

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2010

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 Crystal Shoji and Councilors Jon Eck, Jennifer Groth, Joanie Johnson, Stephanie Kramer, Gene Melton, and John Muenchrath. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Flag Salute

Mayor Crystal Shoji opened the meeting and asked Fire Chief Stan Gibson to lead the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 2a: approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2010 Council Meeting and 2b: adoption of Resolution 10-19 accepting the voter canvass for the November 2, 2010 election. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the consent calendar approving the minutes of the November 16, 2010 Council Meeting and adopting Resolution 10-19. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

K-DOCK/Rotary Bus Jam Toy and Food Drive Presentation by Stephanie Kilmer

K-DOCK representative Stephanie Kilmer presented the first annual K-DOCK/Rotary Bus Jam Toy and Food Drive winner's cup to the City of Coos Bay.

Approval to Enter into an Agreement with the Coos County Housing Authority

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 307.092(2) exempts certain real and personal property from property taxes and special assessments levied or imposed. The Coos – Curry Housing Authority (Housing Authority) has several duplexes within the City that are exempt from taxes pursuant to ORS 307.092(2). The Housing Authority and the City of Coos Bay signed an agreement in 1979 whereby the Housing Authority provides payment to the City of Coos Bay in lieu of taxes equal to 10% of the rent revenue which was subsequently distributed to the overlapping districts. The payment in lieu of taxes for FY 2007 was \$2,971.87, for FYE 2008 was \$2,643, and for 2009 was \$2,882.21. The 2007 revision to ORS 307.092 no longer mandated the division of payment in lieu of taxes to the overlapping districts. The proposed agreement does not distribute the payment in lieu of taxes to the overlapping districts. Councilor Muenchrath asked Mr. Beman if the City would receive

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approximately the same amount in payments as in the past wherein Mr. Beman stated affirmative. Councilor Melton asked if it was normal to receive three years of funds at once wherein Mr. Beman stated there would be annual payments in the future. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the updated Coos – Curry Housing Authority agreement. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Introduction of New Employee

Operations Administrator Randy Dixon introduced Public Works and Development Department's new employee, Maintenance Worker 2 Frank Kaiser.

Approval of Proposed Rate Increase of the Coos Bay – North Bend Water Board Alum Sludge Treatment Rate - Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 10-20

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 Kramer moved to adopt Resolution 10-20. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Acceptance of Crystal Shoji's Coos Library Board Resignation and Approval to Appoint Joy Parker To Fill the Unexpired Term

Library Director Carol Ventgen stated Crystal Shoji resigned her position on the Coos Public Library Board subsequent to her election as Mayor. Ms. Joy Parker has been recommended by the Coos Bay Public Library Board to fulfill Mayor Shoji's unexpired term until June 30, 2012. Councilor Johnson moved to accept Crystal Shoji's resignation and approved the selection of Joy Parker as the in-city representative to the Coos Library Board for the unexpired term, until June 30, 2012. Councilor Melton seconded the motion which carried with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Police Department Quarterly Report by Police Chief Gary McCullough

Police Chief Gary McCullough provided a quarterly report, September through November 2010, on Police Department statistics: total calls for service, assigned case numbers, crimes against persons, crimes against property, behavioral crimes, traffic citations issued, code enforcement calls, and disabled parking warnings issued by volunteers. Chief McCullough also provided details and definitions on the types and categories of crimes reported.

Fire Department's Quarterly Report by Fire Chief Stan Gibson

Fire Chief Gibson presented the Fire Department quarterly report for July through September 2010 which included information and statistics on operations, quarterly calls as compared to

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past years, inspections completed, training provided, departmental financial report, and special projects.

Public Comments

Gino Landrum, Coos Bay: Stated he appreciated the flags flown at half staff in memory of Pearl Harbor, December 7th; thanked Mayor Shoji for her involvement in the tree lighting ceremony; and suggested the sidewalk next to Old City Hall be widened. Mike Vaughan, Coos Bay: Stated the dedication of the new Dorothy Vaughan gallery was successful.

City Attorney's Report

No comments were given.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the Winterfest contest for downtown business to decorate for Christmas was designed to bring people into the downtown area and included both corporate and the City of Coos Bay as sponsors; stated the demo of the Lockhart building commenced today; stated the curbing at the Hollering Place wayside was complete and the Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR) monument would be ready soon for installation; and reminded of the December 11th, 9:00 a.m. Saturday, work session at the Fire Hall to review Council rules and goals.

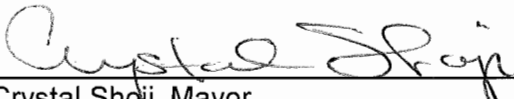
Council Comments

Councilor Eck stated Shore Acres will be hosted by the Coos Bay Lions Club and the Coos Bay Fire Department over the holidays; stated the Coos Bay Fire Department will be picking up Christmas trees on January 9th and would accept food donations for the community. Councilor Kramer thanked City Manager Rodger Craddock for his work on the employee's banquet; stated the recent governing class was excellent; was looking forward to judging at the Winterfest contest, and was pleased with the new curbing at the Hollering Place wayside. Councilor Johnson was pleased with the turnout at the employee's banquet and congratulated all of the employees; thanked City Manager Craddock for the additional RV parking spaces downtown; stated the Coos Art Museum will have new exhibits opening this week; stated the Dorothy Vaughan exhibit was fantastic; and reminded all to shop local. Councilor Melton congratulated the employees on their longevity and loyalty with the City and reminded all of Pearl Harbor on December 7th and the sacrifice of those in the military for our nation. Mayor Shoji stated she enjoyed a recent visit with Mayor Wetherell and would like to incorporate more public comments; stated the use of the name Old Marshfield should be encouraged; stated she would be reporting back on the Bob Belloni Ranch fundraiser; and stated she was pleased to forward email questions to City Manager Rodger Craddock and receive progress and comments back. Councilor Groth stated the success of the Dorothy Vaughan exhibit has increased business for the Art Connection; stated she along with Mayor Shoji and Councilor Johnson attended an Oregon Business Council meeting wherein the Oregon Business Plan was discussed whose basic goal was to increase median income statewide; and stated the SDAT team would be reconvening and she solicited comments to forward to the committee.


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Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2010 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Crystal Shoji, Mayor

Attest: 

Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder