

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2011

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, Finance Director Rae Lea Cousens, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Battalion Chief Dean Martin, and Police Captain Cal Mitts.

Flag Salute

Mayor Crystal Shoji opened the meeting and asked Bill Rugh to lead the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

Public Comments

Katherine Hoppe, Coos Bay: Stated the AAA basketball tournament would start tomorrow and asked the community to welcome the teams.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Shoji reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of 3a: approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2011 Council Meeting and 3b: adoption of 2011 Council Goals. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar approving the minutes of the February 15, 2011 Council Meeting and adopting the 2011 Council Goals. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Presentation of Appreciation Certificate to Cindi Miller

Mayor Shoji presented an appreciation certificate to Cindi Miller (unable to attend) for three years of volunteer service on the Parks Commission from March 2007 through December 2010.

Presentation of a Proclamation on International Women's Day by Genelle Hanken

Genelle Hanken read the Proclamation on International Women's Day. Councilor Melton moved to approve the proclamation. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Report from The Military Order of the Purple Heart

Bill and Jeanne Rugh, representing The Military Order of the Purple Heart stated the Order would like to place a memorial to all Purple Heart recipients at the intersection of Hwy 101 and

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Commercial, near the Point Man Ministries American flag. Councilor Muenchrath suggested the item be referred to staff to prepare for a future Council agenda item.

Marine Reserve Recommendation Committee Update by Kathy Wall

Mayor Shoji declared a conflict of interest and stepped down for this agenda item. Councilor Johnson stated she attended several Marine Reserve meetings. Kathy Wall stated in 2009 the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay (Port) agreed to lead the discussion and established a committee on the possibility of establishing Marine Reserves (MR) and/or Marine Protected Areas (MPA) in the Cape Arago/Seven Devils area. The committee is comprised of stakeholders from the communities of Bandon, Coos Bay, North Bend, Charleston, Winchester Bay, and Reedsport representing the commercial and recreational fishing, conservation interests, scientific research advocates, business interests, local Indian tribal groups, and the public-at-large. The committee established procedures to guide their discussion and generated ten proposal options. Of these options, six were identified as not viable with the remaining four being suitable. Proposal A – Simpson Reef Great Kelp Study Area, Marine Reserve; Proposal C – South Cove Study Area, Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area; Proposal G – Gregory Point Study Area, Marine Protected Area; and Proposal H – No New Marine Reserve or No New Marine Protected Area. Mr. Craddock requested the Council provide direction on which options to support at the March 16, 2011 committee meeting.

Matt LeDew, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce representative: Stated the Marine Reserve would impact the local fisheries, there were no funds to support the program, and they supported Proposal H. Gino Landrum, Coos Bay: Suggested the project was research oriented and a sunset clause should be included to force the project at a specific date to end or be funded. Dave Lacey, Gold Beach: Stated marine reserve research is ongoing in the Port Orford community and has brought over \$140,000 into the community from those conducting the research. A marine reserve could increase tourism and recreational diving. Cameron Hinman, Coos Bay: Suggested the ocean could support both the marine reserve as well as the fishing industry. Nicole Jackson, Coos Bay: Asked that Proposal H not be approved, reminded of the success of the South Slough reserve, and suggested voting for Proposal A. Timm Slater, North Bend: Stated not all of the questions have been addressed and supported Proposal H. Linda Anderson, Coos Bay: Supports marine reserves in general and submitted an article by Hans Radtke. Chuck Willer, Corvallis: Stated it would be unfortunate to end the process before all of the information has been gathered.

Councilor Muenchrath stated he would like to see more information, leave all of the options open, and avoid Proposal H. Councilor Kramer stated she would like to retain the ability to vote no in the future; stated she has had conversations with her husband and fishermen; and did not support Proposal G. Councilor Groth stated she was disappointed in the lack of progress of the committee and stated there was not enough information available at this time to make a decision. Council Melton agreed with Councilor Muenchrath, did not believe there was enough information to make a decision, and wondered why people in eastern Oregon had input with regards to our local area. Councilor Eck stated he agreed with Councilor Muenchrath and Melton and suggested voting no on all four proposals.

Consensus vote of the Council for Proposal A: Councilors Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Eck voting no.

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Consensus vote of the Council for Proposal C: Councilors Eck, Groth, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilor Johnson voting no.

Consensus vote of the Council for Proposal G: Councilors Groth, Melton and Muenchrath voting aye. Councilors Eck, Kramer and Johnson voting no.

Consensus vote of the Council for Proposal H: Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath voting no.

