

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 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, Deputy Finance Director Amy Kinnaman, 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

Jamie Fereday, Coos Bay: noted the May Surfrider meeting would be held at Egyptian Theatre on May 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm followed by showing of a documentary, Chasing Coral.

Allison Hannah, 1041 S. 7th St., Coos Bay: stated she was a Coos Bay resident for almost 30 years; noted there was a sewer line that ran along the ditch between her house and H Street; stated Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley had promised her for years that he would send someone out to cleanup the ditch. Ms. Hannah noted the ditch flooded during the rainy season and with large tides; expressed safety concerns regarding the ditch and requested City to address the issues with ditch and to maintain a regular cleanup schedule.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

3a: Approval of the City Council minutes of April 17, 2018.

3b: Approval of the Council and Agency Work Session minutes of April 24, 2018.

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

Report by Marshfield High School Key Club Members

Marshfield High School (MHS) Key Club representatives Carter Edwards and Sarah Johnson summarized upcoming Key Club activities, shared various ongoing fundraising activities and achievements by various MHS clubs and athletic teams. Noted additional donations were received for the 10th Street Park from Willamette Grey Stone, Jacobs (CH2M) Coos Bay Wastewater Treatment, NW Natural Gas, and the Lyons Club. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the 10th Street Park improvements was scheduled for noon on May 18, 2018.

Presentation of a Coos County Area Transit Bus Trolley Project

Executive Director Sergio Gamino of Coos County Area Transit (CCAT) stated he appreciated the City of Coos Bay's leadership and forward thinking for the County and CCAT. Mr. Gamino provided the Council a presentation on the efforts of their organization to purchase, own, and operate a bus trolley along Highway 101 with stops in downtown Coos Bay and North Bend. The proposed trolley service would provide a third loop and transit opportunity for local residence. Mr. Gamino acknowledged the City of Coos Bay had already awarded CCAT \$4,000 through the fiscal year end 2019 community contributions program. To date they had secured approximately 85% of the funds needed to purchase the vehicle, and were in the process of seeking individuals and/or organizations to invest the remaining 15% in order to purchase the vehicle. CCAT was seeking an additional \$18,000 from the City of Coos Bay to go towards the trolley and bus stop seating. To date CCAT received a grant award from ODOT for \$136,758, \$4,000 from the City of Coos Bay, and \$7,000 from Bay Area Hospital. CCAT had also applied for grants from the cities of North Bend, Coquille, and Bandon. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated he spoke with Commissioner Cribbins who suggested Coquille Tribe would also be making a contribution to CCAT. Mr. Gamino explained the trolley would allow CCAT to expand their services and operational hours. City Manager Rodger Craddock suggested if Council wished to approve an additional amount to CCAT, Council should make the additional award of funds contingent upon CCAT receiving remaining funding required to purchase the trolley.

Mayor Benetti suggested awarding an additional \$11,000 to CCAT. Councilor Kramer expressed concern about decreasing budgeted carryover and recommended only approving an additional \$3,000 for total of \$7,000. Councilor Kilmer also suggested awarding total of \$7,000 and noted she would forward additional grant opportunities to Mr. Gamino. Councilor Groth thought it was a good project but expressed concern about setting precedence for awarding additional community contribution funds after-the-fact; was not in favor of increasing the already award total of \$4,000. Council consensus was to award an additional \$3,000 to CCAT for total award of \$7,000.

Approval of the Arbor Day Proclamation

The Tree City USA program helped to make cities and towns across America greener since 1976. It was a nationwide movement that provided the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. The City of Coos Bay was a member of the Arbor Foundation for the past 24 years and was recognized as a Tree City USA community. Councilor Groth and Mayor Benetti read the proclamation aloud, declaring the last Friday in

April, from this time forward, shall be observed as Arbor Day.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the Arbor Day proclamation. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, Marler. Absent: DiNovo.

Approval of a Travel and Tourism Week Proclamation

The first week of May was annually recognized as National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW). The theme for the 2018 NTTW was, "Travel Then and Now" and celebrated the contribution and accomplishments of the U.S. travel community over the course of the last several decades. City Manager Rodger Craddock and Mayor Benetti read the proclamation aloud, declaring May 6-12, 2018 as Travel and Tourism Week.

Councilor Groth moved to approve the Travel and Tourism Week proclamation. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, Marler. Absent: DiNovo.

Approval of the Re-designation of the Bay Area Enterprise Zone - Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 18-14

City Manager Rodger Craddock provided a brief history on the Enterprise Zone designation for the Bay Area Enterprise Zone and noted it was set to expire later this year. On March 5, 2018, the Bay Area Enterprise Zone Committee voted to recommend the continuation of the current Bay Area Enterprise Zone for an additional 10 years. The application for re-designation required resolutions of support by the member organizations (Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend, Coos County, and the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay).

Councilor Marler moved to adopt Resolution 18-17 authorizing submission of the application for re-designation of the Enterprise Zone. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, Farmer, Groth, Kilmer, Kramer, Marler. Absent: DiNovo.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock noted the new sidewalks in downtown in front of Rife's Furniture were installed; next week, phase 2 sidewalk improvements would commence along Anderson Avenue. Annual brush pickup commenced today; noted the City was making progress on the non-motorized boat launch along Front Street; advised staff recently submitted a grant request for Hollering Place seawall repair; Natural Grocers was scheduled to open May 16th.

Council Comments

Councilor Kilmer: announced the first farmer's market of the season was scheduled to commence May 2, 2018 in downtown Coos Bay; stated she attended the Housing Summit last week and noted it was a great presentation. Councilor Marler: was pleased to hear all of the positive comments regarding all the recent improvement efforts throughout Coos Bay. Councilor Groth: stated she also attended the Housing Summit and noted the two different approaches to code enforcement, people not fixing property because they did not want to and people not fixing up their property because they did not have the resources or ability to do so; suggested a two prong approach to code enforcement that had a more positive

aspect such as community programs that offered assistance to help with yard work or other types of improvements. Councilor Farmer: noted during the first homeless workgroup meeting there were calls to add a homeless person or someone that had been homeless to the workgroup; noted he had located an individual named Robert that was willing to serve in this capacity and requested Council approval to add him as a member to the workgroup. Council consensus was to add Robert as a member to the homeless workgroup. Councilor Kramer: encouraged everyone to vote.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2018 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: 

Susanne Baker, City Recorder