

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 15, 1997

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, beginning with Council interviews at 6 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room, and then proceeding with a work session at 7 p.m. and a regular session at 7: 30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Joe Benetti, Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bruce Meithof, Library Director Carol Ventgen, Police Chief Marc Adams, and Fire Chief Stan Gibson. Media representatives were also in attendance.

COUNCIL INTERVIEWS

The City Council interviewed Paula Bechtold, Mark McKelvey, and Doug Wuerth for consideration of appointment to the Library Board; and Doug King for the Public Access TV Board.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Verger reviewed the consent calendar, presentation of award to outgoing Library Board member Joyce Day, and appointments to the Library Board and Public Access TV Board. City Manager Bill Grile briefly reviewed the bids received on the street paving project and noted the low bid came in under the City's estimate. Councilor Spangler asked if the project was a package deal or if it could be done in pieces. Community Services Director Bruce Meithof responded it is possible to do in pieces, however, it works better and with fewer problems if it is done as one project. Councilor Stufflebean commented that projects of this size usually cost more if done in pieces rather than one project.

Mr. Grile reviewed staff's recommendation for the building codes program. He said the City had received only two responses for the electrical and none for the plumbing job opening announcements. Mr. Grile recommended the Council go with the full program and try to fill a full time position which would do both plumbing and building inspections, and have the fire inspections performed by the Fire Department. Mayor Verger asked if it would be possible to contract with the current employee to do plumbing inspections after hours and on weekends. Mr. Grile commented the preference would be to have the City perform the plumbing inspections and the plan checks. Mr. Meithof reported that Joe McClay was notified today that he would receive his fire, life and safety certification, and could do plan checks. However, due to his work load he cannot perform the plan checks. Councilor McKeown recommended the fees support the entire program. Mr. Grile reviewed estimated fees and noted the plumbing fees would increase substantially in order to keep the plumbing inspection program. Councilor Benetti expressed concern about not offering the full program, and the difficulty of starting up the program once it has been stopped. Councilor Stufflebean commented if the plumbing inspection program is returned to the State, there would be

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delays to local builders and homeowners which would cost the builder additional money. He opined that a \$100 increase is not that much when compared to the cost of delays. Mayor Verger expressed concern that currently the City is at a slow growth rate, and the City needs to think how it would handle more growth. Mr. Grile commented the Council encourages responsible development and by requiring builders and contractors required to go to multiple places for permits would not produce the business climate the City is seeking.

COUNCIL MEETING

Flag Salute

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

Consent Calendar

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

- a) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 1997
- b) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, 1997
- c) Approval of OLCC license change of ownership - the Shakemill Tavern

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

Appreciation Award for Joyce Day, Outgoing Library Board Member

Mayor Verger commended Joyce Day for her many years of volunteer service to the library and for her eight years of service on the Library Board. She presented Mrs. Day with a certificate of appreciation. Mrs. Day commented it had been a pleasure to serve on the Library Board and she would continue to volunteer at the library.

Appointments to the Library Board

Interviews of three of the five applicants for two positions on the Library Board were held in the Manager's Conference Room at 6 p.m. Those interviewed were Paula Bechtold, Mark McKelvey, and Doug Wuerth; Charles Sharps and Tom Williscroft were not available for the meeting. Voting was done by ballot and Mark McKelvey and Tom Williscroft were appointed by a majority vote of the Council. Mayor Verger and Councilors Benetti, McKeown, and Miller voted for Mr. McKelvey. Mayor Verger and Councilors Benetti, McKeown, Miller, Stufflebean, and Weeks voted to re-appoint Mr. Williscroft to the Board.

Appointment to the Public Access TV Board

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After a brief discussion, Mayor Verger suggested staff re-advertise for additional applicants before appointments are made to the Public Access TV Board. Mayor Verger commented that notice has been placed in the City News as well as distributed to the usual places. Consensus of the Council was to advertise again.

