

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 5, 2006

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Jeff McKeown and Councilors Mark Daily, Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Stephanie Kramer, and John Muenchrath. City staff present were Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen, Acting Deputy Recorder Jackie Mickelson, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Captain Rodger Craddock.

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

Mayor McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of the September 5, 11, and 12, 2006 minutes, approval of an OLCC license for Sincerely Yours Antique Mall, and adoption of Resolution 06-41 accepting the voter canvass for the November 7th council election. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of an Alley South of Edwards Avenue at Lakeshore Drive

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley read the public hearing disclosure to the assembly and reported on November 14, 2006 the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the vacation. Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing. No public comments were given and the hearing was closed. Councilor Gould moved to approve the vacation of the portion of the alley south of Edwards Avenue at Lakeshore Drive, as presented and enact the ordinance. Councilor Daily seconded the motion. Acting Deputing Recorder Jackie Mickelson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 391 providing for the vacation of a portion of the alley located in block 26, Flanagan addition to Empire, section 17CA, Township 25 south, range 13 west of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County Oregon was enacted by the following vote:

Yes:	Mayor McKeown and Councilors Stephanie Kramer, Mark Daily, Jon Eck, John Muenchrath, and Roger Gould
No:	None
Absent:	None

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Presentation by Steve Schneiderman on Legislation for Fire-Safer Cigarettes Legislation and Request for Adoption of Resolution 06-42 Supporting Fire-Safer Cigarettes Legislation

Steve Schniederman, President of the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, commented he had recently joined a group called Oregon Fire Safety Coalition and explained the main focus of the group was to work on legislation to enact a fire safer cigarette. Councilor Eck moved to adopt Resolution 06-42 supporting fire-safer cigarette legislation. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Mr. Schniederman reported the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association received a grant for \$239,000 from the Department of the Homeland Security for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters called "Safer". Mr. Schniederman explained the grant would be used on a television and poster campaign and gave a demonstration of a commercial to be used.

Consideration of Approval to Purchase Portable Radios for the Police Department

Captain Rodger Craddock explained the City has been awarded a grant for \$77,250 from the Department of Homeland Security. The Police Department has chosen a to purchase radios under state bid for \$66,759.45 with no match required and the excess grant money was being held for a piece of equipment being tested. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the purchase of thirty (30) Motorola XTS2500 Model II Portable Radios with accessories with the grant money for a total of \$66,759.45. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Request to Consider a Part Time Clerical Assistant for the Fire Department and Adoption of Resolution 06-43 Transferring Funds From Public Works to Public Safety

Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen requested the Council consider transferring funds from the Public Works Department to hire a part time Clerical Assistant for the Fire Department for this fiscal year. This position will be evaluated by Fire Chief Stan Gibson. Councilor Gould moved to approve Resolution 06-43, transferring funds from Public Works, Parks to Public Safety, Fire. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Jack Beebe, Coos Bay, urged the Council to fill the vacant council position as soon as possible.

City Manager's Report

Finance Director Janell Howard distributed the City's financial report for the month of October 2006 and briefly reviewed general fund's revenue and expenditures. Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen reported she had contacted the League of Oregon Cities regarding a council training session, and the closest session would be held in Florence. Ms. Jansen commented

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staff could prepare a training session for the council. Mayor McKeown explained the three components he would like to cover would be leadership, mechanics, and team work. Ms. Jansen reported Commissioner Stufflebean would be sworn in December 28th; the skate board park preliminary design will be reviewed at the Parks Commission meeting on December 7th; new directional signs were placed in city hall; the Economic Outlook Forum would be held December 8th; and the high school students holiday concerts would be held December 10th and 12th.

Council Comments

Councilor Kramer commented the Firefighter Memorial ceremony was well planned. Councilor Daily commented he had stopped by Bi-Mart and he was impressed with the efforts of the Bus Jam. Councilor Eck thanked the community for their support during the Firefighter's Memorial unveiling and thanked staff for their work. Councilor Muenchrath commented the Firefighter's Memorial ceremony was well planned. Councilor Gould thanked Chief Gibson for all his help planning the dedication, thanked the Council, staff, and Urban Renewal Agency for their support.

Mayor McKeown commented the Firefighter's Memorial was a wonderful ceremony; spoke with Jeff Griffin from the Governor's office about opportunities for the City of Coos Bay; encouraged everyone to attend the Economic Outlook Forum on Friday; would like to review the System Development Charges for possible changes; and the city manager and public works director would like to discuss wastewater plant improvements and paving standards.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to December 19, 2006 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Acting Deputy Recorder