

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 5, 1996

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

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gary Combs, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Judy Weeks, and Dave Williams. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, City Clerk Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Finance Director Gail George, Mary Beth Holst Accounting Operations Supervisor, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, City Engineer Ralph Dunham, Police Captain Chuck Knight, Library Director Carol Ventgen. Members of the media were also present.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar. She reported that Karen Hammer had notified the City she would not be at the meeting and the item would be removed from the agenda. Mayor Verger noted a correction in item 4b to read the bid would be awarded to Ken Ware. City Attorney Randall Tosh reviewed the Tourism and Promotion inter-governmental agreement and reported the City had not been following the terms of the agreement regarding appointments. He said the Council seat was an even year appointment for two years and the at-large seat appointed for two years on the odd year. Mr. Tosh commented the confusion may have been due to a proposed resolution which was submitted at the time the agreement was adopted, and the resolution was not adopted. Mr. Tosh said Councilor Benetti was in the council seat and on schedule; however, Councilor Miller was in the at-large seat and off schedule. Councilor Miller indicated she would be stepping down, and the City would need to appoint at-large member for a term through December 1997. Mayor Verger inquired if there had been interest expressed from the hotel/motel owners in serving on the committee. Councilor Benetti recommended the motel association be contacted for a member. Councilor Spangler asked for a list of the hotel/motel association members. Councilor Weeks asked if the resolution would be adopted and Mr. Tosh said the City was bound by the intergovernmental agreement. Mayor Verger suggested North Bend be notified that the resolution was not adopted. Mr. Tosh said he would draft a letter to Bob Thomas to this effect. Councilor Benetti asked if a joint council meeting with the City of North Bend was planned. City Manager Bill Grile responded a meeting would be scheduled in the near future to discuss the Bay Area strategic plan.

Mr. Grile reported the Council goal setting session on Saturday went very well. He said a memo of the draft goals had been distributed to the Council and suggested the document also be sent to those who had participated. Mr. Grile said a public hearing would be scheduled at a future council meeting for public comments before the Council formally adopts the goals. Mayor Verger commented the department reports were very informative and suggested the reports be presented to the Budget Committee. Councilor Combs asked that the outline and graphs be handed out as well. Mr. Grile said the first budget meeting was scheduled for April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the library

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auditorium and would consist of an orientation, department presentations, and the budget message. Mr. Grile said a couple of the goals had been inadvertently left out and needed to be added, which were the expansion of the Chamber building, and maintenance of the Empire Lakes Community and Art Museum buildings. Mr. Grile commented that it was important that goals provide a sufficient umbrella over the budget process. Councilor Weeks asked if goals were identified as long-term and short-term and Mayor Verger responded they were not set out that way as of yet. Councilor Williams suggested refurbishing of the Scout Cabin be included in the goals. He commented that the economic development goal should include recruiting businesses to the area. Mayor Verger responded the port had a marketing director and the county had an economic development director, and the City must decide where it fits in. Councilor Benetti commented the City could join with other entities such as the City of North Bend, the port and county rather than try to perform this function alone.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which consisted of the following items:

- a) approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 1996
- b) approval of the minutes of the special meeting of February 20, 1996
- c) Transfer from contingency to pay costs from Senior Center project - Resolution 96-11
- d) Authorizing purchase of property for public purpose and expenditure of funds for purchase of the property - Resolution 96-12
- e) Supporting rail bridge refurbishment - Resolution 96-13

Councilor Weeks moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Award of Bids - Wastewater Vehicles

Mr. Grile reported the flat bed truck would replace a 1982 pickup in the Wastewater Division. Mayor Verger moved to award the bid to Tower Ford for \$19,570. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Mr. Grile reported the low bid for a compact truck for the Wastewater Division was from Ken Ware. Councilor Miller moved to award the bid to Ken Ware for \$12,537. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

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Appointments to Tourism Promotion Committee

City Attorney Tosh reported the issue of committee appointments arose at the previous Council meeting. He said the inter-government agreement specified the terms were for two years; with the Council position appointed on an even year and the at-large position on an odd year. Mr. Tosh recommended Councilor Benetti retain his seat and at the time Councilor Miller resigns, the at-large position be appointed for a term ending December 1997. Mayor Verger requested the Bay Area Motel Association be contacted about an appointment recommendation from their association. City Manager Grile said he would write a letter to the association. Councilor Benetti moved to ask the motel association to recommend a member for appointment to the Tourism Promotion Committee and if no one was appointed, the position would be advertised. Councilor Combs seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Unveiling of Coos Bay Internet World Wide Web Site

City Manager Bill Grile introduced the City's WEB page and commended the WEB committee for doing an outstanding job of developing the home page for the City. Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth demonstrated the WEB page for the audience.

Public Comments

Carol Ventgen, Library Director, representing the Friends of the Library, distributed to the Council additional pages of signatures supporting the library expansion project.

Diane Hannah, 1041 South 7th, requested an extension for completing improvements to her residence. She said she was having difficulty with borrowing funds to complete the improvements and was requesting a six-month extension. Councilor Combs commented there have been three previous extensions and he did not feel six months would be long enough. Councilor Miller moved to give Mrs. Hannah a six-month extension. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and Councilors Benetti, Miller, Spangler, Weeks, and Williams voting aye; Councilor Combs voted no.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported that he had been successful in negotiating with DEQ for a reduction of \$5,100 in fines. Mr. Tosh reported that ordinances regarding graffiti, use of skateboards, and specified crime property would be distributed at the March 19th meeting. He said the Chamber of Commerce lease was in the works and he expected the purchase of the Bryan Sherwood property to close on Friday.

City Manager

City Manager Bill Grile reported the city hall remodeling was progressing well and under budget. Mr. Grile and Mr. Meithof met with Steve Clay to discuss the design concept for renovation

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of Block IV and Mr. Clay would be resubmitting a modified proposal to show a parking and plaza design. Mr. Grile said he would report to the Council at the March 19th meeting.

Council Comments

Councilor Spangler commented on the continuing problems with pigeons on the boardwalk and suggested further methods be looked into for abating the problem.

Councilor Weeks said she was sorry missed to have missed the goal planning session and it appeared the Council did a good job of preparing goals for the City.

Councilor Combs reported the parks commission reviewed the need for park hosts at the Mingus Park Scout Cabin and Empire boat ramp. He commented that the parks commission recommended the City consider adopting the Morrison Street property into the park boundaries for future development as a ball field. Consensus of the Council was to place it on the agenda for Council to consider initiation of plan amendment zone change for the March 19th meeting. Mr. Grile commented the process would include public hearings.

Councilor Williams congratulated Kevin Hedgepeth and Bill Grile for doing a good job on the City's WEB page.

Councilor Miller commented she enjoyed Saturday's goal setting work session and that she learned a lot.

Councilor Benetti thanked Kevin Hedgepeth and Bill Grile for the City's WEB page. He commented that he enjoyed the goal setting session and felt the Council accomplished a great deal. He reported attending the Downtown Association meeting and the Association does support the library expansion project. He was concerned because at the goal setting session Flora Lee Lockhart stated she did not support the library expansion, and it was unclear if she spoke as a citizen or as a representative of the Downtown Association.

Mayor Verger commended Kevin Hedgepeth for great job on producing the City's WEB page. Mayor Verger reported the six-month evaluation of the city manager would be coming up in April and asked if Mr. Grile preferred the evaluation to be public or private. Mr. Grile responded he would like a public evaluation. Mayor Verger asked if criteria would need to be developed and City Attorney Tosh said there was not a requirement to set criteria unless the evaluation was held in executive session. Mayor Verger reported she would be participating in SWOCC's Focus on Women being held on Saturday. She requested that information on the City's discussion with OMI be placed in the next issue of the City newsletter.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to March 19, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

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ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen
City Clerk of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon