

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 5, 2011

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 Mayor Crystal Shoji and Councilors Jon Eck, Jennifer Groth, Joanie Johnson, Gene Melton, and John Muenchrath. Councilors Kramer was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker, Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Flag Salute

Mayor Crystal Shoji opened the meeting and asked Josh and Max Nicholaus to lead the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

Public Comments

Mike Vaughn, Coos Bay: Provided a Top 10 Invasive Plants list for the Coos Watershed, provided a Weed Advisory Board update, and stated SOLV-IT has organized a clean-up of the Pioneer cemetery for April 16th. Robert Cribbins, Coos Bay: Stated has enjoyed volunteering at the Egyptian Theatre and encouraged the Council to continue their support of the theatre.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 3a: approval of the minutes of the March 15, 2011 Council Meeting and 3b: adoption of Resolution 11-06 accepting the Collins grant for the Coos Art Museum elevator project. Mayor Shoji requested item 3a approval of the minutes of the March 15, 2011 Council Meeting be moved down to the agenda as 4a for further consideration. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as amended adopting Resolution 11-06 accepting the Collins grant for the Coos Art Museum elevator project. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

Presentation of a Tree City USA Award and Arbor Day Proclamation

Mr. Tuch Koreiva, Oregon Department of Forestry, presented the City of Coos Bay with their 17th annual Tree City USA award and reviewed the purpose of the program. Mayor Shoji read the Proclamation for Arbor Day. Councilor Eck moved to approve the proclamation. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

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Approval of the Minutes of March 15, 2011

Mayor Shoji clarified her Council Comments in the minutes of March 15, 2011, stating the City should provide an opportunity for the citizens to donate to the Japan disaster if they desired. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2011. Councilor Groth seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

Presentation of a Proclamation on Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Week

Police Chief Gary McCullough introduced Michelle Nicholaus who read the Proclamation on Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Week. Councilor Melton moved to approve the proclamation. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

Presentation of a Proclamation on National Telecommunicator's Week

Police Chief Gary McCullough read the Proclamation on National Telecommunicator's Week. Councilor Melton moved to approve the proclamation. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

Presentation of a Proclamation on Volunteer Appreciation Month and Recognition of City of Coos Bay Volunteers

Police Chief Gary McCullough read the Proclamation for Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition Month. Councilor Melton moved to approve the proclamation. Councilor Groth seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

Public Hearing to Consider Approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriating Funds in the County-wide CAD Reserve Fund – Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 11-04

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the County-wide CAD Core Reserve Fund ended FYE10 with an unanticipated carryover of \$21,118. A Public Hearing and adoption of Resolution 11-04 would appropriate \$2,000 for Material and Services and \$19,118 for Capital Outlay in order for the Police Department to expend the funds in FYE11. In accordance with Oregon budget law Mayor Shoji opened the public hearing for adoption of a supplemental budget resolution. No public comments were made. Mayor Shoji closed the hearing. Councilor Melton moved to adopt Resolution 11-04. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

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Discussion on the City/Community Response to Disasters in Choshi, Japan

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the cities of Coos Bay, Oregon and Choshi, Japan have share a sister city relationship for over three decades. During this time there have been visits, gifts, cultural experiences, and friendships formed. Though economic conditions in both cities have curtailed interaction between the cities and communities, the recent tsunami disaster heightened awareness and concern for those in Choshi, Japan. Mayor Shoji stated on March 29th she and former Mayors Roger Gould, Joe Benetti, and Jeff McKeown; former City Councilor Cindy Miller; and The World publisher/editor Clark Walworth met and discussed the sister city relationship and how the community should respond. Consensus was to send a framed letter signed by the current Mayor and former Mayors who served during the tenure of the sister city relationship to Mayor Masakuni Norhira expressing concern; send a monetary gift to be used in relief efforts with half the funds, \$4,700, from the Sister City Committee and the other half a combination of community and City donations; provide a gift for display in Choshi City Hall to signify the desire for a continued relationship and concern for the citizens of Choshi, Japan; and to partner with a representative of the State of Oregon Japan Representative Office to enhance Coos Bay's cultural display located in Choshi City Hall. Roger Gould stated donations have been received from the community, anticipated additional donations over the next couple of weeks, and provided an update on the relief efforts for the citizens of Choshi.

Consideration of Approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriating Funds in the Police and Fire Public Safety Funds – Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 11-05

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the Special Public Safety Fund ended FYE10 with an unanticipated carryover of \$4,124. The FYE11 budget closed the Special Public Safety Fund and the fund balance must be transferred to the General Fund and then to the Police Special Public Safety Fund and Fire Public Safety Fund to properly segregate the resources and requirements and to meet Oregon budget law. Resolution 11-05 would appropriate the funds and reconcile the Police Public Safety Fund and Fire Public Safety Fund to correct balances. Councilor Eck moved to adopt Resolution 11-05. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Councilor Muenchrath asked why within Resolution 11-05, the Police Public Safety Fund had a negative amount wherein Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens stated the change reflected the actual lower carryover in the Fire Public Safety Fund than budgeted and stated she would provide additional information. Councilor Eck withdrew his motion, Councilor Johnson withdrew her second, and the motion failed.

Approval to Gift New Carissa Artifacts to the Coos Historical & Maritime Museum

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated the Coos Historical & Maritime Museum requested four New Carissa artifacts owned by the City of Coos Bay (a charred bicycle, a fire extinguisher, a window, and a safe door) be gifted to the museum. Steve Griff, Coos Historical & Maritime Museum President, stated the museum would add the artifacts to their collection to generate an interesting exhibit. Councilor Johnson moved to release the New Carissa charred bicycle, fire extinguisher, window, and safe door and direct the City Manager to sign the Deed to Gift to the Coos Historical & Maritime Museum. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Kramer was absent.

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City Attorney's Report

No comments were given.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the citywide Brush Pick-up would be May 2nd; the Coos Bay – North Bend Cleanup Day would be April 30th; and the budgets would be available on April 15th for the first meeting on April 21st.

Council Comments

Councilor Muenchrath asked the status of the traffic changes wherein City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the consultant would provide an update in two weeks. Councilor Eck invited the Council to the annual Volunteer Firefighters Award banquet and stated the Lion's Club auction was successful. Councilor Melton stated the arrival of the Tall Ships have been appreciated and he looks forward to their visit next year; and stated he and Mayor Shoji presented academic Honor Roll certificates to Marshfield High School students last week. Councilor Johnson reminded everyone of the programs at the Coos Art Museum – Expressions West. Councilor Groth stated the Coos Waterfront Walkway Partnership public meetings were well received with generally positive comments. Mayor Shoji attended the redistricting hearing and was impressed with the number of legislators in attendance; and was supportive of two representatives being appointed for our area.

Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting for a break before the Executive Session.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) for the Purpose of Discussing Labor Negotiations. The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.


Crystal Shoji, Mayor

Attest:



Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder