MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 2001

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Library, 525 Anderson Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Anna Marie Larson, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Finance Director Janell Howard, Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Police Chief Chuck Knight, and Police Captain Eura Washburn.

Consideration of Labor Relations Proposal

Mayor Benetti reported a letter had been received from the Firefighters Association attorney, Rhonda Fenrick, requesting utilizing the City Council as mediators in the decision on re-organizing the Fire Department. Mayor Benetti requested the Council support the re-organization of the department and not sit as mediator in the matter. City Attorney Randall Attorney commented a mediator must be impartial and as the City Council is the decision maker in this matter and would not be impartial. Councilor McKeown expressed support for department heads and for the re-organization of the Fire Department. Councilor Weeks moved to deny the request from Rhonda Fenrick asking the City Council to act as mediator in the decision whether to re-organize the Fire Department, and that the Council supports the re-organization of the Department. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Executive Session

Councilor Weeks moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. The City Council reconvened in regular session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to May 15, 2001.

	Joe Benetti
	Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
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