

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 16, 1997

The minutes of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Those Present

Those present were Mayor Joanne Verger, Councilors Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Kevin Stufflebean, and Judy Weeks. Councilors Joe Benetti and Don Spangler were absent. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Operations Director Steve Doty, Police Chief Marc Adams, Accounting Systems Supervisor Mary Beth Holst, and Fire Chief Stan Gibson.

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 September 2, 1997
- b) Approval of the minutes of the executive session of September 10, 1997
- c) Approval of OLCC license change of ownership for Puerta Vallarta
- d) Approval of OLCC license change in partnership for the Acapulco Bar & Grill
- e) Disability Employment Awareness Month proclamation

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

Tourism and Promotion Committee Quarterly Report - Presentation by Kay Heikkila

Kay Heikkila, Tourism and Promotion Committee Director, reviewed the committee's expenditures of the last quarter and reported on the committee's advertising program. Mrs. Heikkila noted the committee would be partnering with other agencies to advertise with the Oregon Travel Guide and commented that many leads have come from joining the Oregon Coast Visitors Association. Mayor Verger reported with the development of the waterfront the City may be looking at changing the City's logo for a better representation of Coos Bay. Mrs. Heikkila noted that the Tourism Committee was also looking at a new logo.

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Review of the US 101 Scenic Byway Project Regional Management Plan - Presentation by Frank Angelo, Project Manager

Frank Angelo reported the Highway 101 Scenic Byway project was at the end of the process for being nominated and endorsed for application for National Scenic Byway status. He noted the project was a community based effort and commended the city manager and citizens for their work on the project. City Manager Grile complimented Mr. Angelo on doing a superb job of gathering information and preparing the report. Mayor Verger moved to support federal approval of scenic byway designation for Oregon. Councilor Miller seconded the motion which carried with the Mayor and all Councilors present voting aye.

Public Comments

Sargent Webster, North Bend, speaking on behalf of the Sunset Classic Chevy Club, thanked Councilor Miller for attending the club's meetings, and expressed appreciation for the City's cooperation with the Cruz the Coos event.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randall Tosh reported meeting with the Tourism and Promotion Committee to discuss revisions to the agreement.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Grile reported the League of Oregon Cities held a general briefing of key legislation and distributed a summary of Measure 50. He commented that a number of options for use the Empire Lakes Community building have been looked at and currently the American Cancer Society is considering putting together a consortium of non-profits. Mr. Grile reminded the Council of the meeting for elected officials on October 1st with Oregon Department of Transportation director Grace Crunican. Mr. Grile reported staff is working on getting information out on the proposed library expansion project by appearing before the Chamber of Commerce board, doing radio interviews, and preparing a factsheet.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilor Miller reported that more than half the ads for the City News have been sold and there has been a positive attitude from the community during this process. She commended the organizers of Cruz the Coos on doing a wonderful job.

Councilor Weeks reported the Parks Commission has recommended letters be sent to the people who were involved with the recent incident at the skateboard park. She commented on the report from the Water Board regarding systems development charges and opined the charges should be a lien rather than requiring the money up front.

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Councilor McKeown commented the work session to review the Kittelson parking and traffic study was very good, and recommended any changes should be considered very carefully because they affect the whole community.

Mayor Verger reported another work session would be scheduled for further review of the Kittelson study. Mayor Verger encouraged Councilors to attend the meeting with ODOT director Grace Crunican and noted one of the items she would like discussed is the section of Newmark Avenue between the Y and WalMart. She reported the League legislative briefing was informative and Carol Samuels gave a good summary of Measure 50. Mayor Verger noted an evaluation of the City Manager would be held in October and would be done in executive session. She commented the walk around the library with Channel 14 was scheduled for October 6th.

Executive Session

Mayor Verger moved to meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Miller and passed with all members present voting aye. The City Council discussed the AFSCME arbitration and Police and Fire grievances. The Council reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Verger adjourned the meeting to October 7, 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