

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

**September 12, 2017**

The minutes of the proceedings of a City Council and Urban Renewal work session of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at the Dolphin Theater, 580 Newmark Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon following the Dedication of Transportation Facilities at the Hollering Place Wayside which began at 5:30 pm.

### **Those Attending**

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kilmer, and Phil Marler. Councilor Stephanie Kramer was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Wastewater Project Engineer Jennifer Wirsing, and Resident Project Representative Jan Kerbo, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

### **Review of the Following Council/URA Agenda for September 12, 2017 Consideration of Streetscape Construction Bid**

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) reviewed renderings for the Highway 101 streetscape over the past two years. The streetscape would improve the aesthetics of the Highway 101 entry point and City owned property. An early budget for the project was \$175,000 in the Urban Renewal Downtown Capital Projects Fund. The completed construction documents now estimated the total construction cost to be \$225,071. The project was advertised for bid with one bid received from Clean Rivers Erosion Control at \$249,999. Discussion ensued on the planting season and construction environment with the improved economy. Consensus was to move forward with the project and intended timeline as bid with the balance of funds derived from the unallocated URA Downtown Capital Projects.

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 Expansion and Upgrade Project Quarterly Status**

The City's Resident Project Representative, Jan Kerbo, RE., for the Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 Expansion and Upgrade Project presented a quarterly status report. Ms. Kerbo provided information on the project budget, percent completed, and major milestones. Discussion ensued regarding the planned repairs for Marple Street and the condition of the sewer line.

### **Discussion of Street Trench Restoration Policy**

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley presented the draft Restoration Policy for Utility and Service Lateral Installation in City of Coos Bay Right-of-Way (Trench Restoration Policy) for consideration. The policy would provide guidance to City staff, utility owners/contractors, and residents on expectations of responsibility for the street infrastructure when a sewer lateral repair was performed. The policy was based on feedback from the previous City Council and affected parties and was not uncommon as many requirements were derived from other municipalities. The Council discussed the merits in the future of the City funding the cost of a sewer lateral repairs in the right-of-way; limiting the scope to owner/occupied residential, and the timeline for implementation. Mr. Hossley would send the draft policy to the utility providers for comment before presentation to Council for adoption.

**Request by Possible Industrial User to Discharge to the City's Wastewater Collection and Treatment System**

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated an industrial company approached the City of Coos Bay and requested to discharge up to 0.5 million gallons per day of wastewater effluent from their pending facility in Bunkerhill. The company stated this would be a temporary scenario as they intended to obtain approval from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a slough outfall.

The volume of flow would require the City to implement a City-wide pretreatment program at considerable expense and the constituents (load) in the flows would create problems for the City's wastewater treatment facilities. Steve Major, Engineer for Bunker Hill Sanitary District, expressed concern regarding their infrastructure receiving and transporting the effluent to the City of Coos Bay. Mr. Major stated final costs for necessary upgrades were not finalized and work would be required before the effluent could be transported. The issue was very complex, more information was still needed, and financial commitments by the company had not been received by either Bunkerhill Sanitary District or City staff. The company had requested approval from the City to accept the effluent prior to the issues being resolved.

Discussion by the City Council included concern for both the Bunkerhill Sanitary District and City's wastewater infrastructure and lack of financial commitments by the company. Consensus was to advise the company the City of Coos Bay was not interested in the proposal at this time; they would need to first work with Bunkerhill Sanitary District to address their concerns, and provided guarantees on how the City would mitigate risk to the City's infrastructure.

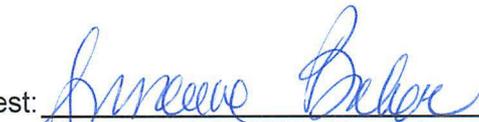
**Other Business**

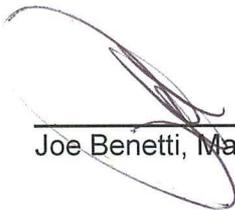
Mike Vaughan discussed his expired right-of-way use permit for the metal sculpture at the Central Dock property and possible locations to move the sculpture. Mayor Benetti stated the Council was aware of the issue and advised City Manager Rodger Craddock would be the contact for updates and requests.

**Adjourn**

There being no further items for discussion, Mayor Benetti adjourned the work session. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attest:

  
Susanne Baker, City Recorder

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor