

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 16, 2010

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 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were outgoing Mayor Jeff McKeown, outgoing Councilors Mark Daily and John Pundt; Mayor Elect Crystal Shoji and Councilors Elect Jennifer Groth, John Muenchrath and Stephanie Kramer; Councilors Jon Eck, Joanie Johnson, Gene Melton. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen, Fire Battalion Chief Howard Owens, Fire Battalion Chief Mark Anderson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Acting Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Flag Salute

Mayor McKeown opened the meeting and asked City Manager Rodger Craddock to lead the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

Administration of the Oath of Office to Mayor Crystal Shoji and Councilors Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kramer, and John Muenchrath

The oath of office was administered to Mayor Crystal Shoji and Councilors Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kramer, and John Muenchrath by City Recorder/Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens.

Presentation of Appreciation Awards to Mayor Jeff McKeown and Councilors Mark Daily and John Pundt

Mayor Shoji presented appreciation plaques to Mayor Jeff McKeown and Councilors Mark Daily and John Pundt for their service to the citizens of Coos Bay. Fire Department Union President Randy Miles on behalf of the IAFF presented Mayor McKeown a Challenge Coin in appreciation of his service.

Election of Council President

Councilor Melton nominated Councilor Eck as Council President. Councilor Kramer moved to appoint Councilor Eck as the Council President. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 5a: approval of the minutes of the November 2, 2010 Council Meeting; 5b: approval of the October 2010 accounts payable and payroll check registers; 5c: approval of the October 2010 combined cash report; and 5d: approval of an OLCC license for Margaritas Mexican Grill located at 825 Central Avenue.

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Councilor Kramer moved to approve the consent calendar approving the minutes of the November 2, 2010 Council Meeting, approving the October 2010 accounts payable and payroll check registers, approving the October 2010 combined cash report, and approving the OLCC license for Margaritas Mexican Grill located at 825 Central Avenue. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Marshfield Sun Printing Museum Annual Report By Tom Hull

Tom Hull, Marshfield Sun Printing Museum Board Member, introduced Ken Johnson who provided visitor counts for the printing museum, stated ultraviolet protection has been placed over the windows, stated the cedar planks on the front porch have been replaced, provided a sample of note cards printed on the printing equipment, and announced the 100th anniversary of the Sun Museum in 2011.

Consideration of Council Appointments to Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Mayor Shoji suggested the Councilors review the list of committees, boards, and commissions and provide her with a list of which ones they would like to be appointed. Councilors Johnson, Kramer, and Melton stated they would like to remain on the committees, boards, and commissions to which they have already been appointed. Councilor Muenchrath stated he would like to be appointed to the Egyptian Theater Preservation Association and Oregon Coast Historical Railway Committee. Councilor Groth stated she would like to be appointed to the Historic Museum Project Committee.

Presentation on City Insurance Requirements By Harry Abel and Wendy Abel-Hatzel

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated City Administrative Directive No. 6 provides direction to staff on the required insurance policy limits for anyone performing work for the City of Coos Bay or using city property for a special event. The policy limits were increased last year pursuant to Senate Bill 311's insurance requirements increase. While the current policy limits provide the City with advisable coverage to diligently manage risk and offset potential claims they also have been found to create difficulties for some small projects and special event applications. The proposed task was to find a balance between managing the risk for the City of Coos Bay by transferring risk to projects where the potential risk should be managed by the contractor and possibly accepting some risk where the potential risk was low. Harry Abel, Abel Insurance, provided an analysis of risk to the City. Ms. Abel-Hatzel reviewed state tort law and compared the state requirements with the current City limits. City Manager Rodger Craddock suggested the Council receive the information and direct staff to prepare a proposal for consideration at another meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to prepare a proposal with regards to insurance limits and present it to the Council.

Public Comments

Dick Jamesgaard, Coos Bay: Oregon Coast Historical Railway Museum representative stated the insurance requirement increase has created a financial hardship. Mike Vaughan, Coos Bay:

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Stated there would be an upcoming public celebration, dedication of a new gallery for Dorothy Vaughan, and sale of Dorothy Vaughan's artwork with the proceeds donated to the Coos Art Museum.

City Attorney's Report

No comments were given.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock reminded the Council of the 85th anniversary of the Egyptian Theatre, announced a training session would be held in Bandon by the League of Oregon Cities titled "Governing Basics and Beyond", and suggested scheduling a Saturday work session to review Council rules and goals.

Council Comments

Councilor Groth stated she attended the reopening of Minuteman Press, Ron Wyden's town hall meeting, and the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser. Councilor Kramer thanked everyone for their support in her re-election; welcomed the new members to the Council; attended the Oregon Consortium; and suggested inviting Jeff McKeown, Mark Daily, and John Pundt to the upcoming employees' banquet. Councilor Johnson reminded of the many current and upcoming events at the Coos Art Museum and welcomed the new and returning members of the Council. Councilor Melton welcomed the new and returning members of the Council, attended a flag ceremony at Ocean Ridge, participated in educating a Boy Scout troop on the flag folding ceremony, and encouraged visiting veterans at local nursing homes. Councilor Muenchrath stated he was pleased to be back on the Council, agreed with Councilor Melton with regards to the importance of veterans, and would like to see a workable solution found regarding the insurance requirements for the Oregon Historical Railway Museum. Councilor Eck welcomed the new and returning members to the Council and looked forward to working together. Mayor Shoji stated she would like to continue to work with John Pundt, Mark Daily, and Jeff McKeown and welcomed ideas from the community.

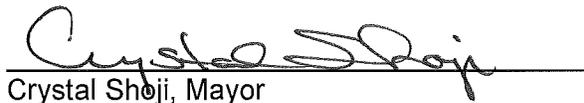
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There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2010 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attest:



Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder



Crystal Shoji, Mayor