

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 2019

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Police Chief Gary McCullough, and Battalion Chief Jeffery Adkins.

Flag Salute

Mayor Benetti opened the meeting and led the Council and assembly in the salute to the flag.

Public Comments

Rick Shearer, Coos Bay stated he knew the Transportation User Fee (TUF) would pass and did not like it, but supported it as it was needed. He thought Council knew what they were doing as potholes were getting worse, but was worried landlords would increase rent to pass on the cost. Mr. Shearer also stated he was against the proposed library bond issue, the community could not afford another bond, and he would lobby against it even though the library was in terrible shape. Ken Folker, Coos Bay stated the Council made the correct decision regarding the Traditional Cultural Properties Historic District (TCP) and wanted to thank the Council, Veterans, Police Department, and hospitals for their service.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

- 3a: Approval of the minutes of February 12, 2019
- 3b: Approval of the Joint City and URA Work Session minutes of February 12, 2019
- 3c: Approval of the Joint City Council and Confederated Tribes Council minutes of February 19, 2019
- 3d: Approval of the Joint City and URA Work Session minutes of February 26, 2019
- 3e: Approval of the minutes of March 5, 2019
- 3f: Acceptance of the February Check Registers

3g: Acceptance of the February Financial Reports

Councilor DiNovo moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Report by Marshfield High School Key Club Members

Marshfield High School (MHS) Key Club representatives Sofia Munoz and Zachariah Sahli summarized upcoming Key Club activities, shared various ongoing fundraising activities and achievements by various MHS clubs, committees, and athletic teams. Spring break would be March 25, 2019 through March 29, 2019.

Consideration of Enacting the Proposed Ordinance Creating a Transportation Utility Fee and Adoption of Resolution 19-04 Setting the Monthly Transportation Utility Fee

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated over the past several months the Council held several work sessions and regular Council meetings in order to obtain input on the Transportation User Fee (TUF), with focus on implementing a flat \$10 per month TUF. Council also explored a \$15 or \$20 TUF for commercial properties. A \$10/\$15 combination TUF would generate an additional \$40,200 per year. A \$10/\$20 TUF combination would result in an additional \$80,400 per year (\$402,000 in five years) over the \$10 only TUF. Staff provided a spreadsheet of potential projects that could be completed with a \$10/\$20 TUF over the next five years. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated he had not received any feedback from Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) or business community.

Council would need to adopt an ordinance for establishing the TUF and approve a resolution setting the fees. Three different resolutions for the proposed combinations \$10/\$10, \$10/\$15, and \$10/\$20 were provided for Council consideration. The TUF would be effective for the May 1, 2019 billing cycle.

Mayor Joe Benetti opened to public comments. No comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

Councilor DiNovo moved to enact the proposed ordinance creating a Transportation Utility Fee. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion. Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance 510 was enacted by the following vote:

Aye: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Councilor DiNovo moved to adopt Resolution 19-04 setting the monthly transportation utility fee to \$10 for residential properties and \$20 for non-residential properties. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Consideration of an Amendment to the International City Management Association (ICMA) Deferred Compensation Plan and Adoption of Resolution 19-05

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the City of Coos Bay had established a deferred compensation plan for its employees as an additional elective benefit which allowed employees opportunity to save funds for their retirement. The city currently worked with four different providers of deferred compensation plans, ICMA being one of those providers. Under the current plan with ICMA, employee loans from their deferred compensation plan were not permitted. As there has been interest to offer this option, which is allowable per IRS Code Section 457, amending the plan was required.

Councilor Farmer moved to adopt Resolution 19-05 amending the City of Coos Bay ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan to permit loans. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the City Council Goal Setting meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2019 at 9:00 am in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Craddock shared he had received a request from a downtown retailer to use the Prefontaine mural image on items for sale, which would be allowed upon Council approval and acceptance by artist and Prefontaine's sister. There would be a swearing in ceremony April 3, 2019, 10 am in council chambers for new police officer. Budget Committee meeting April 11, 2019, and April 18, 2019 if needed. Bayshore Motel was scheduled for demolition, permit to be pulled. The Hollering Place seawall should be completed early April 2019, a celebration and symbolic transfer of title would be scheduled.

Council Comments

Councilor Miles stated the Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon's local Youth of the Year recently went to the state capital to compete in a State Youth of the Year and received a \$5,000 scholarship and won. This youth would be going to the Pacific Region competition for a chance at a \$10,000 scholarship, with a trip to Washington D.C. for a national competition if winner of regional competition. Councilor Miles asked for an update on the sewer line warranty program agreement and asked about the Fire Department openings schedule. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated staff had been working with the warranty program provider to review the proposed announcements, roll-out should be in the next thirty (30) to forty (40) days. Mr. Craddock stated the Fire Department was going through the process of hiring a new Firefighter/Engineer, promoting a Lieutenant, and promoting two Battalion Chiefs. Councilor Kilmer stated the Coos Bay Downtown Association (CBDA) hired Ashley Audycki for the Coos Bay Farmers' Market manager position. The CBDA board had met to determine short-term and long-term goals, and used those goals to assist a Coos Bay property owner for a main street grant. Councilor Marler stated there would be a meeting April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Millacoma school gym to update residents on school project and anticipated construction noise, with groundbreaking for the new Eastside school on April 12, 2019 at noon. Preliminary planning did not anticipate the need for 125 pilings at the site for a cost of \$600,000, and since the school bond was voted in, the cost for materials and labor have increased, with current project budget shortage of \$5,000,000. Councilor Matthews stated he personally worked with the city to get building permits, it went smoothly and faster than expected, was streamlined and was pleased with

the process. Mayor Benetti stated on April 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) would be the groundbreaking for the Health & Science Technology Building. The Oregon Coast Visitor's Association (OCVA) had a business social on March 19, 2019 at 7 Devils Brewing Co. and their Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting was scheduled on March 20, 2019 at the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for April 2, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder