

## **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

January 18, 1995

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, at 7:00 P.M. in the Empire Lakes Community Building at 250 Hull Street, Coos Bay.

### **Those Present**

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gary Combs, Don Spangler and Dave Williams. Also Present were City Manager Bill Elliott, City Recorder/Finance Director Gail George, Community Development Director Bruce Meithof, Police Chief Marc Adams and Jon Richards from the SWOCC Business Development Center.

Mayor Verger called the meeting to order and introduced the Council members and Jon Richards, who facilitated the meeting. The special session was held for the purpose of assessing the interest of forming an Urban Renewal District in the Empire Area. Community Development Director Bruce Meithof gave a presentation on what Urban Renewal is, how taxes are affected, how it works under Oregon law and answered questions from the audience. Jon Richards, acting as facilitator, asked the audience what type of projects they would like to see done if an Urban Renewal District were formed. The projects mentioned were:

Improvement of the main street in Empire	Waterfront development
Historical markers	Historical Museum
Put in sidewalks	Install additional street lights
Improve side streets and residential streets	Lengthen the fishing dock to deep water
Install more signals for better traffic control	Put in more fire hydrants
Low interest loans to assist small businesses	

Mayor Verger agreed to have another meeting in about three weeks depending on when both rooms at the Empire Lakes Community Building were available. At the next meeting Mayor Verger suggested reviewing the projects already completed by the City in the Empire area, discussing the specific projects the residents and business owners want to see in the plan, going over the specifics of how to proceed, defining the boundaries for the district and, at the suggestion of someone in the audience, distributing a survey about the Urban Renewal project.

It was mentioned that the Empire Association would be having a meeting on February 2nd and they would discuss the various Urban Renewal projects mentioned and bring back some specific suggestions to the next Special Council Meeting in Empire.

**Adjournment**

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 February 7, 1995.

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

**ATTEST:**

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