

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 17, 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, Gene Melton, and John Pundt. 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, Economic and Community Development Manager Joyce Jansen, and Police Chief Rodger Craddock.

Interviews of Committee and Board Applicants

The City Council interviewed Melissa Cribbins, Roy Metzger, Steve Pickering, and Charles Sharps for the opening on the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board; and Michele Burnette, Peter Cooley, Howard Forte, Roy Metzger and Steve Pickering for the openings on the Budget Committee.

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 February 3, 2009; approval of employment contract for Kaaren Reiche, and approval of Oregon's 150th Year Proclamation. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Council Appointments to the Budget Committee and Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board

The City Council interviewed applicants for three openings on the Budget Committee and one opening on the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board. The Council appointed Peter Cooley, Howard Forte, and Roy Metzger to the Budget Committee by Council Ballot. Peter Cooley was appointed to fulfill Steve Donovan's unexpired term ending December 31, 2010, and Howard Forte and Roy Metzger were appointed for a three year term ending December 31, 2011. The Council appointed Melissa Cribbins to the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board for a four year term ending December 31, 2012 by Council Ballot.

Proclamation of Albert Schweitzer Community Day of Peace Presented by Connie Nipgen

Ms. Nipgen read a proclamation identifying the City of Coos Bay as a community that

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recognizes the importance of living in peace. Councilor Johnson moved to accept the proclamation. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Presentation on the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon

Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon (SWOYA) Chief Professional Officer Denise Gould reported on the positive impact the \$15,000 City of Coos Bay grant provided SWOYA. The funds offset the costs incurred during the months of June, July, and August of 2008, provided “first-time” opportunities to many young people and those unable to afford the programs.

Consideration to Approve the Coos Bay Affordable Housing Project Approval Will Require Adoption of Resolution 09-07

City Manager Chuck Freeman stated Resolution 09-07 is pursuant to a request by Ross Cornelius, Guardian Management, to support a funding request to the State Housing Agency. The funding will assist in the construction of a Workforce Housing project at LaClair and Thomas Streets. Councilor Kramer moved to adopt Resolution 09-07. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Fire Station Design Report

Fire Chief Stan Gibson presented a history on the progression of the new fire station funding, siting, and design. Fire Chief Gibson stated the Fire Station Building Committee has completed the program requirement analysis for the new fire station and HGE has implemented the findings into the first design schematic. HGE Architect Joe Slack presented a power point of the design of the new fire station, site plan, available utilities, ingress/egress of the apparatus, the condition of Elrod and Donnelly Streets, public and staff parking lots, floor plans, apparatus bay, front and side elevations, dorm and living areas, exercise room, training area, staff work area, and public area. The cost estimate is \$4,391,200, including a 5% contingency of \$209,109, with development costs totaling \$540,500 for a total estimate of \$4,931,789. Expenditures to date include \$1,646,411 leaving a balance of approximately \$321,800. Additional costs for LEED certification and off-site street improvements total \$411,979. Fire Chief Gibson stated grants as well as potential federal stimulus package funding is being researched. Councilor Eck moved to adopt the Fire Station Building Committee’s design schematics. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Consideration for Approval of the Purchase of Four Half-Ton Pickup Trucks

The Budget Committee and Council approved vehicle purchases for the Public Works and Development Department Wastewater Division in FY 08-09 totaling \$81,000. The condition of the vehicle fleet has been reviewed and the needs rebalanced to meet current requirements. Mr. Hossley stated the purchase of four 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup trucks (one with air conditioning and three without air conditioning) from the state contract listing, Bruce Chevrolet,

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for \$59,060.62 will meet the vehicle requirements. Councilor Kramer moved to award the vehicle bids to Bruce Chevrolet for \$59,060.62. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Presentation on the Wastewater Rate Study

Public Works & Development Director Jim Hossley stated Steve Donovan of Donovan Enterprises prepared a wastewater rate study and presented his initial findings at a work session on July 15, 2008. Mr. Donovan prepared and presented a draft final report for review and consideration focusing on the scale and timing of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), financing plan for the CIP, forecasting wastewater system revenue requirements, and rate impacts. The CIP wastewater projects are projected at a future value of \$48,149,435. The timing is contingent upon the Mutual Agreement and Order (MAO) with DEQ to implement the construction. Financing recommendations are debt financing with a combination of DEQ and EPA Clean Water State revolving loan funds and revenue bonds. Mr. Donovan addressed flat rates versus the current consumption based sewer rates. The majority of residents are low consumption users and to achieve the revenue requirements their rates would increase significantly. Bunkerhill Sanitary District will not likely see an impact to their rates early based upon the timing of the construction whereas Charleston Sanitary District will see an increase sooner because of the pending capital projects at Plant No. 2. Mr. Donovan recommended funding the Wastewater Reserve funds for the pending CIP projects, plan for the issuance of debt, and implement general rate increases of 6.4% commencing July 1, 2009. The final rate study report will be brought to Council on March 3, 2009 for consideration of adoption.

Public Comments

Howard Forte, 1386 Anderson, Coos Bay: Expressed concerned with the City purchasing vehicles through state purchasing rather than locally. Robert Cribbins, 319 N 8th Street, Coos Bay: Thanked the Fire Dept. for responding to an incident at his residence and expressed concern regarding the traffic pattern at 7th and Anderson. Steve Schneiderman, 1735 West Hills Blvd, Coos Bay: Thanked the Fire Station Building Committee for their work on the new downtown station, encouraged replacement of the Empire Station, and reported on progress at the state level to ban toys that look like lighters.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock provided an attorney client privilege memo regarding the property ownership issue with the Division of State Lands (DSL). Mayor McKeown suggested reconvening the committee to address this issue.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Freeman attended the "Liquid Assets" presentation at Southwestern hosted by the Water Board on the challenges nationwide regarding underground infrastructure; the retreat will be Saturday, Red Lion, 9:00 a.m.; Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Coos Art Museum, the Downtown Association will meet, the Mayor will address questions through an open microphone session, and Ms. Jansen will present the Virtual Business Incubator program; the buildable

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lands inventory and economic needs and analysis presentation will be 6:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Port office; and the budget is progressing.

Council Comments


Councilor Melton: Local writer Andy Jansen has donated funds from the sale of his book "Hangman's Call" to the Pioneer Cemetery and the Hollering Place; updated the Council on the Public Works Standing Council Committee: the Olson and Morrison Streets city owned property and application of the Egyptian Theater Preservation Association for the National Historic Registry. Councilor Eck thanked the applicants who applied for committee openings. Councilor Johnson stated the Clambrea Festival is looking for volunteers. Councilor Pundt stated he was impressed with the fire station presentation; and the Clambrea Festival is progressing. Councilor Daily stated there is a swing dance February 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Mill Casino. Councilor Kramer stated Leadership Coos program toured the schools and SWOYA facilities last week. Mayor McKeown stated he is pleased with the fire station progress.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Jon Eck, Council President

Attest: 

Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder