

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 3, 1995

The minutes of the proceedings of regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning with a work session in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. and proceedings to regular session in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, and David Williams. Councilor Judy Weeks was out of town and Councilor Gary Combs is ill and unable to attend. City staff present was Interim City Manager Chuck Knight, City Clerk Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Finance Director Gail George, Police Chief Marc Adams, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, Planning Administrator Kevin Cupples, Accounting Operations Manager Mary Beth Holt, City Engineer Ralph Dunham, and newly appointed City Manager Bill Grile. Members of the media were also present.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Mayor Verger noted a correction to the minutes of September 19, 1995 to read the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Verger and a typographical correction to resolution 95-23. Mayor Verger asked for approval from council to make a presentation at the Council meeting and the Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Verger welcomed Bill Grile to the meeting. Councilor Spangler asked for clarification on consent calendar item #2c and asked why this was a re-occurring problem. Finance Director George reported that the Library's carryover would not be sufficient to carry the Library until levy monies come in. Ms. George said many taxing agencies currently must borrow monies until the tax revenues come in.

Mayor Verger commented that the County has notified the City they are in agreement with the Blanco improvement district. Councilor Williams asked why the final plat approval must come before the Council. Mayor Verger responded that whatever the Planning Commission approves comes before the Council for approval. City Manager Grile said this slows down the process and suggested that only those items which are repealed be brought before the Council. He said Kevin Cupples has been working on this proposal. Council Williams said he agreed that only appeals should come before the Council.

Mayor Verger asked Mr. Grile to give the background on the land exchange between the City and the Water Board. He said the exchange is necessary for development of the watershed. He referred to the report in the agenda and said he encouraged the Council to think about the development of this property. Mayor Verger commented that it was on the agenda for discussion.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

Mayor Verger called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. She

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welcomed Bill Grile, the new city manager and Tammy Cummings, liaison to the Council from Marshfield High School.

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

Mayor Verger thanked Chuck Knight for his work as interim city manager and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the items on the consent calendar which included the following:

- a) approval of minutes of work session of September 18, 1995
- b) approval of minutes of regular meeting of September 19, 1995
- c) approval of resolution 95-22 - interfund loan to the Library Fund
- d) approval of resolution 95-23 - intergovernmental agreement between the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend - sewer connection
- e) approval of resolution 95-24 - authorizing sale of Equitable stock
- f) proclamation for arts and humanities month
- g) proclamation for domestic violence awareness month

Mayor Verger read the proclamations to the audience. Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as corrected. The motion was seconded by Councilor Williams and carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Citizen/Public Comments

Karmen Nukala, consultant with Coos Confederated Tribes, said the tribe has made a decision to change management groups for development of a gaming facility in the Empire district. Mayor Verger complimented the tribe for their efforts to keep the City informed of their plans. Nukala congratulated Bill Grile on his appointment as city manager.

Sargent Webster, North Bend, commented on the Bay Area Rescue Mission, he said some time ago staff and Council were to work on moving the mission and there was to be public input on this matter at a Council meeting. Mayor Verger said Roger Gould's last report to the Council was that the Mission was working with Susan Spargo on relocating. She said she would be speaking with the new city manager on this matter. Mr. Webster said there has been a significant increase in the number of homeless persons in the Empire district. He asked that members of the Council talk with the Mission about the problem. Mayor Verger commented that there are also transients downtown and in other areas of Coos Bay. Councilor Spangler reported that Officer Bjornerud has been working diligently on this problem and that an area near the boat ramp will be cleared and cleaned up this week.

Approval to Form a Local Improvement District - Blanco Avenue

Steve Auer requested that the City move forward with the improvement district. Mayor Verger said the County has notified the City that they approve of the district. Councilor Miller moved to approve the local improvement district. Councilor Benetti seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Final Recommendation from Planning Commission to Approve Tentative Final Plat on Del View Subdivision

Councilor Williams moved to adopt the final plat on Del View Subdivision. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye. Councilor Williams asked staff to review the process of approving final plats by the Council after the Planning Commission has approved them. Councilor Spangler commented that the current practice slows down the process and said the City should streamline the procedure.

Discussion - Report on City Owned Property

Mayor Verger said the land exchange is between the City and the Water Board. Mr. Meithof said it has been brought before the Council for discussion and to give direction to staff. He said the Council needs to think about how they would like to develop the property and that there are many options to be considered. He commented that a work session may be in order. Mayor Verger commented that the City should not be in competition with developers, but should have a say in how the property would be developed. Mr. Meithof said the City could place covenants on the development of the property.

Councilor Spangler asked if Mr. Meithof was aware that development of the property was a Council goal and Mr. Meithof said yes. Mr. Meithof said that zoning has been done in the past toward this goal. Councilor Spangler asked if the City shouldn't own the property before discussing the development. Mr. Meithof said there currently is an agreement between the City and the Water Board. He said this has been in the works for the past three years.

Councilor Williams said he would like input from the public as well before the Council makes any decisions. He said perhaps a committee could be formed to study the options. Mayor Verger said the city manager would follow up

City Attorney's Report

RandallTosh thanked the interim city manager for his work and said he is looking forward to working with Bill Grile. He said Council will receive in the next few days the final draft of the council rules for adoption at the next Council meeting.

City Manager's Report

Grile said he is delighted to be here and is looking forward to working with the Council.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Spangler asked Council to think about forming a committee for the Empire urban renewal district. He said the citizens should be involved in the urban renewal process.

Councilor Williams welcomed Bill on board. He suggested making the agenda more accessible to the public by placing it on the public access TV channel. Mayor Verger said the Public Access TV Committee was meeting Wednesday night and she would mention it. Councilor Williams said the Saturday Market seems to be slacking off. He said suggestions from people he has talked to feel that perhaps the rules are too restrictive. He suggested that perhaps the Council should review the rules. City Attorney Tosh said in order to use the name Saturday Market the organization had to adopt the rules. He said it would require a review of their agreement.

Councilor Miller welcomed Bill as city manager and invited people to call him and let him know their concerns. She reported that the Citizen Police Academy has been very informative.

Councilor Benetti congratulated Bill on appointment as city manager. He referred to a letter from the Economic Development Department sent to Councilors and encouraged them to fill out the survey. He said input from City Council is very important

Mayor Verger said the Mayor's group will put in a bid for the 1997 conference and reported on her various meetings and commitments.

Executive Session

On motion by Mayor Verger, seconded by Councilor Benetti, with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye, the Council went into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) to discuss real property transaction.

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 October 17, 1995.

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

ATTEST:

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