

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 26, 2010

The minutes of the proceedings of a work session of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending the City Council Meeting

Those present were Mayor Jeff McKeown and Councilors Jon Eck, Stephanie Kramer, Gene Melton, and John Pundt. Councilors Mark Daily and Joanie Johnson were absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Intermediate Accountant Amy Kinnaman, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen, Fire Chief Stan Gibson and Acting Police Chief Gary McCullough

Flag Salute

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

Review and Update of the Capital Improvement Plan

A Capital Improvements Plan work session was held to review the updated plans for the Police and Fire Departments and the Coos Bay Public Library. No decisions were made. City Manager Rodger Craddock provided a brief overview of a three year projected revenue and expenditure analysis prepared by Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens. The projections showed revenues and carryover declining with expenditures increasing.

Mr. Craddock noted the Capital Improvement Plan focused on balancing facility needs, Levels of Service standards (LOS) and available funding sources. The Fire Department had a small decrease in calls for service in 2009; the departments 20 year projected capital facilities improvement needs decreased from \$6.6 million to \$5.25 million due to grants awarded and reduced equipment costs. The Police Department had a decrease in service calls in 2009 with an increase in assigned cases. Mr. Craddock stated the Ford Motor Company would no longer produce the Ford Crown Victoria model which is the primary automobile used by the Police Department. The Police Department typically recycled aftermarket equipment when older Crown Victoria's were replaced with newer models; existing equipment would not be compatible with other vehicle models resulting in increased expenses to accommodate the change in police vehicle models.

Library Director Carol Ventgen reviewed the Library's Capital Improvement Plan which included a security alarm and camera system for the library to deter ongoing vandalism, a reader board upgrade, HVAC control repairs, a partial roof replacement, a partial carpet replacement and interior painting.

Discussion on Possible Locations of a Dog Park

A work session was held to review possible locations for a dog park. No decisions were made. Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley provided a brief overview of proposed dog

park locations which included locations near North Morrison Street, John Topits Park, Old Wireless Lane and a parcel in East Side. Mr. Hossley noted the city owned the Old Wireless Lane location, but the property was located in a floodplain and may not be usable in the winter, would require a conditional use permit, had poor sight visibility, and would require the access road to be reconstructed; estimated project budget was \$77,000 to \$95,000. The John Topits Park location was also city owned with parking and paved access to the site; estimated project budget was \$25,000. Mr. Hossley suggested an additional option located at Mingus Park which could also help with elk mitigation needs. Councilor Pundt expressed concern over pursuing a dog park in light of existing budget concerns and in consideration of what was appropriate use of staff's time. Mayor McKeown inquired if the East Side property was located in the Urban Renewal District whereby City Manager Rodger Craddock confirmed the East Side property was located in the Urban Renewal District. Mayor McKeown suggested contacting the Port of Coos Bay about options for the East Side location.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2010 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest: 

Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder