

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 4, 1994

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning with a work session at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and proceeding to regular session in the Council Chambers at 7:30 P.M.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gene McCabe, Gene Melton, Cindi Miller and David Williams. City staff present included City Manager Jim Watson, City Recorder Gail George, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Chief Marc Adams, Public Works Director Ralph Dunham, Community Development Director Bruce Meithof and Fire Chief Cliff Vaniman. Members of the media were also present. City Attorney Paula Bechtold arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Work Session

Mayor Verger presented a gift from the Council to outgoing City Manager Jim Watson. The Councilors then made comments about working with Watson. In their comments they noted the number of projects accomplished such as the waterfront, renovation of the downtown and finding a way to finance the needed equipment in the Fire Department and other departments. He was also thanked for the expertise he brought to the community and his ability to implement the council goals. They also expressed their pleasure at working with him, complemented him for being visionary, and wished him well in his retirement.

Flag Salute

Mayor Verger called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Joe Benetti, Chair of the Urban Renewal Agency.

Review of Plan Amendment and Report

Bruce Meithof, Community Development Director, reviewed the process so far on this amendment, relating that the amendment was referred from the Agency to the Planning Commission. and that the Planning Commission reviewed the amendment and returned it to the Agency with a recommendation. He noted that recommendation number one from the Planning commission is in error and should not be considered by the Agency. Their other recommendations deal with changes in the costs of two of the projects in the plan. The Planning Commission also suggested other changes the Council might want to consider at another time. One of those suggestions was to

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subtract the submerged lands from the Urban Renewal Plan. Another suggestion was to include the lands between Anderson Avenue and the Chamber of Commerce building. Meithof went on to explain what area near the Library is included in the amendment. He reported that no comments were received from any taxing agencies and all were given notice and opportunity to comment.

Recommendation on Plan Amendment to the City Council

Councilor Williams moved to recommend this amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan to the Council with proposed changes two and three from the Planning Commission which deal with cost estimates in the plan. The motion was seconded by Councilor Miller and carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

COUNCIL MEETING

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which included the following items:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 1994.
- b) Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of September 14, 1994.
- c) Approval of an Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation.
- d) Approval of a Disability Employment Awareness Month Proclamation.
- e) Approval of a Construction Awareness Week Proclamation.

Councilor McCabe moved for approval of the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilor Miller and carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Geno Landrum introduced the McCullough Bridge Light Brigade and mentioned that on October 22nd, this committee will be symbolically lighting the bridge. He asked the Council to approve a proclamation at their next meeting for McCullough Bridge awareness week and explained the goal of the committee was to have lights on the bridge this year.

Roger Gould thanked Jim Watson on behalf of the citizens of the City of Coos Bay for the job he has done and the excellent condition he has left the City in.

Diane Hannah said she was sorry to see Jim Watson leaving and hopes the City will keep moving forward and asked for a six month extension to complete repairs to her home, which repairs were ordered by the Council earlier this year. She wanted to know what is being done to keep the water from flooding her property, that now has a new \$15,000 foundation. Mayor Verger asked Public Works for a report. Ralph Dunham, Public Works Director, said they will put in a tide gate, but they are currently busy with storm sewer repairs in other areas of the city. He estimated that the work would be done around the end of October. Dunham explained how the tide gate worked and said the problem is compounded by increased development in the area. He noted that the

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Hannah property is below the level of the tide. Verger asked if the Council needed to grant the extension and Meithof replied that since the Council made the original order, they should grant any extension. Councilor Benetti moved and Councilor Miller seconded a motion to grant Hannah a six month extension. The question was called and the motion carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye

Presentation of State Emergency Medical Services award to Lieutenant Randy Miles

Fire Chief Cliff Vaniman explained that Randy Miles was presented an award for his aid to a neighbor who was in cardiac arrest. He related that although he was off duty, Miles heard the call on his pager, responded, and was successful in administering cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation.

Public Hearing - Amendment to Urban Renewal Plan and Adoption of Ordinance No. 210 Amending the Urban Renewal Plan

Mayor Verger opened the public hearing on the amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan.

