

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY

June 18, 1996

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, in the Council Chambers at 7:30 P.M.

Those Present

Those present were Board Chair Joe Benetti, and Board Members Gary Combs, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Joanne Verger, Judy Weeks and Dave Williams. City staff present included City Manager Bill Grile, City Recorder/Finance Director Gail George, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Sergeant Jack Bushmaker, Fire Chief Cliff Vaniman and Community Services Director Bruce Meithof. Members of the media were also present.

Flag Salute

Urban Renewal Agency Chair Joe Benetti called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Public Hearing on FY 1996/97 Budget

Chair Benetti opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wanted to comment on the 1996/97 Urban Renewal Agency Budget. Flora Lee Lockhart, Coos Bay, objected to funds being budgeted for the Library when there are so many infrastructure problems needing attention. She commented on a 1987/88 report by HGE showing structural damage and high inflow and infiltration problems which were listed as high priority. Mrs. Lockhart also commented on a staff report showing the condition of the streets in Coos Bay. She said she was not happy that her street, which is in poor condition, will not be improved for ten years. She noted the bonded debt payments shown in the budget to give the audience an idea of what outstanding debt the City currently has. Mrs. Lockhart said she would like to see the library project scaled down.

When asked, Gail George, City of Coos Bay Finance Director, explained the high bonded debt interest shown in the budget is due to interest on refunded bonds. She further explained this interest which is paid by funds in escrow is required by state law to be in the City's budget. Joe Benetti clarified that the projects Mrs. Lockhart talked about were in the City's budget, not the Urban Renewal budget and that not all the projects she listed could be done with Urban Renewal funds.

Mrs. O'Dell said she supported the placing of bond issues on the ballot and objected to the vacating of Bennett Avenue. Joanne Verger asked her at what level she felt the citizens should vote on projects and Mrs. O'Dell said any that raised taxes should be voted on.

Don Spangler asked for clarification that the Urban Renewal budget of \$1,068,000 was not earmarked for any particular projects. Mrs. George explained this budget allows the Agency to pay for projects constructed by the City under an intergovernmental agreement and was not for any specific project.

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There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Adoption of Urban Renewal Agency Budget and Making Appropriations - Resolution URA 96-1

Cindi Miller moved to adopt resolution URA 96-1 which is attached hereto and made a part of thereby, adopting the 1996/97 Urban Renewal Agency budget and making appropriations. Judy Weeks seconded the motion which carried with all agency members voting aye

Adjournment

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

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

ATTEST:

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