

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 17, 2007

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 Michele Burnette, 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, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Library Director Carol Ventgen.

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 minutes of March 20, 22, and 26, 2007. Councilor Burnette moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Report From Marshfield High School Student Council Representative Dru Atkison

No report was given.

Presentation on National Volunteer Appreciation Week and Recognition of Police Department Volunteers by Helen Thompson

Parking Control Officer Helen Thompson reported this was National Volunteer Week and she would like to recognize the seven disabled parking services volunteers. Ms. Thompson commented these volunteers are very dedicated to their work, and reported they issue warnings and citations for the disabled parking. Ms. Thompson presented a key bob as a token of appreciation to volunteers Stephanie Kahanek, Marjorie Kilpatrick, Dr. Happy Parker, Al Poole, and Claude Coffman. Mayor McKeown expressed his appreciation to the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Police Sergeant Cal Mitts presented a key bob to the Mayor and Councilors on behalf of the Police Officers Association and the administration team in the Police Department.

Presentation of a Proclamation on Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Michelle Nicolaus read the proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month to the assembly. Ms. Nicolaus invited everyone to their Family Fun Day at John Topits Park from 10 am to 2 pm on April 28th.

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Presentation of Proclamation for MM Day

Stacy Dunn read the proclamation for MM Day to the assembly.

Report on the Tennis Court Project **By Aron Boesl**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the Parks Commission approved the expansion of the skateboard park, but the tennis courts needed to be removed for the expansion. Mr. Hossley commented the council approved the skateboard park with the stipulation the tennis courts be replaced at a different location, so staff identified possible locations. Aron Boesl thanked Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Dr. Fischer-gray, Councilor Roger Gould, and HBH Engineer Bob Bynum for all their help. Mr. Boesl reported after several months of research and meetings he met on March 29th with the Coos Bay School District, the Boys and Girls Club board members and staff, Councilor Roger Gould, and Superintendent Dr. Fischer-gray to review the most important criteria needed and best possible locations for the courts. Mr. Boesl reported after reviewing everything the group came to a consensus the best site would be the grass field at the Milner Crest site and the estimated cost would be \$225,654. The Council discussed lighting issues, possible parking problems, and possible funding.

Report on the Oregon Coast Historical Railway **Museum by Dick Jamsgard, President**

Dick Jamsgard, President of the Historic Railway Society, briefly reviewed the improvements made to the museum and thanked the City for their support. Mr. Jamsgard requested the Council consider supporting further needed improvement, and possibly paying the insurance for their building. Mr. Jamsgard invited everyone to visit the museum.

Consideration of Approval to Add a Temporary Police **Officer Position - Report by Sgt. Cal Mitts**

Police Sergeant Cal Mitts requested the Council consider approving a full time temporary Police Officer position for this fiscal year. He reported recently the Coos County Sheriff's Office had layoffs of certified police officers and with Police Chief Washburn retiring soon this would be the best time to hire a police officer. Sergeant Mitts further commented by hiring a certified police officer it would save money on training. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve a temporary full time police officer to the Police Department. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which passed with Mayor McKeown and all Councilors present voting aye.

Consideration of Appointment of a **Government Access Committee**

Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen reported the current management contract with the Government Access Channel would be ending June 30, 2007, and Gordon Young expressed a desire to turn the program over to another person. Ms. Jansen requested the Council consider forming a committee to help with the Request for Proposals (RFP) and then bring the recommendation back to the council for approval. Councilors Daily, Muenchrath, and Kramer

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volunteered to serve on the committee. Mayor McKeown expressed the importance of Channel 14.

Public Comments

Richard Kahanek, Coos Bay, commented it was nice to be back in Coos Bay and see all the great things occurring. Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen commented it was good to have Mr. Kahanek attend the City Council meeting, and he was the first city manager that she worked for. Roger Gould commended Mr. Kahanek was a past city manager in the 1970's and commented Mr. Kahanek was the one who had the current city hall building built.

City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Joyce Jansen thanked staff, the council, and the community panel for their help in the recruitment and the interviews process for the city manager; reported the Home Show would be held Friday, April 20th through Sunday, April 22nd; and commented the Budget meeting would be held Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Coos Bay Public Library and encouraged everyone to attend.

Council Comments

Councilor Kramer had no comment. Councilor Daily expressed concern for K-Mart signs on private property after multiple warnings and suggesting possibly fining them. Councilor Eck had no comment. Councilor Burnette had no comment. Councilor Muenchrath had no comment. Councilor Gould expressed his approval of the selection of the new City Manager Chuck Freeman.

Mayor McKeown thanked City Councilors and citizen panel members Dr. Judith Hanson, Dan Smith, Brady Scott, Dr. Charles Sharps, and John Whitty, for helping with the city manager interviews. Mayor McKeown commented there were three excellent applicants, and the new city manager hired has had a lot of experience dealing with the same issues we have.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to May 1, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Acting Deputy Recorder