

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 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, Economic and Community Development Manager Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, City Engineer Carl Nolte, and Police Captain Cal Mitts.

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 17, 2009 and approval of OLCC license application for Joe's Honkytonk. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown, Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Presentation of a Proclamation on Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month by Sonia Amlin

Sonia Amlin read the Proclamation on Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Councilor Eck moved to approve the proclamation. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown, Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Presentation of a Proclamation on National Telecommunicator's Week

Captain Cal Mitts read the Proclamation on National Telecommunicator's Week. Councilor Kramer moved to approve the proclamation. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown, Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Request to Appoint a Councilor as a Coos Art Museum Board Member

Steven Brooks, Director of the Coos Art Museum, presented a report on the activities, programs, and staffing of the Coos Art Museum. Mr. Brooks requested a Councilor represent the City as a Coos Art Museum Board Member. Councilor Johnson volunteered and by consensus of the Council, Councilor Johnson was affirmed as a Coos Art Museum Board Member.

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Approval to Submit a Conditional Use Permit Application for Siting a Head Start Facility on a Portion of North Morrison

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated the City received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in 2007 to construct a Head Start educational facility. Mr. Hossley stated the city-owned property on North Morrison, south of Lakewood Lane and north of Pirates Court has been identified as a possible location in lieu of the undeveloped parcel on LaClair. To site the educational facility at this location, approval of a conditional use permit application is necessary and includes a 20-day notice be sent to neighboring landowners and a public hearing by the Planning Commission. The food warehouse is not being considered for the Morrison location at this time because it would require a comprehensive plan amendment and zone change. Mr. Hossley stated the developed Verizon property on LaClair was identified as a possible location for both the educational facility and food warehouse. Staff proposes to initiate the conditional use permit process for the North Morrison Street location and explore the purchase of the Verizon property on LaClair. Councilor Daily recused himself and Councilor Johnson declared ex parte contact. Karen Zirk, 1055 Pirates Court; Larry Plews, 155 Lakewood Lane; and Carol Behr, Pirates Court all oppose the Head Start project. Carl Siminow, 1000 Augustine; Mary Margaret Stockert, Coos Bay; Laurie Moore, Java Jones; and Sonia Amlin, Coos Bay all support the North Morrison Street location. Councilor Kramer moved to pursue a conditional use permit application for siting a Head Start educational facility on a portion of the North Morrison Street city-owned parcel and direct staff to pursue the Verizon property on LaClair as a potential Head Start location. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Award of City Shop Roof Replacement

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley stated Requests for Quotes (RFQ) to re-roof the main office building and the west building at the City Shops compound were obtained. Two quotes were received with the low bid received from Rich Rayburn Renovations at \$42,315. Councilor Melton moved to award the City Shop roof replacement bid to Rich Rayburn Renovations for \$42,315. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown, Councilors Daily, Eck, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Pundt voting aye.

Public Works and Development Department Project Update by City Engineer Carl Nolte

City Engineer Carl Nolte updated the Council regarding the Engineering Division staffing levels, coordinated work between departments, projects, and areas of responsibility. Mayor McKeown thanked Mr. Nolte and stated he would like to change the venue to the Council Standing Committees.

Public Comments

Steve Pickering, 2170 N 28th Street, Coos Bay: Stated the importance of amateur radio operators in the time of an emergency. Donna Rayburn, Rich Rayburn Renovations, Coos Bay: Thanked the Council for the bid award.

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City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock stated the Nelson's Mortuary parking lot purchase will close on Friday and the shared parking agreement lease will be brought to Council for approval after the sale has been completed.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Freeman stated the Hollering Place Boat Building Summit will be this Thursday; the skate park is going well with one more section of concrete to be poured and the ribbon cutting tentatively scheduled for May 22nd; \$357,000 in stimulus funds have been guaranteed and will fund 10th Street; \$30,000 has been applied for through the Oregon Dept. of Energy for the Visitor's Convention Bureau project; \$100,000 has been applied for through Oregon State Marine Board for the Empire restrooms; and the General Obligation bonds for the fire station sold with a 4.0% interest rate.

Council Comments

Councilor Daily stated Cal Ripken baseball sign-up is underway with applications available at the Outdoor-In. Councilor Johnson commented the Head Start North Morrison site will receive public input before a decision is made. Councilor Melton stated the Egyptian Theater Preservation Association has been successful in fund raising. Councilor Kramer stated the SMART Reader program is an essential program for children and encouraged donations. Mayor McKeown stated the land ownership issue with DSL is at the committee level and he anticipates the bill moving forward. The Port is considering a number of items for the Eastside property and the baseball fields are under consideration.

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.



Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:



Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder