

## **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**July 22, 1996**

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Councils of Coos Bay and North Bend, Coos County, Oregon, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the North Bend City Hall, 535 California Street, North Bend, Oregon.

### **JOINT COOS BAY-NORTH BEND MEETING**

#### **Those Present**

Those present for the City of Coos Bay were Mayor Joanne Verger and Councilors Joe Benetti, Gary Combs, and Don Spangler. Councilors Judy Weeks and Dave Williams were out of town. Staff attending were Finance Director Gail George, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, and City Attorney Randall Tosh. Those present for the City of North Bend were Mayor Timm Slater and Councilors Dale Bishop, Lee Golder, Jack Goll, Doug Inman, and Clair Jones. Staff attending were City Attorney Bob Thomas and Public Works Administrator Ron Stillmaker. Attending for Coos County were Commissioners Bev Owen and Jim Whitty, and County Counsel David Ris. The media was also present.

#### **Dial-a-Ride Funding Discussion**

Mayor Timm Slater called the meeting to order and began the discussion for presenting forming a special district for Dial-a-Ride on the November ballot. Commissioner Bev Owen reported that the County did not have funding sufficient for continuing the Dial-a-Ride program. She commented the program is used by a large number of senior and disabled citizens in Coos County with the majority of users located in the Coos Bay and North Bend areas. Mayor Slater noted that other funding available to the program was from cigarette tax, federal mass transportation funds, and donations. The County is requesting cities desiring to be included within the district to adopt a resolution supporting the County forming a transportation district. Commissioner Owen commented the next step would be to hold public hearings to gather input and would need to begin immediately if they were to have it on the November ballot.

There was further discussion of the use of volunteers and coordination with other transportation providers such as the Senior Centers and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Both Councils requested the County provide them with more information about the Dial-a-Ride program and the effect a transportation district would have on compression. There was concern about the cost of the program and budget increases in future years. Councilor Combs suggested a user fee be established. Mayor Verger felt more information about the operation of the program was needed by the Councils before a decision could be made. She suggested looking at the transportation needs and studying how those needs could be met.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion Mayor Slater adjourned the joint meeting.

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**Resolution 96-26 - Supporting Formation of the Coos County Transportation District**

Mayor Verger called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution 96-26 supporting formation of the Coos County Transportation District. Mayor Verger commented that more information on the current operation of the Dial-a-Ride program would have been helpful and expressed concern about the amount of funding being requested by the County. Councilor Combs commented there are many citizens who depend on the program for their transportation needs and he supported placing the matter before the voters. Councilor Spangler moved to adopt Resolution 96-26. Councilor Combs seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to August 6, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay.

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

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen  
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay  
Coos County, Oregon