

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 5, 1995

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, at 12:00 noon at the Red Lion Inn at 1313 North Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gary Combs, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Judy Weeks and Dave Williams. Also present were City Manager Bill Elliott, Community Development Director Bruce Meithof, City Clerk Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh and Al Benkendorf of The Benkendorf Associates.

Mayor Verger opened the meeting and City Manager Bill Elliott introduced Al Benkendorf to the Council. The special meeting was held for the purpose of meeting the consultant who will be preparing the Urban Renewal Plan and Report for the Empire District in Coos Bay.

Elliott reviewed the agenda for the public meeting scheduled for July 6, 1995, which will begin with an overview of the project and then identify the goals of the district. The last item on the agenda will be to determine the next step in developing the plan.

Council discussed establishing the boundary for the district and it was the consensus that the boundary would be determined by the goals to be established for the district. Verger commented that the Empire area has long been overlooked and stressed that the City needs to be careful that improvements are inclusive of the City and should tie the community together.

Discussion centered on emphasis on the history of Empire, promotion of tourism with interpretive signs, development of the waterfront, waysides, and neighborhood parks. It was mentioned it is important to work with current businesses in developing the plan. Councilor Williams mentioned that the Confederated Tribes should be asked for input in developing the district since their development will border the district.

Al Benkendorf discussed the time frame for completing the study stating that it would take approximately eight weeks to develop the plan. He noted we must move quickly and need to give the community ample time to comment. Elliott indicated that the plan would need to be adopted by September 1st to get it to the County in time. He said the Planning Commission must also hold a hearing and the hearings will be well advertised to encourage attendance. He noted that an item will be placed on each City Council meeting agenda for the purpose of taking public comments.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Empire Lakes Community Building, 250 Hull Street, on July 6, 1995.

Joanne Verger
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen
City Clerk of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon