

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2017

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 Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kilmer, Stephanie Kramer, and Phil Marler. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, Finance Assistant Nicki Rutherford, Assistant Library Director Ellen Thompson, Community Development Director Eric Day, Public Works Director Jim Hossley, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

### **Flag Salute**

Mayor Benetti opened the meeting and asked Connie Stopher to lead the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

### **Public Comments**

Justin Woolever, Coos Bay: addressed the Council as a matter of public record to commend the Coos Bay Police Department (CBPD) for their professionalism, public service and radio communications etiquette. He suggested the CBPD was first class, with few other departments operating at this level based upon his experience listening to radio communications throughout Oregon and California over the last fourteen years. Ellen Thompson, Coos Bay: discussed the recent Battle of the Books, a statewide high school reading competition, which both Coos Bay and North Bend high schools participated in, collaborating with both City's public libraries. Staff members from both libraries help develop practice tests and coach the students. She thanked the City and Mayor for their support and participation. Catherine Hampton, Coos Bay: stated she was a long time teacher at Marshfield High School and new school librarian. She read a letter on behalf of Laurie Nordahl, North Bend High School librarian, which highlighted the Battle of the Books competition and extended thanks for the support from the local public libraries and City Mayors of Coos Bay and North Bend. Ms. Hampton also thanked the Mayors for their participation and public library staff for their continuous support and collaboration. Joe Monahan, Coos Bay: notified the Council of rumors of other cities buying one-way bus tickets to Coos Bay for their homeless population. He expressed concern about the burden this placed on the community and suggested addressing problem by publicly identifying those cities supporting transport of their homeless to Coos Bay.

### **Consent Calendar**

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 3a: approval of the minutes of January 31 and February 7, 2017; 3b: acceptance of the January 2017 accounts payable and payroll check registers; and 3c: acceptance of the January combined cash report. Councilor Groth moved to approve the consent calendar approving the minutes of January 31 and February 7, 2017, accepting the January 2017 accounts payable and payroll check registers, and accepting the January combined cash report. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which

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carried with Mayor Benetti and Councilors DiNovo, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, and Marler voting aye.

### **Report by Marshfield High School Key Club**

Marshfield High School (MHS) Key Club representatives, Maireni Santana & Mixtli Rodriguez, summarized various community activities the Key Club participated in during the school year, as well as upcoming events Key Club members were involved in and gave accolades to different MHS athletic teams' recent success. They thanked the Council for continued support and the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

### **Semi-Annual Bay Area Chamber Activities Report**

Barry Winters, 2016 Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) President, highlighted the four strategic objectives of the BACC for 2016, as well as discussed various events held during the last half of 2016 and the upcoming release and distribution of the 2017 Community Directory. Mr. Winters announced the 2017 BACC President, Jessica Engelke, and thanked the City for continued support.

### **Approval of the Police Service Vehicle Outfitting with Police and Safety Equipment**

Police Chief Gary McCullough stated using Auto Additions to outfit police vehicles allowed the Police Department to maintain consistency in the components and installation throughout their vehicle fleet and within their requested specifications. Auto Additions returned the lowest bid and best fit the needs of the department for the outfitting of two police service vehicles; bid amount was \$31,605. Staff recommended a \$1,450 contingency for amount not to exceed \$33,055. Councilor Kramer moved to approve the purchase of the needed equipment and the outfitting contract to Auto Additions for the amount not to exceed \$33,055.00. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Benetti and Councilors DiNovo, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, and Marler voting aye.

### **Approval to Dissolve the Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Committee**

Community Development Director Eric Day stated per Council Rule 3.2.1, committees shall be reviewed at the end of three years from the date of creation to determine necessity of continuance or dissolution. Mr. Day also noted the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (URAC) was established by the City Council in March 2013 to serve in an advisory capacity to the Urban Renewal Agency (URA), the URAC met infrequently, and there was some difficulty in recruiting and retaining committee members. Councilor Farmer moved to dissolve the Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Committee. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Benetti and Councilors DiNovo, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, and Marler voting aye.

### **Consideration of Approval to Support Legislation in the 2017 Oregon Legislative Assembly Aim to Restore Recreation Immunity – Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 17-04**

City Manager Rodger Craddock presented request by League of Oregon Cities (LOC) asking city councils across Oregon to pass resolutions urging the Oregon Legislature to restore

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recreational immunity. LOC identified the restoration of recreational immunity as one of its top legislative objectives for 2017. Councilor Groth moved to adopt Resolution 17-04 urging the Oregon Legislature to restore recreational immunity rights. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Benetti and Councilors DiNovo, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, and Marler voting aye.

### City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock introduced John Hitt, retired city manager of various Oregon and California cities, who had experience with economic development, and had been hired as the interim director for South Coast Development Council (SCDC). Mr. Craddock also recommended council adjust the start time for the upcoming budget committee meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm. Consensus of Council for upcoming budget committee meetings to start at 6:00 p.m.

### Council Comments

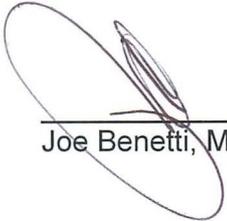
Councilor Kilmer extended thanks to student representatives from MHS and how impressed she was of their community and school involvement. Councilor Marler identified the goal setting session as productive and congratulated Key Club members for their community service efforts. Councilor DiNovo expressed thanks to staff and consultant for successful goal setting session. Councilor Groth welcomed John Hitt back to community and conveyed gratitude for assistance in locating the next SCDC director. Councilor Farmer thanked the presenters and noted flooding behind the Habitat for Humanity office. Mayor Benetti shared the goal setting session was unique a experience with great facilitator, wished outgoing SCDC Director Connie Stopher best of luck and noted she would be missed, welcomed incoming Interim SDCD Director John Hitt, and invited everyone to attend the Coos County Airport District's ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

### Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attest:

  
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Susanne Baker, City Recorder

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor