

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 2014

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, Councilors Brian Bowers, Mark Daily, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kramer, Thomas Leahy, and Mike Vaughan. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, Deputy Finance Director Amy Kinnaman, Community Development Director Eric Day, Library Director Sami Pierson, Public Works Director Jim Hossley, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Flag Salute

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

Public Comments

Stephanie Kilmer, Coos Bay: announced on behalf of Rotary and K-DOCK radio that the "Bus Jam" food and toy donation event was scheduled for Saturday, December 6th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coos Bay and North Bend Bi-Mart Stores and US Cellular in Bandon; presented the City of Coos Bay with a belated trophy for collecting the most donated food at the Coos Bay Bi-Mart in December 2013.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 3a: approval of the minutes of November 4, 2014; 3b: acceptance of the October 2014 accounts payable and payroll check registers; 3c: acceptance of the October 2014 combined cash report; 3d: approval of a change of ownership OLCC license for the Blue Heron Bistro, and; 3e: approval of a change of ownership OLCC license for the Red Lion Inn. Councilor Groth moved to approve the consent calendar accepting the November 4, 2014 minutes, accepting the October 2014 accounts payable and payroll check registers, accepting the October 2014 combined cash report, and approving change of ownership licenses for the Blue Heron Bistro and Red Lion Inn. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilor Bowers, Daily, Groth, Kramer, Leahy, and Vaughan voting aye.

New Council Business

Councilor Groth thanked City Manager Rodger Craddock for sending out the most recent revisions on the Jordon Cove/Bay Area Enterprise Zone proposal; noted it was the sixth revision of the agreement between the Members and Jordon Cove. A new agreement between the Members was also emailed to the Council which directed how the community service fee proceeds would be divided between the members; suggested review of the Waterfront Development Group Sub-Committee proposal be added to the December 2, 2014 City Council

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agenda. Mayor Shoji asked for an update/follow-up on the Jordon Cove Upper Floor Redevelopment Project.

Ratification of South Coast Community Foundation (SCCF) At-Large Board Members

Councilor Leahy (SCCF Council Member At-Large Board Member) stated the SCCF Board solicited letters of interest in effort to fill three “at-large director” positions. The Board received ten responses which were vetted based on specific criteria and ultimately resulted with the Board conducting interviews with the top applicants. At the November 3, 2014 SCCF Board meeting the Board unanimously chose the following applicants for consideration and ratification by SCCF members: Keith Tymchuck of Reedsport, Al Pettit of Coos Bay, and Andy Combs of Myrtle Point. Councilor Leahy provided brief background information on each candidate. Councilor Daily noted none of the applicants were present; stated he had questions for Andy Combs; expressed concern that Mr. Combs worked at the same law firm as John Whitty; inquired if the law firm was working with Jordon Cove, and; requested the Council make separate votes for each appointment. City Attorney Nate McClintock advised that if Mr. Combs were to represent Jordan Cove he would be in conflict and would need to step down from the board. Councilor Groth moved to approve the slate as presented by the SCCF with the caveat that if Al Pettit was elected to the open Coos Bay City Council position he (Al Pettit) would need to choose between joining the Coos Bay City Council or serving as the At-Large Member on the SCCF Board. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion. Discussion continued. A call for the question was made which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Bowers, Groth, Kramer, Leahy, and Vaughan voting aye and Councilor Daily voting nay.

Update on the Development Code Rewrite

Community Development Director Eric Day stated over the past six months, the Planning Commission (PC) held a series of meetings and work sessions on the proposed revisions of the development code. Once the PC work sessions were completed, a public hearing would be held and the PC would make a recommendation to the Council. Mr. Day stated he also planned to send the draft code to an outside legal consultant for review; noted the main goal of the development code rewrite was to streamline/simplify the process. Councilor Daily inquired if existing uses would be grandfathered whereby Mr. Day advised no changes to existing uses was proposed. It was the consensus of the Council to hold a series of three work sessions prior to regularly scheduled Council meetings to review the code and offer input.

Review of Flags on the Boardwalk

City Manager Rodger Craddock provided a brief history on the twenty-one flag poles installed between the Coos Bay City Boardwalk and Bayshore Drive. Flags from other countries continued to be displayed until July 2009 when by resolution (09-21) the Council declared the United States flags would be continually displayed on all flag poles along the Coos Bay City Boardwalk until such time as all United States Military personnel were withdrawn from Iraq and Afghanistan. During the June 3, 2014 Council meeting, Mayor Shoji noted troops were scheduled to be withdrawn; a Council Flag Committee was established to discuss changing out the flags. Councilor Leahy highlighted the Council Flag Committee’s recommendations to utilize both the boardwalk flag poles along with the flag poles on Central Avenue to display various flags including the American flags, State flags, Tribal flag, and various international flags. The

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Committee suggested American flags should be included on the Boardwalk as bookends with all ends to the North and South and along the entrance in the middle in addition to displaying American flags all along Central Avenue to lead the way to City Hall. Mayor Shoji noted the intent of the proposed flag display on the City of Coos Bay’s Boardwalk and Central Avenue was to depict the heritage of our community and exemplify the crossroads of Coos Bay. Councilor Vaughan suggested flag poles needed to be replaced and lighting was also an issue; stated he was contacted by anonymous donor willing to purchase/donate new flags. Councilor Daily liked the idea of displaying different flags. Mayor Shoji stated the Council would take public input on the matter at the December 2, 2014 Council meeting.

City Attorney’s Report

No comments were given.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the annual Coos Bay Tree Lighting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on November 28, 2014 at Coos Bay docks; Empire Tree Lighting event was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on December 5, 2014, and; unveiling of the Mel Counts Way signage was tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 6, 2014. City Manager Craddock asked the Council to consider when they wanted to hold their annual goal setting work session; noted estimated cost to repair the storm damage at the empire boat ramp was under \$25,000 with possible assistance available through the Oregon State Marine Board for repair of the damaged boom. City Manager Craddock noted Council previously authorized surplus of city-owned property located on Morrison Street; advised an acceptable offer was received and the property was in escrow.

Council Comments

Councilor Bowers stated he was willing to serve as a Coos Bay City Councilor until the open Council position was filled. Mayor Shoji reminded the community to attend the annual Coos Bay Tree Lighting event at 5:30 p.m. on November 28, 2014. Councilor Kramer reminded everyone the Empire Tree Lighting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on December 5, 2014.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for December 2, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attest: Susanne Baker
Susanne Baker, City Recorder

Crystal Shoji
Crystal Shoji, Mayor