Len Luttrell asked what would happen to the duplex in the area being annexed and asked if the City could be required to replace the housing. Jim Watson explained that if the property were vacant when acquired by the City, no relocation of the tenants would be necessary. No one else appeared to comment and Verger closed the public hearing.

Councilor Benetti moved and Councilor Miller offered a second to a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 210 and change the proposed the amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan as recommended by the Urban Renewal Agency. City Recorder Gail George read the ordinance by title only since it had been mailed to the Council at least seven days before the meeting. The Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mayor Verger, Councilors Benetti, McCabe, Melton, Miller and Williams.
Voting No.: None
Absent: Councilor Combs

Resolution 94-17 - Amending Sewer Rates

Jim Watson explained that this resolution would raise the base rate from \$2.00 to \$4.50 and lower the rate per 100 cubic feet from \$1.81 to \$1.62. Councilor McCabe moved to adopt resolution 94-17 which is attached hereto and made a part of thereby. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Len Luttrell and Doug Booth both stated that they had no objection to the proposed change if it was adopted as presented in the resolution. The question was called and the motion carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye

Presentation by Coos Art Museum and Request for Funding

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Suzanne Goodman, representing the Coos Art Museum, thanked the Council for their support of the Coos Art Museum. She reported that they formed a steering committee of experts to design a plan for an arts education program, introduced the members of the committee and explained how the curriculum was developed. Goodman noted that the schools feel it is very important for artists to come into the schools, especially in the second and third grades and they incorporated this request in their proposed program. She said the older grades will be visited by panels of artists and it is their goal to expose the children to a wide level of the arts. Goodman told the Council that every two years the museum will have an exhibit that is of educational significance to children and in the years in between, they will have an exhibit of the children's art work. She explained that they would also offer classes and workshops for the more serious art students and gave examples of what classes were already being scheduled. Mayor Verger expressed her appreciation for the program they put together and felt it was a very good example of cooperation between the schools, the city and the museum.

Councilor Miller moved and Councilor Melton seconded a motion to approve the agreement with the Coos Art Museum to fund the Arts in Education program for \$24,000, continue to pay the utilities and maintenance on the building, and to return to the Museum any monthly rents collected. The question was called and the motion carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Attorney Report

Paula Bechtold reported that a suit against the City over a bicycle accident has been dropped and that briefs for the Police arbitration have been turned in. She informed the council that she has reviewed the contract with Rich Turi for the library project.

City Manager Report

Jim Watson suggested that the Council appoint an interim manager since Friday is his last day. He further suggested that Bruce Meithof be appointed as interim manager, noting that he has been including him in meetings and giving him information about the current affairs of the City. Watson asked permission to sign the contract with Turi to provide a model of the proposed library expansion. He then expressed his appreciation to the Council for his opportunity to work with them.

Council Comments

Councilor Miller reported that it had been her privilege to be a van driver for visiting Chamber of Commerce members from around the state. She said they enjoyed the area and local businesses had provided free rooms, meals, and a boat ride. She related that they toured many area attractions and seemed to be pleased with the area, and noted how perfect and organized the tour was.

Councilor Benetti moved that Jim Watson be authorized to sign a contract with Richard Turi to provide a model of the library project. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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Mayor Verger asked if Bruce Meithof was willing to be interim manager and he answered in the affirmative. Consensus was to appoint Meithof as interim manager with a salary of \$4,800 per month.

Executive Session

On motion by Councilor Williams and seconded by Councilor Miller the council voted to go into executive session under ORS 192.660 (1) (j) to discuss labor negotiations and ORS 192.660 (1) (d) to discuss personnel matters and ORS 192.660 (1) (a) employment of public officers.. Attending the executive session were the mayor, all councilors present, City Manager Jim Watson, Finance Director Gail George, City Attorney Paula Bechtold, Fire Chief Cliff Vaniman, Community Development Director Bruce Meithof, Police Chief Marc Adams, Accounting Operations Manager Mary Beth Holst, and members of the media.

Adjournment

The Council came out of executive session and there being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall on October 18, 1994.

Joanne Verger
Mayor of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

Gail George
Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon