

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 16, 1998

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning with a work session in the Council Chambers at 7 p.m. and proceeding to a regular session in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, and Judy Weeks. Councilors Joe Benetti and Kevin Stufflebean were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Acting Community Services Director Steve Doty, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Chief Chuck Knight, and Fire Chief Stan Gibson,

WORK SESSION

Other Discussion

Mayor Verger noted the addition of the Bank Brewery OLCC license renewal to the consent calendar and requested the reappointment of the insurance agent of record be brought down from the consent calendar. Councilor Weeks inquired about abolishing the fire reserve fund and City Manager Grile explained when a fund is established for a specific purpose it is abolished after the purpose has been accomplished. Councilor McKeown commented the Council was again looking at waiving the building permit fee. Mayor Verger reported the building fund must be self supporting and consensus of the Council was to waive fees on the city's project and transfer the funds from the general fund when needed. City Attorney Tosh reported the insurance agent of record is addressed in the council rules because the State rule has been repealed. Mayor Verger commented in 1995 the Council recommended rotation of the agent of record every three to five years. Mr. Tosh reviewed Section 9 of the Council Rules and recommended amending the rule.

Mayor Verger reported adding Coos County Commissioner Bev Owen to the agenda to confer with the City Council regarding the proposed permanent rate limit for the proposed airport district. Councilor Miller requested the certificate of appreciation for Connie Williamson be removed from the agenda and scheduled for the July 21st meeting. Mr. Tosh reported before the City Council can approve formation of the 4-H and Extension District, the County must have an order indicating the intent to form the district. He explained the Council must approve the order before the resolution is adopted, but it is not required the Council approve the formation of the district. Mr. Grile commented a letter from Mr. Dave Fauss was received yesterday regarding the streets capital improvement plan for the public hearing. Mr. Grile reviewed the supplemental budget required for the repairs on the library heating system and the computer system for community services.

Department Head Report

Police Chief Chuck Knight reported Safety Town will hold two sessions in July and Officers King and Scoville and staff member Anita Miller are organizing the program. Chief Knight reported the annual auction will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the National Guard Armory, and the department will be participating in the Three Flags Safety Blitz on June 26th and July 5th. The program is supported by State funding. He reported the drug summit has been set for July 7th and the department has received a large number of calls from citizens wanting to be involved.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the minutes of June 2, 1998, Resolution 98-10 accepting the May 19, 1998 election results, Resolution 98-11 abolishing the fire equipment fund, both resolutions are attached hereto and made a part of thereby, approval of the OLCC license renewals, and waiving of the building permit fees for the library expansion project. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Re-appointment of the Insurance Agent of Record

Mayor Verger commented it is important for the Council to rotate City business to give professionals an opportunity to do business with the City. Mayor Verger moved to reappointment Harry Abel as insurance agent of record for two years. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Report from Meliah Masibu, Marshfield High School Representative

Meliah Masibu reported this year's valedictorians were Cam Grile, Josh Porter and Chris Weehunt, June boys of the month were Scott Slyter and Corey Stemmerman and girl of the month was Jennifer Meynink, outstanding student in transition was Anthony Amoto, and outstanding bridge student was Katherine Revis. The student council for next year includes Tim Walberg as president, Wendy Boyer as vice-president, Peter Littlefield as secretary and Naomi Boatright as treasurer. Miss Masibu will be at the second meeting in August to report and introduce Jane Boardman as the second council representative for next year. She reported on participating as a candidate in the Miss Teen of America pageant on Thursday and invited the City Council and others to attend. The Mayor and Councilors expressed their appreciation for the monthly reports and contact with the students of Marshfield High School through Meliah.

**Commendation of Excellence Awards for the City Parks Crew
Presented by Acting Community Services Director Steve Doty**

Acting Community Services Director Steve Doty commented the parks crew does an excellent job of caring for the City's 180 acres and in appreciation for their work the employees will receive commendation of excellence awards. Mr. Doty presented an award to Phil Christiana, park foreman, for providing outstanding leadership in the department for 15 years. Ron Fredrickson was recognized for his 14 years of dedicated service and ability to keep the swimming pool boiler working well. Bill Day has been with the City for six months and was recognized for bringing enthusiasm and pride to his work; and Ray Fry has been with the City for two months was also recognized for his dedication to the city parks. Mayor Verger commented the City is proud of the work done in the parks and she has received a number of calls from the public supporting the parks and the employees since the article appeared in the paper.

