

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 29, 1994

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gene McCabe, and Dave Williams. City staff present included City Manger Jim Watson, City Recorder Gail George, City Attorney Paula Bechtold, Library Director Carol Ventgen and Community Development Director Bruce Meithof.

Mayor Verger called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 208 Amending the Land Development Ordinance - Making Changes in the Chapter Regulating Signs

Jim Watson explained the reason the Council is being asked to take care of this ordinance at a special meeting is to avoid any problems arising from enforcement of the political sign section of the Land Development Ordinance during the upcoming election. This amendment will delete the reference to political signs and the Planning Commission will take a look at a new section on them later. Mayor Verger opened the public hearing. City Attorney Paula Bechtold declared that she has had no part in advising the City on this amendment. No one appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed. Councilor Benetti moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 208. The motion was seconded by Councilor Williams and the Council was polled with the following results:

Those voting aye:	Mayor Verger, Councilors Benetti, McCabe and Williams
Those voting no:	None
Those absent:	Councilors Combs, Melton and Miller

Presentation of a Conceptual Design for a Library Building

Rich Turi, the architect selected for the design of a library building presented his design to the Council. He explained that it was a very rough drawing and was presented to the Council to make sure they agreed with the concept. He noted consideration was given to keeping the library visible, keeping costs down, preserving as much of the existing library as possible and keeping the library open during construction. The design he presented was a one story addition and would require some property acquisition. Turi noted that he had contacted the affected property owners and one property owner was not receptive to selling his property. His design would not close off

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6th Street, but would narrow it, and the main entrance to the library would be off of the parking lot. Turi proceeded to show how the conference rooms, children's area, reference center and adult area fit in his design. He said the new design would have 114 parking spaces including those for handicapped parking. Turi explained that a 21,600 square foot expansion may sound like a lot, but he is planning for this expansion to meet needs for thirty years. Councilor Benetti asked if the current upstairs storage area would be remodeled. Turi replied that much of the storage would be moved downstairs for ease of use, and only long term storage would stay upstairs. He was not planning to do much to the upstairs storage area. Mayor Verger asked what they were planning for computers and Carol Ventgen reported that the plans were not final yet, but there will be several areas of both staff and public computers.

Mayor Verger said she appreciated Turi's many references to using the existing facility, finding the most cost effective method, and planning for technology.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 6, 1994.

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

ATTEST:

Gail George
Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon