

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 5, 1995

The minutes of the proceedings of the 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 proceeding to a regular session in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Gary Combs, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Judy Weeks, and Dave Williams. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, City Clerk Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Finance Director Gail George, Mary Beth Holst Accounting Operations Supervisor, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, and Police Chief Marc Adams. Members of the media were also present.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar and asked for comments. Councilor Spangler asked what it costs the City to process OLCC license applications. Accounting Supervisor Mary Beth Holst responded the current fee was \$25 which is the maximum fee allowed. Councilor Spangler said he believed the City could charge more. City Manager Grile said he would look into and report back.

Councilor Weeks commented that the increase in the lien search fee brings the City in line with what other cities in the county are charging. City Attorney Tosh reported that resolution 95-37 for property acquisition for the library expansion would allow Mr. Ed Blower to take advantage of capital gains benefits.

City Manager Grile reported that the Tourism Division Grant application would be a partnership between the City of Coos Bay and the community of Bridge. He said Bridge could not apply for the grant because they are not a city. Mr. Grile said the application process would allow the City to participate in the regional strategy process. Councilor Combs suggested that a brochure of the Empire Lakes Park or all City parks would fit the criteria for regional strategy.

Flag Salute

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

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Urban Renewal Chairman Joe Benetti called the Urban Renewal Agency meeting to order.

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Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Additional Funds Available for Projects

Chairman Benetti opened the public hearing and invited interested citizens to give testimony on the supplemental budget. The Urban Renewal agency would be receiving significantly more revenue than anticipated and the supplemental budget would add appropriations in the amount of \$229,000 to the Urban Renewal Debt Service Fund. There being no comments from the public, Chairman Benetti closed the public hearing.

Adoption of Resolution URA 95-2

Councilor Miller moved to adopt Resolution URA 95-2 adopting the supplemental budget and making appropriations. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

COUNCIL MEETING

Consent Calendar

Mayor Verger read the consent calendar which consisted of the following items:

- a) approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 1995
- b) OLCC license - Pizza Crazy
- c) establishing program for funding awnings - Resolution 95-35
- d) Oregon Coast Music Association rent refund request

Councilor Miller moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Combs seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Presentation of Audit

Don Hall of Yergen and Meyer, presented the City's audit to the Mayor and Council. He reported it was a clean report with no material errors or irregularities. He said the City continues to have a sound internal system and complimented the Finance Director and staff for doing an outstanding job with the City's finances. Mayor Verger complimented Ms. George on an excellent job. Councilor Combs suggested that as noted in the audit report, that departments submit a copy of grant documents to the Finance Department. City Manager Grile said he would follow up on the recommendations made by Mr. Hall in the report.

Ordinance No. 221 - Amending Ordinance No. 61 - Lien Search Fee

Mayor Verger explained the ordinance would increase the lien search fee from \$20 to \$25 which is in line with what other cities in the county are charging. Councilor Weeks moved to enact

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Ordinance No. 221 as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. City Clerk Joyce Jansen read the ordinance by title only and the Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mayor Verger, Councilors Benetti, Combs, Miller, Spangler, Weeks
and Williams
Voting No: None
Absent: None

Property Acquisition for Coos Bay Public Library Expansion - Resolution 95-37

City Attorney Tosh explained that Resolution 95-37 would enable Mr. Blower to take advantage of capital gains tax benefits. Councilor Benetti moved to adopt Resolution 95-73 declaring the necessity and purpose for acquiring certain property located in Coos Bay for the proposed expansion of the public library. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Authorization to Submit Tourism Division Grant Application

City Manager Bill Grile reported on a proposal from CCD for a Tourism Division grant to promote tourism for the Bridge community. He said Coos Bay would partner with Bridge in applying for the \$5,000 grant and that the City would benefit by gaining an understanding of the regional strategy process. Mayor Verger complimented Mr. Grile for taking an active role in the regional strategy process. Councilor Combs commented that regional strategy funding could be used in developing a brochure of city parks. Councilor Miller moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with grant application. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget 1995/96 and Adoption of Resolution 95-31

Mayor Verger opened the public hearing on the supplemental budget 95/96. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Verger moved to adopt Resolution 95-31 as presented. Councilor Combs seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Kelly Barnett, North Bend, representing the Drop-In Playschool. Ms. Barnett said they were planning a winter carnival on December 21st to be held at the Empire Lakes Community Building. Ms. Barnett requested Council waive the \$60 rental fee for use of the community building. Mayor Verger complimented Ms. Barnett on her work with the Playschool and expressed concern for the financial problems the playschool was experiencing. Ms. Barnett thanked the City for installation of fencing around the playground area which was a requirement for licensing a childcare facility.

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Community Services Director Meithof said additional playground equipment and restrooms would be installed at Empire Lakes Park in the Spring.

Councilor Combs moved to waive the \$60 rental fee for use of the room at the Empire Lakes Community Building. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Bill Rosencrantz, Coos Bay, reported on a drainage problem with his building. He said he felt the problem was caused by City trees located near his building. Mr. Rosencrantz reported that he had taken the problem to the Tree Board but did not have the problem resolved. City Manager Grile said he would look into the matter with the City Attorney and report back to Mr. Rosencrantz.

City Attorney's Report

Mr. Tosh said he would give his report during executive session.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Grile reported that appointments to the Budget Committee, Design Review Board, and Planning Commission would be coming up. He said he had reviewed the city goals and asked if the Council would like to review the goals prior to the budget process. Consensus of the Council was to schedule a meeting in January or February to review the goals and also take public input. Councilor Spangler asked that Council be given an update on where the City is at on the goals.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Williams commented on a letter from Crystal Shoji to the Oregon Transportation Commission. Mr. Williams expressed concern that the State may be looking at Highways 38 and 42 as only scenic drives rather than from an industrial and economic view. Mr. Grile said he would draft a letter with the City's concerns for the Mayor's signature. Mayor Verger said she could bring this up at her first meeting as LOC board member in January.

Councilor Miller reported that the City's tree lighting ceremony was wonderful and that Mayor Verger had done a superb job.

Councilor Spangler thanked the Fire Department for bringing Santa on a fire truck to the Empire community tree lighting event.

Councilor Weeks reported the Rotary Club would be auctioning Christmas trees at the Mill Casino and invited everyone to attend.

Councilor Combs reported on the Parks Commission meeting and said the Marine Board would be submitting a development plan to the City in the near future.

Executive Session

On motion by Mayor Verger the Council went into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) real property transaction, and (1) (h) possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Benetti which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors voting aye.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to December 19, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room at city hall.

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