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Airport Issue — County Commissioner Bev Owen

Mayor Verger reported Mayor Slater had previously made a presentation to the Council regarding the formation of the airport district. The process to form a district includes adoption of resolutions from the city in which the airport will be located and from the county. The county then confers with the other cities located in the district about the proposed permanent tax rate limit. Mayor Verger commented the airport is vital for the area and the City Council has expressed support for the airport. Commissioner Owen reported the City of North Bend has requested the County begin the process to place the matter on the November ballot and consider the hospital district as the boundary for the airport district. Commissioner Owen said the first hearing would set the boundaries and the second hearing would be held at the community center in North Bend to take public comments and answer questions. Commissioner Owen explained North Bend would be responsible for setting the tax rate and the reason this has come before the commissioners is that the County must place it on the ballot. Mayor Verger commented it is important for the public to express their ideas and support during the public hearings. Councilor Spangler said the danger is in losing the commercial service to the airport if the federal regulations aren't met.

Presentation by Paul Heikkila and Bill Mast Requesting Support to Form a 4H and Extension Service District

Bill Mast, Myrtle Point, reported 4-H and the extension service has been supported from the County general fund for the past 85 years and recently the County requested they form a district to provide stable funding for the programs. Mr. Mast explained some funding from the County is necessary if they are to continue receiving funding from the state and federal governments. Mayor Verger said an order from the County Commissioners was necessary before the City Council could take action. City Attorney Tosh reported it is not required that the City Council support the formation of the district, but they need to approve the order. Commissioner Owen said she would check on the order for the next council meeting. Councilor McKeown asked why the County was pulling their support and Commissioner Owen responded revenue from timber sales is down and the County is facing budget cuts due to lack of funds. Commissioner Owen reported the County has received a lot of public support for the extension service. Councilor Spangler asked if some of the program could be transferred to SWOCC and commented the voters have clearly expressed they do not want more taxes. Councilor Weeks asked if the district would sunset and Mr. Mast said no.

Public Hearing — Citizen Input on Priorities for the Street Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Grile reported Mr. Dave Fauss requested a public hearing be held to review the priorities set by the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee. Mr. Grile said a letter from Mr. Fauss had been received and distributed to the Council and due to the short amount of time staff did not have an opportunity to study the letter. Acting Community Services Director Steve Doty commented some of the streets Mr. Fauss suggested be included were gravel streets which would need to be done through formation of local improvement districts. Mr. Doty noted some of the other streets were low volume streets and some were in need of water line and sewer line repairs before street repairs would be considered.

Mayor Verger opened the public hearing. Andy Nasburg, Blue Ribbon Committee member, explained the process the committee went through in determining the priority for street repairs. Mr. Nasburg commented Irv Yeager attended the first meeting to inform the committee on the costs for overlaying, rebuilding, and construction of streets. He noted one of the big cost factors is moving equipment in to do the job and that is why the street repairs are scheduled to be done in clusters. Mayor Verger complimented the

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committee on doing a good job and thanked them for volunteering. There being no further comments to come before the Council, Mayor Verger closed the public hearing.

City Manager Grile commented if salary increases are demanded through labor negotiations, the public projects may be in serious trouble. Councilor Weeks requested Mr. Fauss' letter be answered and stated she would like to receive a copy of the letter. Councilor Weeks stated she did not agree with the Blue Ribbon Committee and Mr. Fauss' suggestions should have been considered. Councilor Spangler thanked Mr. Fauss for his work and commented the committee is trying to save money and do the best for the City with the funds available.

Public Hearing — Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/98

Mayor Verger opened the public hearing for comments on the supplemental budget for fiscal year 1997/98. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Adopting the Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/98 Resolution 98-12

Councilor Weeks moved to adopt Resolution 98-12 adopting the supplemental budget for fiscal year 1997/98, which is attached hereto and made a part of thereby. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing — Fiscal Year 1998/99 Budget and the Use of State Revenue Sharing Funds

Mayor Verger opened the public hearing for comments on the proposed budget for fiscal year 1998/99 and the use of state revenue sharing funds. There were no comments to come before the Council and the hearing was closed.

Adoption of Resolution 98-13 Electing to Receive Shared Revenues from the State and Resolution 98-14 Adopting Fiscal Year 1998/99 Budget and Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Mayor Verger explained the City must officially say they want shared revenues in order to receive the funds. Councilor Weeks moved to adopt Resolution 98-13 electing to receive shared revenues from the state and Resolution 98-14 adopting fiscal year 1998/99 budget and making appropriations and levying ad valorem taxes. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Resolutions 98-13 and 98-14 are attached hereto and made a part of thereby. Mr. Grile thanked accountant Rob Wall on doing a great job of putting the budget together.

Enactment of Ordinance No. 258 Amending Ordinance 254 to Correct Typographical Error in Section 1 of the Ordinance

City Manager Grile explained the ordinance would correct a typographical error in Ordinance No. 254. Councilor Weeks moved to enact Ordinance No. 258 amending Ordinance No. 254 to correct a typographical error in Section 1 of the ordinance. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following results:

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Voting Aye: Mayor Verger and Councilors McKeown, Miller, Spangler, and Weeks.
Voting No: None
Absent: Councilors Benetti and Stufflebean

Enactment of Ordinance 259 Levying Assessments for Construction of a Local Improvement District on South 20th Street

Mayor Verger reported the local improvement district was created by Resolution 96-22 and enactment of the ordinance provides for the final assessment on the property for the costs of the construction of the local improvement district. Councilor Weeks moved to enact Ordinance No. 259. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the title of the ordinance and the corrected Section 1 and corrections to Exhibit A. The Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mayor Verger and Councilors McKeown, Miller, Spangler, and Weeks.
Voting No: None
Absent: Councilors Benetti and Stufflebean

Enactment of Ordinance No. 260 Levying Assessments for Construction of a Local Improvement District on South 21st Street

Mayor Verger reported the local improvement district was created by Resolution 96-23 and enactment of the ordinance provides for the final assessment on the property for the costs of the construction of the local improvement district. Mayor Verger moved to enact Ordinance No. 260. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the title of the ordinance and the Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mayor Verger and Councilors McKeown, Miller, Spangler, and Weeks.
Voting No: None
Absent: Councilors Benetti and Stufflebean

Enactment of Ordinance No. 261 Levying Assessments for Construction of a Local Improvement District on South 22nd Street

Mayor Verger reported the local improvement district was created by Resolution 96-24 and enactment of the ordinance provides for the final assessment on the property for the costs of the construction of the local improvement district. Mayor Verger moved to enact Ordinance No. 261. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the title of the ordinance and a correction to Exhibit A. The Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mayor Verger and Councilors McKeown, Miller, Spangler, and Weeks.
Voting No: None
Absent: Councilors Benetti and Stufflebean

Enactment of Ordinance No. 262 Levying Assessments for Construction of a Local Improvement District on California Drive

Mayor Verger reported the local improvement district was created by Resolution 96-21 and

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enactment of the ordinance provides for the final assessment on the property for the costs of the construction of the local improvement district. Mayor Verger moved to enact Ordinance No. 262. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the title of the ordinance and the Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mayor Verger and Councilors McKeown, Miller, Spangler, and Weeks.
Voting No: None
Absent: Councilors Benetti and Stufflebean

City Manager Grile complimented Karen Turner for doing an exemplary job of handling the local improvement districts.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Weeks thanked the parks crew for a job well done and reported she will be participating in the children's library program on the 17th. She commented the Council would like to receive notification of the DARE graduations and requested another employee recognition luncheon be scheduled in August.

Continuation of Council Meeting Following the Urban Renewal Agency Meeting

Councilor Miller moved to continue the Council meeting after the conclusion of the Urban Renewal Agency meeting. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Executive Session

Councilor Weeks moved to go into executive session. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. The Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) and (h) for the purpose of consulting with legal council regarding labor negotiations and potential litigation.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to July 7, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Joanne Verger
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

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ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
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