

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

**March 20, 2018**

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### **Those Attending**

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Drew Farmer, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kilmer, Stephanie Kramer, and Phil Marler. Councilor Lucinda DiNovo was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Susanne Baker, Library Director Sami Pierson, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

### **Flag Salute**

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

### **Public Comments**

Don Hines, Coos Bay: stated he had commitments for more donations to install additional exercise equipment at the John Topits Park if the City would provide a written agreement approving the work and install the donation acknowledgement plaque for the Coquille Tribe.

### **Consent Calendar**

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

- 3a: Approval of the joint City and URA minutes of February 27, 2018.
- 3b: Approval of the City Council minutes of March 6, 2018.
- 3c: Acceptance of the February payroll and accounts payable check registers.
- 3d: Approval of a new outlet Oregon Liquor Control Commission application for Natural Grocers for off-premises sales.

Councilor Kramer moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, Marler. Absent: DiNovo.

### **Report by Marshfield High School Key Club Member Sofi Baho-Munoz**

A report was provided by the Marshfield High School Key Club on various activities, projects,

and accomplishments.

### **Appointment of a Public Advisory Committee for the Transportation Plan Update**

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) staff approached the Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend about updating each City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) at ODOT's expense using their consultant. Coos Bay's existing TSP was completed in 2004. The purpose of the project was to update the 2004 Coos Bay and North Bend TSP's to plan for transportation facilities and services that met local, regional, and state needs and provide direction for allocation of resources to various types of transportation projects. The project would result in two (2) separate TSPs, one (1) for each City which would be adopted as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by the respective City Council.

The consultant would prepare a prioritized list of projects updated with current cost estimates for Coos Bay's TSP. Consultant would prepare a financial plan to outline strategies to fund the improvements. The project must help accomplish the following objectives:

- Provide for adequate planned transportation facilities to support planned uses over the next twenty (20) years;
- Provide certainty and predictability for locating new public streets, roads, highway improvements, and other planned transportation improvements;
- Provide predictability for land development; and
- Help reduce the costs and maximize the efficiency of public spending on transportation facilities and services by coordinating land use and transportation decisions.

As part of the TSP update, the City would be required to form a Public Advisory Committee (PAC). ODOT requested staff to limit membership to no more than eight. The Coos Bay PAC would likely meet alongside North Bend's PAC. ODOT suggested having a member of the Council or Planning Commission on the PAC. There were not any specific requirements other than a recommendation of broad representation; a good mix of technical experts, community leaders, and volunteers. Staff contacted Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee to find interested volunteers. Staff also contacted the Planning Commission to identify an interested Commissioner to serve on the PAC. City Councilors discussed which Councilor would represent the Council on the PAC. The PAC would meet three (3) times over the life of the TSP update process which was expected to take 12 to 18 months.

The following Councilor and Chamber Transportation Committee members expressed interest: Phil Marler, Coos Bay City Councilor; Sergio Gamino, Coos County Area Transit; Tom Burdett, BnT; Rick Skinner, Superior Construction Consulting Services; John Whitty, Whitty, McDaniel, Bodkin & Combs, LLP; Dick Leshley, Retired. Jennifer Groth representing the Airport requested to be removed from consideration. The consensus was to add two tenured Planning Commissioners.

Councilor Kilmer moved to appoint the following persons to the City of Coos Bay Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee: Phil Marler, Sergio Gamino, Tom Burdett, Rick Skinner, John Whitty, Dick Leshley, Jim Berg, and Rex Miller. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, Marler. Absent: DiNovo.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the development agreement with the Confederated Tribe was executed and staff from both entities were engaging in the tasks. The Golden Avenue street project was completed and a ribbon cutting was planned. The city entrance streetscape project was completed with the installation of the welcome signs. The 6th Avenue bridge in Eastside was complete with the detour road repairs pending. The boardwalk/Port berm repair was nearing completion with the pathway still needing paved.

## **Council Comments**

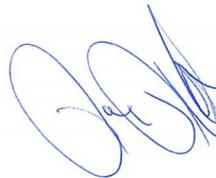
Councilor Groth stated the May election ballots would be mailed soon which included a City Charter amendment for consideration; offered Council members to speak to community groups on the ballot measure. Mayor Benetti stated the May ballot measure was a cleanup of the charter and stated a meeting such as tonight with just two items on the agenda could have been combined with another meeting for efficiency. Councilor Marler stated the School District 9 Superintendent reported to the school bond oversight committee the Standard & Poors ratings of the district's short term bonds was A+ and long term AA+. Councilor Kilmer stated the homeless committee work group would meet within the next couple of weeks.

## **Executive Session**

The executive session scheduled to be held pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property negotiations was moved to the March 20, 2018 Urban Renewal Agency meeting.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for April 3, 2018 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



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Joe Benetti, Mayor

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Susanne Baker, City Recorder