

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 22, 2005

The minutes of the proceedings of a work session of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon held at 4:00 p.m. in the Port of Coos Bay Conference Room, 125 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### **Those Attending**

Those attending were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, John Muenchrath, and Kevin Stufflebean. Staff attending were City Manager Scott McClure, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Finance Director Janell Howard, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Eura Washburn,

### **Process Overview – Agreement on Meeting Objectives and Ground Rules**

City Manager Scott McClure commented the purpose of the work session was to review the current goals, establish goals for this year, and prepare a work plan to accomplish the goals. There was a brief discussion on short term and long goals, and organization goals.

### **Review of 2005 Goals**

City Manager Scott McClure reviewed the current goals with the City Council which included: Continue with Redevelopment of Front Street, Explore Further Utilization and Development of the Boardwalk and Dock Facilities, Consider Expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary in Bunker Hill and/or Libby, Develop a Plan for Hiring a Downtown/Empire Area Manager, Develop a Plan for Enhancing the Hwy 101 Corridor, Explore Implementing a Systems Development Charge, Explore Implementing a Street Levy to Support the Street Improvement Plan, Develop a Plan for a New Fire Station, Continue to Improve Parking and Traffic Circulation, Explore Funding for the DARE Program in Coos Bay Schools, Explore Funding for a New Skate Board Park, Work with Local Government Entities on Consolidation of Services, and Utilize the Sewer Capital Improvement Plan

### **Staff Presentation and Potential New Goals**

The following goals were briefly discussed: City Parks – Review parks improvement plan, community involvement for park maintenance, look for grants, and pursue parks and recreation district. Communications and Citizen Involvement – Have neighborhood meetings to get information out to citizens and receive input from citizens. City manager and staff to make contacts with businesses. Downtown and Empire Urban Renewal Districts – Meet with Empire citizens to review plans for development in the Empire area. Review of Fees – City fees have not been reviewed or increased in a long time. Staff to begin looking at the cost of providing certain services, and consolidation of business license ordinances and fees. Wastewater Improvement Plans – Prepare a long-term plan. Timber Master Plan – Prepare a long-term plan. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Schedule – Develop a schedule for all departments. Currently on the Police Department has a schedule.

The Council discussed building a new fire station, the department's response time, whether one station could serve the whole city, and locations for the new station. Chief Washburn reported on the status of a centralized 911 Dispatch Center. A consultant will be hired to perform a study on the best location for the dispatch center, and the cities agree that the center should be managed by a professional manager and have independent governance. The Council also discussed the need for a Codes Enforcement Officer, whether to contract out vehicle maintenance, replacement of Choshi Bridge, and Library expansion plan.

**New Goals from the Council**

The Council discussed the need for the City to actively pursue grants, review staffing levels in all departments, consider intersection issues on Ocean Blvd., implement system development charges for new development, enhance the downtown area, and keep up the maintenance of city streets. Consensus of the Council was to get proposals on various intersections on Ocean Blvd.

**Goals Prioritization**

The Council selected the following goals for the next year: Choshi Bridge, Fire Station, Waterfront Development – Empire and Downtown, SDCs, North Spit, Street Maintenance – Ocean Blvd Intersections, Adequate Staffing Levels, Grant Opportunities, Update Park Master Plan, Downtown Development, Enhancing Hwy 101, and Citizen Involvement. City Manager Scott McClure will prepare the goals in a statement format and prepare a work plan for the Council.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting to March 1, 2005, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Joe Benetti, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen, Deputy Recorder