

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 6, 2009

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, Joanie Johnson, Stephanie Kramer, and Gene Melton. Councilor Pundt was absent. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, City Engineer Carl Nolte, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Chief Rodger Craddock, and Economic and Community Development Manager Joyce Jansen.

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 December 13 and 16, 2008. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, and Melton voting aye. Councilor Pundt was absent.

Presentation of the Appreciation of Service Award to Bob Golden

Mayor McKeown presented Bob Golden a certificate of appreciation for his years of service on the Parks Commission from February 2005 through December 2008 and the Tree Board from February 2007 through December 2008.

Presentation of the Mayor's Recognition Award to Becky Soules

Mayor McKeown presented Becky Soules with the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award in appreciation of her service to the community. Ms. Soules initiated activities at the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery which included planning and facilitating bi-annual workdays, Memorial Day ceremonies, creating a database of burials, and marking the graves of veterans for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.

Report on the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery by Becky Soules

Becky Soules thanked the Mayor for the award and stated the project would not have been possible without the many partnerships with community groups, individuals, and the City. Over the last four years cemetery signage has been installed, burial sites identified, and a computerized burial data base established. Ms. Soules anticipates developing a cemetery management plan to guide the maintenance and management of the cemetery.

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Public Hearing to Consider Accepting the Codification of Coos Bay's Ordinances

Economic and Community Development Manager Joyce Jansen stated the Code was adopted by the City Council in 1983 and recompiled by the League of Oregon Cities in 1989. Over the years a number of new and amending ordinances have been enacted with staff handling the codification process. Code Publishing was hired last year to recompile the Code and provide a legal review. Ms. Jansen recommends enacting the ordinance and hiring Code Publishing for ongoing maintenance of the Code. Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing. There being no comments the Mayor closed the public hearing. Councilor Kramer moved to enact the Coos Bay City Code ordinance. Councilor Eck seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Susanne Baker read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance 410 was enacted by the following vote:

Aye:	Mayor McKeown and Councilors Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Daily
No:	None
Absent:	Councilor Pundt

Public Hearing to Consider Approval of the North Morrison Street Advance Financing District

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated on October 7, 2008 a public hearing was held to approve the application for the formation of an Advance Financing District for the public improvements to North Morrison Street between Newmark and Schetter Ave. On October 21, 2008 Resolution of Intent 08-28 was adopted which established the District. The public improvements have been completed and the work accepted by the City. Adoption of Resolution 09-02 will enable the developer to receive partial reimbursement of his construction costs for the public improvements. Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing. There being no comments the Mayor closed the public hearing. Councilor Daily moved to adopt Resolution 09-02. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, and Melton voting aye. Councilor Pundt was absent.

Proposed Alum Sludge Rate Adjustment In Sewer Collection Fees - Approval of the Rate Decrease Will Require Adoption of Resolution 09-01

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated each year the alum sludge treatment rate for the Coos Bay – North Bend Water Board is adjusted based upon OMI's October 12-month moving average cost per pound for solids treatment. Councilor Melton moved to adopt Resolution 09-01. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, and Melton voting aye. Councilor Pundt was absent.

Approval of Request for Qualifications for an Architect for Head Start

Public Work and Development Director Jim Hossley stated the City of Coos Bay is the recipient of an \$800,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of Oregon Coast

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Community Action (ORCCA) to build a Head Start building. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been prepared to solicit responses from qualified architectural and engineering firms to provide design services for the Head Start building. Councilor Daily abstained because Head Start is looking at some of his property. Councilor Kramer moved to direct staff to proceed with advertising the RFQ for architectural and engineering design services for the Head Start building. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, and Melton voting aye. Councilor Pundt was absent. Councilor Daily having abstained from the vote, is deemed, pursuant to the provisions of 4.7.4 of the Rules of the City Council, to have voted with the majority, which approved the motion.

Request to Initiate a Street Vacation of Central Avenue

Public Works & Development Director Jim Hossley stated staff is initiating a street vacation of the Central Avenue between Bayshore and Broadway to facilitate the construction of the new Visitor's Center. In order to proceed, the City Council must set a date for the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing. Mayor McKeown stated contact with ODOT confirmed this location would not be approved for an access permit, therefore this right of way would not be used as a street. Councilor Melton moved to set a public hearing date for the proposed vacation before the Planning Commission during the regular meeting on February 10, 2009. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, and Melton voting aye. Councilor Pundt was absent.

Public Comments

Scott Frasier, Cypress Point resident, Coos Bay: Requested the ordinance be changed to not allow waterfowl hunting in the Eastside area near his residence.

City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Freeman stated the auditors are completing the last of the fieldwork for FY 07-08 audit; IBO meeting noon, January 7th; Visitor's Convention Bureau meeting January 8th; Visitors Center hours for Ms. Jansen are posted and she is preparing an informational bulk mailing for businesses located within the two urban renewal districts.

Council Comments

Councilor Daily stated the Egyptian Theatre appears to be successful in funding a matching grant. Councilor Johnson asked the status of the next Council retreat; and Mr. Leshley's taxi ordinance and Ms. Elliott's business license questions. Mr. Freeman stated the Finance Committee will be reviewing the business license fees and staff is reviewing additional suggestions from Mr. Leshley. Councilor Melton thanked Becky Soules and provided an update on the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting: purchase of new fire truck, grants (DUII, seatbelt enforcement, and mobile data terminal). Councilor Kramer wished everyone a happy

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new year. Councilor Eck thanked Becky Soules and stated the Fire Department will be collecting Christmas trees and accepting canned food donations on Saturday. Mayor McKeown congratulated Becky Soules, stated the fire station meeting is January 14th, and wished everyone a successful new year.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) for the Purpose of Discussing Labor Negotiations. The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder