

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 16, 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, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Operations Administrator Steve Doty, Planning Administrator Laura Barron, 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 minutes of September 12, 18, and 22, 2007. 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.

Report From Marshfield High School Student Council Representative Kate O'Donnell

Kate O'Donnell, ASP President, reported students attend four classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays instead of seven and Thursday study hall was now available. She commented recently a club fair was held in the gymnasium; the boy's soccer team was doing very well; and currently an academic code of conduct for athletes was being implemented. Councilor Gould requested Ms. O'Donnell challenge the student council to obtain a solution for the litter issue at 7th Street and Golden Avenue.

Introduction of New Employees

Steve Doty introduced new employees Lisa Crawford, codes enforcement; Jared Anderson, mechanic; Matt Pace, maintenance II; and Kevin Neff engineering technician.

Public Hearing to Consider Enacting the Proposed Ordinance for Public Nuisances

Mayor McKeown opened the public hearing to consider enacting public nuisances ordinance. Geno Landrum, Coos County, requested clarification on the word attractive and unattractive in section 3; the limited geographic locations in section 7 paragraph 3; and the percentage flexibility in section 15 paragraph 3.

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Mayor McKeown commented section 3 paragraph 1 the word unattractive should be corrected to read attractive. Council briefly discussed the wording in Sections 3 and 7 in regards to Mr. Landrum's comments. The City Attorney commented the wording was correct as shown. Mr. Freeman commented section 7 paragraph 3 the limited geographic locations was an existing code. Mr. McClintock clarified section 7 paragraph 3 was 10% by City Ordinance. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Muenchrath moved to enact the proposed ordinance. Councilor Gould seconded the motion. Clerk to the Council Jackie Mickelson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance No. 400 an ordinance repealing ordinance 99 entitled "Nuisances" in its entirety and replacing Ordinance 99 with a new ordinance entitled "Public Nuisance" and other matters properly related thereto with the following vote:

Aye:	Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Gould, Kramer, and Muenchrath
No:	None
Absent:	None

Report on the Finance Department's Monthly/Quarterly Financial Report

Finance Director Janell Howard reported this quarterly report was for the month ending September 30th. She briefly reviewed revenues and expenditures, commented property taxes were slightly above the budgeted amount, and changes in the hotel/motel tax would be presented to the Committee for discussion. She further noted there would not be any changes in PERS or health insurance this year.

Report on the Finance Department's Staffing by Finance Director Janell Howard

Finance Director Janell Howard briefly reviewed the employee reorganization of the Finance and City Manager's Departments during the budget process. She commented during that time a new position was added to the Finance Department. After the new city manager was hired, the position was reviewed; and it was decided to hire a management position. Ms. Howard briefly reviewed the duties of the new position, and noted the estimated cost increase would be approximately \$9,600 per year. Councilor Kramer moved to approve the new position of deputy finance director and increased salary range. Councilor Muenchrath seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Gould, Kramer, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Consideration of a Proposed Grant Assistance for the Planning Department

Planning Administrator Laura Barron commented the Public Works and Development Department contacted the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development regarding their Code Assistance Program. She reported the program would provide a consultant paid by the State Transportation Growth Management (TGM) to assist the City with a comprehensive plan in development in code changes for the Downtown and Empire commercial

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areas. Ms. Barron requested the Council consider approving the resolution for support. Councilor Muenchrath moved to adopt Resolution 07-25 supporting the Public Works and Development Department's efforts to create and revise City codes to enhance Downtown and Empire commercial areas, and support of the State's assistance. Councilor Daily seconded the motion which carried with Mayor McKeown and Councilors Burnette, Daily, Eck, Gould, Kramer, and Muenchrath voting aye.

Public Comments

Joe Smith, Coos Bay, expressed concern regarding the number of cats his neighbor owned and inquired if the City had any solutions. Councilor Gould commented this could be addressed under the new ordinance. Geno Landrum, Coos County, founder and co-chair of the McCullough light brigade, reported he was issuing a reactivation of the brigade and would be putting safety lights on the McCullough Bridge. Gene Melton, Coos Bay, commended Coos Bay for not raising the hotel/motel tax. Scott Frasier, Coos Bay, reported on mail theft and suggested using locking mailboxes as a safe guard.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Nate McClintock reported the Coos Bay Firefighters Association negotiations have begun, and meetings will be held in December.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Chuck Freeman reported he had reviewed the budget with all the departments and commented Chief Washburn would briefly review some changes. He also commended Fire Chief Gibson for a perfect inspection from OSHA. Police Chief Eura Washburn briefly reviewed some reorganization and activities of the Police Department and noted she had hired three certified officers.

Council Comments

Councilor Daily encouraged everyone to see the Frankenstein production at the Egyptian Theater. Councilor Eck reported the fallen firefighter's memorial weekend in Maryland went well and the President of the United States greeted the family members. Fire Chief Gibson reported on the open houses and reported they went well. Councilor Burnette commended Police Chief Washburn and the Police Department for a great job. Mayor McKeown commented the Public Works Standing Council Committee meeting was very informative and he would be speaking to the North Bend Council Work Session next Monday for the purpose of improving communication between the cities.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McKeown adjourned the meeting to November 6, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Jeff McKeown, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Mickelson, Clerk to the Council

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