Presentation on the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon by Chief Professional Officer Denise Gould

Denise Gould, Chief Professional Officer, presented an overview of the programs offered by the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon and thanked the Council for their past support.

Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Plan Amendment and Zone Change for Property Located at 826 S 11th Street – Approval Would Require Enactment of the Proposed Ordinances

Councilor Johnson stated she received a letter from the City of Coos Bay and Mayor Shoji stated she visited the area to observe activities. Planning Administrator Laura Barron read the public hearing disclosure and stated the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and proposed zone designation would change the plan map and zone designation of the vacant .56 acre property abutting the northwest corner of the Marshfield High School campus from “Residential Low-Density (R-L)” to “Residential High-Density (R-H)” and zone designation from “Single-family and Duplex Residential (R-2)” to “Residential Professional (R-4P)”. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their February 8, 2011 meeting for the proposed school-based health center, operated by the Waterfall Clinic. No other uses in the R-4P zone would be permitted.

The Planning Commission’s recommendations included conditions to limit the intensity of the use and impact to the surrounding residential neighborhood; a health clinic rather than a school-based health clinic would not be permitted under the proposed zoning; the facility would be limited to two physicians (nurse practitioner/physician assistant); the number of students utilizing the school-based health clinic tracked to verify the 66% anticipated use; approval of a Site Plan and Architectural Review; and a traffic impact analysis would be required and mitigation measures completed. Joe Slack, HGE, representing the Waterfall Clinic presented the boundaries of the project. Kathy Laird, Waterfall Clinic, presented an overview of the services offered.

Mayor Shoji opened the public hearing. Ralph Mohr, Coos Bay: Stated he was a teacher at Marshfield High School for 33 years, was in support of the clinic, believed the clinic would serve the students well that attend Marshfield High School; and was pleased with a health care clinic in the southern portion of Coos Bay. Nancy Anderson, Coos Bay: Stated many people use 11th Street, there was already traffic congestion at Elrod and 10th Street, stated there would be added stress to the police department with disturbance phone calls, suggested there would be additional traffic with parents picking up ill students, questioned why the Waterfall Clinic in North

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Bend was not on the North Bend campus, questioned what type of medications would be dispensed, questioned how long the lease would be, questioned how many adults would be using the clinic, questioned the increase in the parking spaces of up to 46 spaces if needed, questioned the capacity of the existing sewer system, questioned if dispensing medicine would be contrary to the drug free zone designation, and suggested the proposed location was not good. Gino Landrum, Coos Bay: Congratulated the Waterfall Clinic on doing a wonderful job and questioned if the undeveloped lots would be developed wherein Laura Barron, Planning Administrator, stated the lots were in a drainage area and not likely to be developed.

Mayor Shoji closed the public hearing. Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the amendment based on the findings and conclusion set forth in the Planning Commission’s Final Recommendation, approve the plan map amendment to change the designation from “Residential Low-Density (R-L)” to “Residential High-Density (R-H)”, and enact the ordinance. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion. Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 441 was enacted by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath
No: None
Absent: None

Councilor Muenchrath moved to approve the zone change based on the findings and conclusion set forth in the Planning Commission’s Final Recommendation, approve the zone change to change the designation from “Single-family and Duplex Residential (R-2)” to “Qualified Residential Professional (Q R-4P)”, and enact the ordinance. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion. Deputy Finance Director Susanne Baker read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 442 was enacted by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Shoji and Councilors Eck, Groth, Johnson, Kramer, Melton, and Muenchrath
No: None
Absent: None

City Attorney’s Report

No comments were given.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated an ODOT grant was recently denied for Flex Funds for a project on Southwest Blvd. However, information and guidance was received on how the City might receive approval and staff was moving forward to reapply.

Council Comments

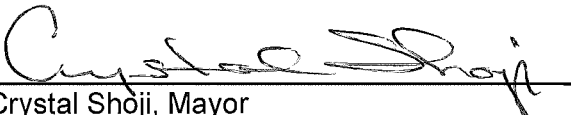
Councilor Groth stated the Association of Oregon Counties would be conducting a discussion on home rule on March 9th from 7 – 9 p.m. Councilor Johnson reminded everyone of the programs at the Coos Art Museum, encouraged support of the Egyptian Theatre, and to shop

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local. Mayor Shoji stated an ordinance in Savannah Georgia prevented Girl Scouts from selling cookies in front of the Girl Scouts founder's home and stated this was a reminder of the implications of enacting an ordinance.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Shoji adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.


Crystal Shoji, Mayor

Attest: 

Rae Lea Cousens, City Recorder