

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2015

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 Fred Brick, Mark Daily, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kramer, Thomas Leahy, and Mike Vaughan. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Intermediate Accountant Debbie Frankenberger, Library Director Sami Pierson, Community Development Director Eric Day, Public Works Director Jim Hossley, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

City Council Work Session

A work session was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Coos Bay Public Library's Myrtlewood Room, 525 Anderson Avenue to allow a presentation on the north Spit Wastewater Treatment Plant Proposal by D.B. Western Texas, Inc. No decisions were made.

Flag Salute

Mayor Shoji opened the meeting and led the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, shooting incident.

Public Comments

Doug Veysey, Myrtle Point presented a Canadian flag to Mayor Shoji for display on the boardwalk. Dawn Granger, Superintendent of the Coos Bay School District, thanked the City for the extra support provided last Friday when there was a threat to the schools. Mayor Shoji asked Public Works Director Jim Hossley for an update on the Nutwood/11th Street local improvement district (LID) project. Mr. Hossley stated Dyer Partnership prepared three paving options wherein costs ranged from \$300,000 to \$700,000 for full City standards and \$188,000 for a scaled down version. Mr. Hossley explained he received a letter from the homeowners with no consensus to proceed with the project because of the cost. Blair Holman, Coos Bay stated he was disappointed the discussion of the LID project was removed from the Council agenda. Mr. Holman stated the City's road standard codes for new subdivisions might not be appropriate for older established neighborhoods and requested the Council consider a more realistic set of standards for the project and for the City to share in the cost. Craig Main, Coos Bay supported the LID project and requested the City investigate options because the roadbed was failing.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 3a: approval of the minutes of September 15, 2015; 3b: acceptance of the August 2015 combined cash report, and 3c: appointment to the Urban Renewal advisory committee. Councilor Groth moved to approve the consent calendar approving the minutes of September 15, 2015, accepting the August 2015

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combined cash report, and approving the appointment (Anthony “Drew” Farmer, term ending July 31, 2016) to the Urban Renewal advisory committee. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Brick, Daily, Groth, Kramer, Leahy, and Vaughan voting aye.

New Council Business

Councilor Daily attended the Eastside Community Coalition meeting and reported a request for Council to look at the need for sidewalks along the highway in their area and the possibility of assistance from Oregon Department of Transportation. Councilor Leahy moved to approve the construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 (WWTP 2) with the City’s approved plan and site in Empire. Councilor Groth seconded the motion. Councilor Vaughan stated he would have liked to include some of the proposals from the presentation at the work session in the construction plan and supported an ocean outfall. Councilor Daily supported an ocean outfall. Councilor Groth stated the ocean outfall was a good long term proposal; the City was not at a point where it would be feasible. A call for the question was made which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Brick, Groth, Kramer, and Leahy voting aye and Councilors Daily and Vaughan voting nay.

Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Solid Waste Rate Adjustment-Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 15-19

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated staff received a request for a 1.8% rate increase from Coos Bay Sanitary and Les’ Sanitary Services. The increase would result in a \$0.36 cent adjustment for a basic 35 gallon cart and would be effective November 1, 2015. Mayor Shoji opened the public hearing. No comments were given and the hearing was closed. Councilor Groth moved to adopt Resolution 15-19 approving an adjustment in collection rates for solid waste collection holders. Councilor Daily stated he would like the solid waste franchise placed out for bid since Coos Bay and Les’ Sanitary Services had the franchise agreement for more than sixteen years with numerous requests for rate increases; suggested the large automated trucks used by the current provider damage City streets, and the owners had not provided requested financial information. Councilor Brick seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Brick, Groth, Kramer, Leahy, and Vaughan voting aye and Councilor Daily voting nay.

Presentation of the 2017 Festival of Sail

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the visits of the historic tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain and the maritime celebration were one of the largest tourism draws in downtown Coos Bay. Mr. Craddock stated a number of communities in Washington, California, and Oregon explored hosting a coordinated Tall Ship Festival West Coast Tour in 2017 and Draw Events, a planning company specializing in Tall Ship Festivals, was working with Councilor Leahy about the possibility of Coos Bay’s inclusion in the 2017 event. The proposed event would draw at least eight tall ships. The Mill Casino was identified as a good location for the event given its parking infrastructure, and the event concept included stationing two of the tall ships near our downtown waterfront to facilitate sailing events during the festival. Mr. Craddock stated event investors were sought to fund the \$150,000 required for strategic planning by Draw Events, a private investor committed to a portion of the investment, and the

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Mill Casino had considered becoming an investor and agreed to host the event. Mr. Craddock stated Staff suggested a \$15,000 investment contingent on Draw Events securing enough investors to fund the \$150,000; and explained the use of Hotel/Motel tax funds would be appropriate as the event was designed to promote tourism. Mr. Craddock explained the City, as an investor, would be eligible for repayment and would share in any profit from the event.

Councilor Leahy informed Council he wrote curriculum for Grays Harbor Historical Seaport, owners of the tall ships Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington, and it had nothing to do with the event. City Attorney Nate McClintock advised he reviewed the issue and found no conflict of interest or reason for Councilor Leahy to abstain from voting on this or any other matter with the event. Councilor Vaughan moved to approve a \$15,000 investment in the 2017 Tall Ship Festival, contingent on Draw Events securing the other necessary investors, and to approve Councilor Leahy as the Coos Bay representative at the coordination meetings including travel expenses. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Brick, Daily, Groth, Kramer, Leahy, and Vaughan voting aye.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock stated he was not able to attend Gene Melton's memorial, thanked Gene for all he gave to the City, and said he would be missed.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Craddock asked the Council for clarification regarding preliminary concepts for streetscapes at the entrances to the City and the process for moving forward; and stated the north entrance to the City was not in the Urban Renewal district. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss the City logo and welcome signs at an upcoming meeting.

Council Comments

Councilor Vaughan expressed concern the recently installed tree pits were not large enough. Councilor Leahy stated "Maudeville", a Vaudeville dedication to Marty Crouse, would be held at the Egyptian Theatre October 10, 2015 to benefit local theatres. Councilor Daily requested the City replace the blue sani-cans on the boardwalk with tan ones. Councilor Kramer commented on a sign near the Visitor Center was blank on one side and City Manager Craddock responded the sign was owned by the Tribe and there was a concept coming soon for the sign. Councilor Groth stated there would be lunch-time music at the Coos Bay Library; noted she attended the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference and reported a new issue for Cities could be beekeeping; the State of Oregon had set standards for drafting a beekeeping ordinance; PERS costs could increase 27-30% bi-annually with few legislative options to lower the increased costs; noted the LOC pledged to address property tax reform. Councilor Brick thanked the City for sponsoring his attendance at the LOC conference and stated he gained a lot of knowledge regarding the marijuana issue. Mayor Shoji requested the "Welcome Spring" banners be removed from downtown; requested a report to the Council regarding the City's options concerning medical marijuana and the City's business license requirement which did not allow anything not complying with local, state and federal law. City Attorney Nate McClintock responded he contacted the League of Oregon Cities' house counsel to discuss the issue and to determine where the City stood with the licensing requirement; noted there were very few test

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cases in court dealing with medical and recreational marijuana to determine if the City's current position was appropriate. Mr. McClintock explained the City could pass an ordinance as to what would be allowed or not allowed as other cities in Oregon had done. Councilor Vaughan requested an update on the Egyptian Theatre marquee project. City Manager Craddock responded when the awning was removed it was discovered the awning was not properly supported; engineers were working on a new plan to support the awning.

Executive Session

An executive session was scheduled pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h) for consideration of information or records that were exempt from public inspection. No decisions were made.

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 20, 2015 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attest:



Susanne Baker, City Recorder



Crystal Shoji, Mayor