

# **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY**

**September 19, 2000**

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay immediately following the City Council meeting.

## **Those Present**

Those present were Board Chair Joe Benetti, and Board Members Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, Joanne Verger, and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Capt. Eura Washburn

## **Approval of the Minutes of August 15, 2000**

Board Member Stufflebean moved to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

## **Award of Contract for the North Front Street Project**

Chair Benetti recommended the item be pulled from the agenda due to discussion at the September 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

## **Award of Contract for the Bayshore Street Scape Project**

City Manager Bill Grile reported the closing date for accepting bids for the Bayshore Street Scape project was Thursday morning; however, a staff member accepted a late revised bid without date and time stamping the document. Mr. Grile commended Steve Doty on catching the mistake. Mr. Grile and the city attorney met with the three bidders and gave them the option of 1) waiving any irregularity in the submission process and consenting to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; 2) consenting to the cancellation of the solicitation documents as provided by OAR 137-030-0115 and accepting the return of their offers unopened; and 3) not consenting to waive any irregularity in the submission process and opening the bids with the understanding that a recommendation would be made to the City of Coos Bay Local Contracting Board to reject all bids.

Mr. Grile reported the three bidders agreed to go with Option No. 2 and staff is recommending the project be rebid by the end of the year. Board Member Weeks moved rebid the project with a start date of April 1, 2001 and a stipulation of 60 calendar days for completion. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion which passed with all Board Members present voting aye.

## **Review of Empire Gateway Project**

Architect Rich Turi presented drawings of the Empire gateway project and reported obtaining cost estimates on this type of structure has been difficult. Mr. Turi commented the structure is too grandiose for the location and expressed concern about the amount of money the structure would cost. He found some figures from a company that did the fabrication for the arch at the Eugene rail system and using these figures, he estimates the gate would cost \$150,000. Board Member Spangler commented the estimate is in line with the plan that was drawn up five years ago and he has received comments from citizens that they were pleased the gateway would not be located at the Y.

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Board Member McKeown agreed with Mr. Turi's assessment and asked him what he would recommend. Mr. Turi suggested constructing smaller scale monuments off to the side. Board Member Verger commented the smaller structures could be recurring every two blocks or so rather than doing just one structure. Mr. Turi indicated establishing the new cost figures would run around \$2000. Board Member Spangler pointed out that the web site survey supported option No. 3. Board Member McKeown asked Mr. Turi for his professional opinion and Mr. Turi commented there are power lines to deal with and a parking lot on either side that could be developed into something else in the future. Board Member Stufflebean suggested placing flagpoles in the area similar to the downtown boardwalk. Chair Benetti reminded the Agency of the concerns posed by Mr. Turi. Board Member McKeown expressed concerns about the cost of maintenance of the structure and that it would look like it was a part of the athletic club. Board Member Spangler moved to obtain a cost for option No. 8. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

**Update on the Boat in a Bottle Project**

City Manager Bill Grile reported Kurt Sause is in the process of donating the Tug Irene and the City has considered putting the tug in a full-size bottle. At this time there are no definite plans for the structure and location and Mr. Grile requested direction be given to staff on the project. Chair Benetti commented the Agency expected reports to be given to the Agency and Board Member Spangler indicated he would support expending up to \$200,000 for the project. Board Member Verger supported the boat in a bottle project as well as the gateway and fountain projects. Chair Benetti commented the cost could go as high as a million and he would like to know how much it will cost. Board Member McKeown said all the projects enhance the community; however, the dressing-up may not be necessary and perhaps the Agency is losing their perspective. Board Member Spangler suggested the Council act on getting funding for new businesses and supported making the city more attractive. City Manager Bill Grile reported he has made contacts regarding grants for that purpose, and suggested looking into enhancing the second stories of downtown buildings. Chair Benetti asked the Board if they felt the boat in a bottle was too far fetched. There was further discussion on funding and location of the project. Board Member Spangler moved to table the project. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Benetti adjourned the Urban Renewal Agency meeting.

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Joe Benetti, Chair  
Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay  
Coos County, Oregon

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Don Spangler, Secretary  
Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay