

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 19, 1997

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 7:15 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, Don Spangler, and Kevin Stufflebean. Councilors Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller and Judy Weeks were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Accounting Systems Supervisor Mary Beth Holst, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Assistant Library Director Michele Caldwell, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, Police Chief Marc Adams, and Fire Chief Stan Gibson

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger requested Resolution 97-20 be added to the agenda as item 3a. City Manager Grile reported an error had been made in awarding the bid on August 5th for the "D" Street project and explained the engineer had inadvertently failed to compute all the components. The bid should have been awarded to Umpqua Navigation.

Mr. Grile reported three proposals had been received for the Front Street Master Plan and he is recommending the Council accept McSwain and Woods, and Shoji Planning for the project. Mr. Grile explained his recommendation is based on the quality of their proposal, hands-on experience with the waterfront, and experience with land use and rezoning issues. Mayor Verger inquired if anything special must be done when a low bid is not awarded. Mr. Grile said there is no need to accept the low bid because the contract is for a service. Councilor Spangler expressed concern about the cost, even though \$50,000 was budgeted, the low bid came in at \$15,000 and the high at \$50,000. Mr. Grile commented the low bid was probably due to not having a complete understanding of the project. Mayor Verger said the McSwain and Woods proposal is more what the City wants. Councilor Benetti noted a major difference between the bids is the amount of hours for completing the project; HGE at 220 hours and McSwain and Woods at over 2,000 hours.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

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

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Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which consisted of the approval of the minutes of August 5, 1997. Councilor Spangler moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Volunteer Recognition Award for John Topits

Mayor Verger presented John Topits with a myrtlewood plaque honoring him for the development of Empire Lakes Park. She reported without Mr. Topits the community would not have the park and expressed appreciation for the thousands of hours he has contributed in creating the park. Mayor Verger recognized Mrs. Topits and Keith Topits for their support. Mayor Verger read the inscription on the plaque which noted 20 years of commitment and designated Mr. Topits as the Father of Empire Lakes Park.

Mayor Verger moved to adopt Resolution 97-20 which is attached hereto and made a part of thereby, officially renaming the Empire Lakes Park to the John Topits Park. The motion was seconded by Councilor Spangler and passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Mayor Verger read the resolution to the assembly.

Adoption of Resolution 97-19 - Granting the Request of the Urban Renewal Agency for the Submission of an Advisory Question to the Voters

Mayor Verger introduced the resolution and read the advisory question and summary to the assembly. Mayor Verger moved to adopt Resolution 97-19 which is attached hereto and made a part of thereby, granting the request of the Urban Renewal Agency for submission of an advisory question to the voters. Councilor Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Award of Bid for D Street Reconstruction

City Manager Grile reported an error in computing the bids had resulted in the bid being awarded to Johnson Rock when actually Umpqua Navigation was the low bidder. Councilor Spangler moved to award the bid for "D" Street reconstruction to Umpqua Navigation in the amount of \$62,178. Councilor Benetti seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Approval of the Front Street Master Plan RFPs

City Manager Grile recommended the contract be awarded to McSwain and Woods Architects and Shoji Planning to prepare the master plan for redevelopment of Front Street. Mr. Grile noted that \$50,000 is budgeted for the plan and \$25,000 of this amount is from a Rural Investment Fund grant from the U.S. Forest Service. Councilor Spangler commented he had been

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concerned about the bid but it appears that McSwain and Woods will provide the better plan, and the Front Street project is very important to the City. Mayor Verger moved to accept the proposal from McSwain and Woods and Shoji Planning in the amount of \$50,000. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Grile recalled arriving in Coos Bay in 1977 when John Topits was on the City Council, and as the City planner, looking at the Empire Lakes area with Mr. Topits. He commended Mr. Topits for his commitment in developing the park, and noted an ordinance will be needed to make the name change official. Mr. Grile reported the Building Board of Appeals met and dismissed the Steven and Vera Berry appeal. Mr. Grile reported the drawings will soon be completed for the Empire Urban Renewal revitalization plan. The Design Review Board has a meeting scheduled for September 3rd to review the plan and will be taking public input. Mr. Grile reported there has been very limited response to the adopt-a-block program.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Spangler commended Mr. Topits for being an outstanding volunteer and said he personally appreciates his work in developing Empire Lakes Park. Councilor Spangler reported receiving calls about excessive speed on Sanford and the residents are requesting stop signs be installed. He has also received complaints about dusty streets and asked the city manager to look into applying something to abate the dust. Mr. Grile said the solution would be for the people to pave their street. Mayor Verger commented that many residents have paid to pave their streets and the City should be considerate of these before doing the job free for other citizens.

Councilor Stufflebean also commended Mr. Topits on the park and commented the park is enjoyed by many people year round. He reported a class has begun to teach volunteers to use the public access equipment.

Councilor Benetti commented the award and recognition of John Topits is well deserved. He requested that no parking be posted on Commercial Avenue near the skateboard park due to the area not being well lit and congested. Councilor Benetti asked about the replacement light bulbs on the boardwalk and noted the color is different. Mayor Verger noted a number of lights are out in Block I. Mr. Meithof reported the electrician recently replaced approximately one-third of the lights and he believes the replacement lights are the brighter ones.

Mayor Verger commented that while attending the Mayor's conference in Seaside recently she noticed the City has many planter boxes filled with beautiful flowers, and suggested staff look at this for Coos Bay.

Executive Session

Mayor Verger moved to meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) for the purpose of consulting with legal council regarding labor negotiations. Councilor Spangler seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. The Council

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reconvened in regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to September 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

ATTEST:

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