

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 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 Joe Benetti, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Finance Director Janell Howard, Police Captain Jack Bushmaker, and Deputy Fire Chief Mark Anderson.

Work Session

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar. City Manager Bill Grile reported a 24 percent increase in the building permit fees is being requested to support the program; the increase is reflected in the budget and although the planning fees are included in the schedule, those fees will not be increased. Mr. Grile noted the increase would be effective September 1, 1998 and a letter has been sent to local contractors notifying them of the increase. Community Services Director Bill Finney commented the increase of building permit fees on a typical 1500 square foot house would increase from \$1,103 to \$1,527 which is about a 23 percent increase. Mr. Grile noted the increase is a small amount when spread over the term of the mortgage. Councilor McKeown commented the increase looks more like 38 percent and seems rather large. Mr. Finney explained on average it is around 24 percent and noted the alternative would be to turn the program back to the State which would be inconvenient and slower for the contractors.

Mr. Grile reported the authorization to purchase a truck for the wastewater department is being requested to allow OMI to purchase a used vehicle. There was further discussion on the purchasing rules and the use of the truck. City Attorney Randall Tosh explained the Council would need to adopt a series of findings to allow this process; delegation of authority to OMI to seek quotes and enter into a contract, requiring OMI to keep a record of obtaining the equipment, and a finding that the result will be a cost savings to the City. Councilor Spangler asked where the truck was noted in the budget, and Councilor McKeown asked what was the need for an additional truck. Mr. Grile said he would look at the budget for the line item and OMI has requested the truck to more efficiently run the department. Councilor Benetti commented this process would be for purchasing a used vehicle and a new vehicle would require a bid process. Councilor Spangler requested this item be forwarded to the next council meeting so more information can be presented.

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the ballot title and measure has been rewritten for presentation on the November ballot. Mr. Tosh said the City's bond counsel, Harvey Rogers, has also reviewed the ballot title and measure. Mr. Grile introduced Don Shaw with Mercy Ships to the Council. Mr. Shaw gave a brief history of Mercy Ships and reported the Anastacia was in port 11 years ago. Mr. Shaw said they now have five ships using 10,000 full time positions and 30,000 volunteer positions to provide medical care, construct schools, clinics and wells, and help people learn to use their resources. The ship will arrive in Coos Bay on October 22nd and will stay through November 10th. Mr. Grile commented the ship has a crew of 100, representing 23 nations, has 13 kids on board, and the crew would welcome involvement with local families.

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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 from the July 21, 1998 meeting, setting a public hearing before the Planning Commission on vacating a portion of North 2nd Street between Fir and Greenwood Avenues, approval of traffic signal maintenance agreement with the Department of Transportation, and approval of OLCC license renewal for Nick of Time. Councilor Weeks moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Department Head Report — Finance Director Janell Howard

Finance Director Janell Howard reported an analysis of the finance department comparing the amount spent with Yergen and Meyer and Wall & Wall shows a net savings just over \$5,000. She noted finance staff has put in a lot of extra hours to keep the department running smoothly. Ms. Howard commented the audit is scheduled for August 31st and will take approximately two weeks. She will be doing a lot more work up-front which will save the city money. Ms. Howard reported the accounting supervisor position is open and will close August 14th, the position and salary were approved through the budget process and will save approximately \$1,000 per month.

Adoption of Resolution 98-17 Increasing the Building Code Fees

City Manager Bill Grile reported the State alternative would require permits to be issued in Coquille and recommended adoption of the resolution increasing the permit fees. Mayor Verger commented the increase is in the budget and is necessary to support the program. Councilor Stufflebean reported being contacted by area contractors expressing their support for the program. Councilor Spangler noted if permits were returned to the State no cost savings would be realized and citizens would lose the convenience. Councilor Stufflebean moved to adopt resolution 98-17 increasing the building code fees. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Verger and all Councilors present voting aye.

Approval of the Ballot Title for the Poolhouse Ballot Measure

City Attorney Randall Tosh explained the poolhouse bond measure did not meet the double majority requirement in the primary election and would be placed on the general election ballot in November. A new ballot measure and title have been prepared for Council's approval. Councilor Spangler moved to approve the ballot measure and title for the poolhouse measure. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Verger and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported Officer Lance Bjornerud is recovering from his heart attack and will be able to return to duty in approximately two months. Mr. Grile reported at the request of the Council he and the fire chief have been looking into providing public ambulance service. Dan Smith of Bay Area

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Hospital has expressed the possibility of using their resources to consider a partnership with the City. Mr. Grile asked the Council if they wanted this to be a priority matter. There was further discussion regarding the start-up costs and affect on local businesses. Consensus of the Council was to look into the matter but not as a priority item. Mr. Grile inquired if the Council would like a smaller version of the city logo for placement in the council chambers and Council consensus was yes. Mr. Grile asked the Council to look at the paint trim test on the north side of city hall and give him their opinions.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Spangler reported he was pleased to observe a lot of cooperation between area fire departments during the Bay Club fire.

Councilor Stufflebean reported there would not be a Public Access TV Committee meeting this week and until a recommendation from the Joint TV Committee is received.

Councilor Miller reported the Joint TV Committee met last week and many good and constructive comments were made; another meeting has been scheduled for August 27th at 5:30 p.m. and the city attorney would be attending.

Councilor Weeks reported the Parks Commission met and inline skaters have requested to take over the skateboard park and enlarge the park. She noted the Parks Commission will tour all the city parks in October. Councilor Weeks said the estimate to build a stage in Mingus Park was \$15,000 to \$18,000, and reported 24 planters have been ordered for downtown.

Councilor McKeown said he was pleased with the rewrite of the poolhouse ballot measure. Councilor Spangler asked about the business recruitment committee. Councilor McKeown said the committee is in the beginning phase and he would like to pursue an economic development position. Mayor Verger reported Councilor McKeown is the City's representative on the committee and after he has developed an outline, the Council will meet to discuss economic development.

Mayor Verger reported meeting with John Gould, attorney for Nucor and the good news is that Nucor has instructed Mr. Gould to bring the property acquisition to a close in August. Mayor Verger commented the Mayor's conference is next week and is being hosted by North Bend and Coos Bay. She reported the governor will be speaking at the conference and the Council will receive a copy of the conference agenda this week.

Executive Session

Mayor Verger moved to go into executive session. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote. The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) and (e) for the purpose of consulting with legal council regarding labor negotiations and negotiation of real property transactions.

The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to August 18, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
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