

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 18, 1995

The minutes of the proceedings of a work session of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, at 6:00 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room at City Hall.

### **Those Present**

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gary Combs, Don Spangler, Judy Weeks, and Dave Williams. Staff members present included Interim City Manager Chuck Knight, City Clerk, Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh. Elise Hamner of The World was also present.

### **Proposed Changes in Council Rules**

Mayor Verger called the meeting to order. City Attorney Tosh reviewed the areas of the proposed rules to which concerns were raised at the work session of August 1, 1995. Councilor Spangler stated that the rules should not be in conflict the city charter. He said the rules should not shut down citizen input and they should be written so that the average citizen can understand them. Councilor Combs said the rules were to be used as a guideline and he does not feel they stop or limit citizen input.

City Attorney Tosh reviewed the section on the Sergeant-at-arms and consensus of the Council was to accept the revision as presented. There was considerable discussion on the section on Censure. Spangler said the rule is not necessary and the Council can censure a member without the rule. Tosh said the rule would be used for only serious situations in which a member of the Council places the City in liability position and would take place in executive session. Consensus of the Council was to accept the rule with a change to be made that censure of a Councilor would require a unanimous vote of the remaining Council.

Tosh reviewed the section on agenda preparation. Consensus of Council was to clarify the rule that any member of the Council can place an item on the agenda and it would take a majority vote if an item is to be added at the council meeting. Tosh reviewed the section on Voting Required. He said this section deals with refusal to vote. Williams recommended that if a Councilor refused to vote then his/her vote should be counted with the majority vote and if it is a tie vote the vote will be counted as aye.

Tosh said the changes in the Policy under in the Public Comment section would not change the procedure the Council currently uses. He said the addition of a roster is to insure correct spelling of names and inclusion of addresses of citizens addressing the Council. After considerable discussion regarding public comments during agenda items, consensus of the Council was to adopt the policy as presented by the city attorney and place public comments at the end of the agenda.

Tosh reported the change in the section on Council Committees was a provision on removal of committee members by the Council and consensus of the Council was to adopt the wording as presented by the city attorney. Consensus of the Council was to place the Council Rules on the October 17, 1995 Council Agenda for adoption.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 19, 1995.

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

ATTEST:

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Joyce Jansen  
City Clerk of the City of Coos Bay  
Coos County, Oregon