Award of Bid - California, 20th, 21st, and 22nd Streets Paving Projects

City Manager Bill Grile reported bids for the paving projects had been received from Johnson Rock Products, Inc. for \$112,799, Umpqua River Navigation Co. for \$123,170, and Bracelin-Yeager, Inc. for \$153,864.25. The estimate for the project, including engineering fees and contract administration, is \$158,468. Councilor Stufflebean moved to award the bid to Johnson Rock Products Inc. for \$112,799. Councilor Weeks seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Review of Building Codes Program Options and Adoption of Ordinance No. 242

City Manager Bill Grile reported staff is ready for direction from Council on how to proceed with the building codes program, and at issue is whether to keep the plumbing inspection portion of the program. Councilor Benetti commented that if electrical and plumbing are kept, the City will need an additional clerical position. Councilor Weeks asked if the option of having reduced hours for purchasing permits to keep from hiring the additional clerical position had been looked into. Community Services Director Bruce Meithof reported staff had reviewed this option with the city manager, however, it would create a number of logistical problems. Mayor Verger recommended adopting the ordinance and after six months re-evaluate how it has worked out. City Attorney Randall Tosh reported the ordinance needed to be amended to include the plumbing program. Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen read the ordinance as amended and the Council was polled with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mayor Verger, Councilors Benetti, McKeown, Miller, Spangler, Stufflebean, and Weeks

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Direction to Staff Regarding Awning Program Changes

Mayor Verger reported this matter had been discussed in the work session on July 14th. City Manager Bill Grile commended Community Services Director Bruce Meithof on his written report on the awning program, and reported staff is ready to proceed with drafting the ordinance. Mr. Grile said the Council will need to schedule a City Council executive session for legal advise, and an Urban Renewal Agency meeting. Consensus of the Council was to meet at 7 p.m. on August 4th.

Public Comments

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Geno Landrum, Coos Bay, expressed concern about the 20th Street paving project and absentee owners. The city manager recommended Mr. Landrum meet with the community services director to discuss the matter.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported responding to a request from Steven and Vera Berry for documents. He will be providing the Council with a memo regarding changes for the design review ordinance.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile thanked Cindi Miller, Marty Crouse and Joyce Jansen for a superb job of putting together the 4th of July in Mingus event. He reported corresponding with the Port regarding assistance in providing information for a letter of support for the Coos Bay Trawlers Association. Mr. Grile reported the 5th Street project pre-bid conference would be held next week; the engineering costs for the Lockhart area storm water project is expected to be available at the end of summer; the City has not been able to find a tenant for the Empire Community Building; and anyone interested in participating in the Coos Bay-North Bend Challenge softball game should contact Russ Thackery in the fire department. Mr. Grile said he would be attending the ICMA conference the last week of July, and Police Chief Adams would be the acting city manager.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor McKeown thanked Joyce Day for her service on the Library Board and many years of volunteer work at the library.

Councilor Weeks commended Mrs. Day for her years of service, and congratulated the newly appointed Library Board members. Councilor Weeks reported on the Parks Commission meeting and noted she is working with the Skateboard Association on seeking foundation grant funding.

Councilor Miller congratulated Mrs. Day for her service on the Library Board. Councilor Miller commented all the applicants were great and thanked them for their interest in serving the City. Councilor Miller encouraged everyone to attend the July Jubilee in North Bend.

Councilor Stufflebean thanked the applicants and congratulated Mark McKelvey and Tom Williscroft on their appointments. He reported attending Senator Wyden's meeting and was impressed with the federal support for the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend.

Councilor Benetti reported attending the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board meeting to oppose raising the rates and noted the Board approved a 3 percent increase. Councilor Benetti commended staff members Bruce Meitof and Steve Doty, and Mayor Verger on their Eastside boat ramp presentation at Rotary. He thanked the staff and everyone who was involved in the 4th of July event, and said he has received many good comments on the event. Councilor Benetti also thanked Joyce Day for her service to the community; and commented the Oregon Coast Music Festival has been very good.

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Mayor Verger commented the Safety Town program for children is a good example of the community working together. The Mayor thanked Councilor Weeks for working with the skateboarders and noted the skateboard park is looking much cleaner. Mayor Verger expressed appreciation to Councilor Miller for her job of handling matters during the day on the 4th. She also thanked Joyce Jansen and Marty Crouse for helping with the 4th of July celebration. Mayor Verger urged everyone to attend the maritime exhibit on display at the Coos Art Museum. She reported a decision still had not been made by the governor regarding the veteran's home for Coquille.

Executive Session

Mayor Verger moved to meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) and (h) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel concerning labor negotiations and potential litigation.

Councilor Miller seconded the motion which passed with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to August 4, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

ATTEST:

Joyce Jansen
Deputy Recorder of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon