

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 28, 1995

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, at 5:30 P.M. in the Manager's Conference Room at City Hall.

### **Those Present**

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gary Combs, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Judy Weeks and Dave Williams. Also present were City Manager Bill Elliott, City Attorney Randall Tosh and members of the media.

Mayor Verger called the meeting to order. After establishing ground rules for the work session, the Council reviewed their prior goals. Information from staff regarding goals was presented for their review, after which the Council discussed goals for the City. The following goals were established:

**COUNCIL GOAL** - It is the goal of the Council of the City of Coos Bay to create a total environment which will expand economic opportunity in all its forms, through investment in and expansion of local businesses, and which will enhance the quality of life for all local citizens and the quality of the experience of all visitors who explore the cultural and scenic resources of the Bay Area. Council goals include continuing those goals established in 1992.

To implement this overall goal, the Council establishes development goals in the following areas:

**Economic Development** - To provide a diverse and sustainable economic base which will support a stable economic environment crucial for the well-being of the citizens. To this end, the following projects are of vital importance to the City's future economic development:

1. Revitalizing the Empire business district
2. Expanding and promoting tourism in all its forms
3. Creating family wage jobs
4. Creating a plan for the development and utilization of the City's 150 acre parcel at end of Central Blvd.
5. Reviewing current zoning of waterfront property in light of changing development concerns
6. Investigating possible uses of Port's Eastside "airport" property
7. Working to fulfill the previously established goals of developing a working relationship with the Oregon State Department of Economic Development, coordinating efforts at industrial development with North Bend and other nearby communities, updating the site inventory of lands industrially zoned, and utilizing staff in ways which will advance these objectives.

**Cultural Development** - To this end, the following projects are of vital importance to the City's future cultural development:

1. Beautifying U.S. Highway 101 from Bunker Hill to North Bend
2. Providing adequate library facilities to meet increases in user demand and changes in

- information technology
3. Developing a "Music in Mingus Park" program
  4. Enhancing recreational opportunities through the provision of more bicycle paths and trails throughout the City
  5. Expand community use of Empire Lakes Park by providing funds for a non-motorized boat ramp
  6. Increase Christmas decorating to include Eastside and Cape Arago Highway to City limits
  7. Continuation of goals realized/programs brought to completion from previous goal-setting sessions
  8. Secure funding for construction of additional softball facilities throughout the City

**Capital Development** - To provide for such improvements to the City's capital plan that the primary goals of economic and cultural development are materially advanced. The following projects are of vital importance in furthering the City's future economic and cultural development:

1. Bringing the Downtown Mall to full realization, including completion of all pending projects, and establishment of a plaza between 4th and 5th Streets
2. Providing for a capital improvement which will alleviate problems with parking in the downtown area
3. Consummating the expansion of the Coos Bay Library to meet expected user demand and technological change
4. Implementing improvements in Coos Bay fire protection through resolution of the City's fire station relocation and manpower needs
5. Expanding the Coos Bay Waterfront and Boardwalk to extend along the bay front up to the Edgewater Inn
6. Improving sidewalks on Commercial Avenue to meet City-wide standards of safety and aesthetics
7. Begin the process leading to construction of an Eastside Boat Ramp
8. Proceed with Phase II of the Empire Boat Ramp development (includes possibility of purchasing property adjacent to the Boat Ramp for future expansion)

### **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 Chambers of City Hall on March 7, 1995

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

### **ATTEST:**

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