

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 1, 2005

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 Joe Benetti and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, and John Muenchrath. Councilor Kevin Stufflebean was absent. City staff present were City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Nathan McClintock, Community Services Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Assistant Library Director Ellen Thompson, and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of approval of a proclamation for Prematurity Awareness Month and approval of the October 10, 2005 minutes. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Appointments to the Empire Waterfront Concept Plan Committee

Mayor Benetti reported the recommendation for appointments to the Empire Waterfront Concept Plan Committee were Councilor Jeff McKeown, Councilor John Muenchrath, Planning Commissioner Jim Berg, Planning Administrator Laura Barron, Operations Administrator Steve Doty, and community members Bob Sasanoff, John Pundt, Tom Greaves, and Steve Skinner. Councilor Miller moved to approve the appointments as presented. Councilor Eck seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Mr. McClure will proceed with scheduling the first meeting.

Consideration of a Request from the League of Oregon Cities for Funds to be Used for the Qwest Litigations

Mayor Benetti briefly reviewed the history of the Qwest litigation and reported the League of Oregon Cities has requested funding support from the City of Coos Bay as well as from other cities in Oregon. The amount of the request per city is two percent of annual telephone franchise receipts. Councilor Gould moved to approve expending \$1,660. Councilor McKeown seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Increase in the Franchise Fee for PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power – Approval of the Increase will Require Enactment of the Ordinance to Amend the Franchise Agreement

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing on the proposed increase in electric franchise fees. There were no comments given and the Mayor closed the hearing. City Manager Scott McClure reported the increase would be effective January 1, 2006. The anticipated increase in revenue for the current fiscal year is \$100,000, and \$200,000 for next fiscal year. Mayor Benetti commented increasing the franchise fee was discussed during budget meetings and the Budget Committee recommended the Council pursue the increase. A majority of Oregon cities have already increased the franchise. Councilor Eck moved to approve the proposed ordinance amending the PacifiCorp franchise. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and polled the Council.

Ordinance No. 376 amending Ordinance No. 163 granting to PacifiCorp, doing business as Pacific Power and Light Company, an Oregon corporation, and to its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive right and franchise of twenty (20) years to construct, maintain and operate, in public places of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, was enacted by the following vote:

Aye:	Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, Gould, McKeown, Miller, and Muenchrath
No:	None
Absent:	Councilor Stufflebean

Consideration of Enactment of an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 359 Amending the Coos Bay/North Bend Tourism Promotions Committee Intergovernmental Agreement

Mayor Benetti explained Coos Bay had enacted Ordinance No. 359 amending the Tourism Promotions Agreement to give the Charleston representative the right to vote. However, the City of North Bend did not approve their ordinance, and a change to the agreement requires approval of both cities. Councilor Miller moved to approve the proposed ordinance. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and polled the Council. Ordinance No. 377 repealing Ordinance No. 359, modifying the intergovernmental agreement entered into by the City of Coos Bay and the City of North Bend for the creation of the Coos Bay/North Bend Tourism and Promotions Committee was enacted by the following vote:

Aye:	Mayor Benetti and Councilors Eck, Gould, McKeown, Miller, and Muenchrath
No:	None
Absent:	Councilor Stufflebean

City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Scott McClure reviewed the status of the projects list, including but not limited to the following: North Bend's city attorney is still working on the crossover sewer inter-governmental agreement; the city manager will participate in a monthly segment on BiCoastal Media; staff met with the consultant regarding development of the Street SDC; demolition of the Central Dock building will go out for bid within the next few weeks; the parks master plan and review of city fees are in the works; a meeting of the Empire Waterfront Concept Plan Committee will be scheduled shortly; and the City is waiting on notification of grants funds to replace Choshi bridge. Councilor McKeown suggested the city manager review the SDC fees charged by the Water Board.

Public Comments

No public comments were given.

Council Comments

Councilor McKeown reported Governor Kulongoski will be in the Bay Area on Friday to dedicate the rail spur on the North Spit. The Port Commission is working to purchase additional property on the North Spit which would be a huge potential to the area. The availability of natural gas is a critical part of the development. Mayor Benetti reported Mike Graybill at South Slough Sanctuary offered to assist the City in updating the signs on the downtown boardwalk. The Farmer's Market ended last week after a very successful season. Mayor Benetti requested Council input on the city manager's employment agreement. There was a brief discussion regarding the agreement and City Attorney McClintock commented on areas to be revised. Councilor McKeown moved to renew the employment agreement with City Manager Scott McClure. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to November 15, 2005 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder