

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

**July 3, 2007**

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

### **Those Attending**

Those present were Mayor Jeff McKeown and Councilors Michele Burnette, Mark Daily, Jon Eck, Roger Gould, Stephanie Kramer, and John Muenchrath. City staff present were City Manager Chuck Freeman, Clerk to the Council Jackie Mickelson, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Assistant City Manager Joyce Jansen, Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Eura Washburn.

### **Flag Salute**

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

### **Consent Calendar**

Mayor McKeown reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of the approval of annual OLCC license renewals. Councilor Eck moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Burnette seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Gould, Kramer, and Muenchrath voting aye.

### **Consideration of Approval to Waive the System Development Charge for Bay Apartment Project**

Public Works and Development Director Jim Hossley reported the City had received a letter from Robert Beckett the Executive Director for the Oregon Regional Behavioral Services (ORBS) requesting the City waive the system development charges (SDCs) that was previously paid by the organization for the Bay Apartments project. Mr. Hossley reported the letter indicated the organization had paid \$65,729.88 in SDCs for the project; however, the City's records indicated they had paid \$57,570.65, and the remaining costs were planning and building permit fees. Mr. Hossley commented the Bay Apartment project would have the same impact on the City's infrastructure as other apartment complexes, and the waived fees would have to be made up another way. He further commented the budget impact would be \$57,570.65.

Mr. Beckett, briefly reviewed the history of the property and reported the plan for the property was to build a ten unit low income housing for the mentally ill. Mr. Beckett reported when they developed the plans the system development charges were not in place, so it wasn't in the budget. He commented over two years there had been various delays on the project and during that time the system development charges were enacted and paid by the contractor not knowing it was not in the budget. Mr. Beckett expressed his concern of not be able to provide low income housing for the mentally ill if charged the SDC fees. Mr. Beckett assured the Council the property would only be used for low income because of deed restrictions; and if it wasn't, it

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would come back to the City. Mayor McKeown suggested waiving all the fees except the SCD for the collection sanitary improvement which was approximately \$37,000. Mr. Beckett reported in the 11 units there would be one for the manager and the other ten studio apartments would house one person per unit, but it was against the law to restrict someone living with them.

Councilor Burnette moved to waive all the System Development Charges except \$37,142.08 the collection sanitary improvement charge. Councilor Gould seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Gould, Kramer, and Muenchrath voting aye.

### **Report from the Downtown Business Association President Chris Coles**

Chris Coles, Downtown Business Association President, reported recently there had been a need for insurance at the Farmers Market and the Blackberry Arts Festival, reported the Farmers Market had been 30 percent crafts and 70 percent food but were considering another crafters market, reported a machine was purchased to allow use of debit cards and food stamps; reported a new web site was created and Gary Rifkin was keeping it updated, reported they were busy with a membership drive, reported they were considering a quarterly newsletter, and commented there would be an open house July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Black Market Gourmet. Ms. Coles presented the Council with Farmers Market totes and Blackberry hats, and demonstrated costumes of a chilly pepper, pea, and carrot that would be worn at the Human Veggie Festival planned in August.

### **Department Head Report by Eura Washburn**

Police Chief Eura Washburn reported a 9-1-1 center was called a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Center, and reported the PSAP Centers were created approximately 25 years ago in Oregon through the legislature. Chief Washburn reported a PSAP Center was where all the 9-1-1 emergency calls for fires, police, and medical issues were routed, and the only two PSAP centers in Coos County were located at the Coos Bay Police Department and the Coos County Sheriff's Office. Chief Washburn briefly reviewed the process of routing emergency calls through 9-1-1 and the funding for the PSAP Centers. Chief Washburn reported there had been seven studies done on consolidating the PSAP Centers over the last several years that were rejected because of costs; but with recent technology upgrades to all the local law enforcement agencies, Coos Bay, North Bend, and Coos County were again considering consolidating. Mayor McKeown requested placing the consideration of consolidation of the PSAP Centers on the agenda after sufficient research was completed.

### **Public Comments**

Seth Phillips, North Bend, formally apologized to the City of Coos Bay for his bad conduct last year. Kathy Thompson, C-BAY, reported C-BAY was ready to break ground on phase one of the skate board park. Ms. Thompson reported phase one would not affect the tennis courts, but the tennis courts would need to be removed by phase two. Jason Shoemaker, Arrow Speed Skate Parks Project Manager, commented he could complete phase one of the skate park with the money budgeted by rejuvenating the existing skate park to be blended in with the new one.

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### **City Attorney's Report**

No report was given.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Chuck Freeman expressed his appreciation for the welcoming reception and thanked staff for their patience while he familiarizes himself with the City.

### **Council Comments**

Council Burnette commented she was sorry she missed the city manager's reception but there was a delay at an airport. Councilor Muenchrath wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilor Gould commented he had spent a week in Denver with his grandchildren, and expressed his appreciation of well maintained parks there. Councilor Eck invited everyone to attend the activities at Mingus Park for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and the Fire Department's fireworks display over the bay. Councilor Daily encouraged everyone to attend the activities at Mingus Park. Councilor Kramer welcomed City Manager Chuck Freeman.

Mayor McKeown commented there were lots of activities scheduled at Mingus Park for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and he would be there for the Mayor's Firecracker Run. He further commented the fireworks across the bay were always a big event for everyone to enjoy.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to July 19, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Jeff McKeown, Mayor

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Jackie Mickelson, Clerk to the Council