Susanne Baker, City Recorder

  
Crystal Shoji, Mayor