

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 26, 2021

The minutes of the proceedings of a City Council and Urban Renewal work session of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. Councilor Lucinda DiNovo was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Operations Administrator Randy Dixon, Police Chief Gary McCullough, and Deputy Police Chief Chris Chapanar. City staff attending remotely by teleconference were Library Director Sami Pierson and Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson.

Flag Salute

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

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Public Comment Form

No public comment forms were received online.

Review of the Agenda for Upcoming City Council/URA Board February 2, 2021 Meetings

Discussion Regarding Indoor Marijuana-related Business Regulations

Community Development Director Carolyn Johnson stated unlike the City's marijuana regulations found Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC) Title 17 chapter 17.335.080, Oregon law does not require marijuana businesses be located 1,000 feet away from residential areas and any other marijuana business. On November 17, 2020, Council directed creation of opportunities for the public to participate in a discussion on this matter. To facilitate community discourse, advertisement of this meeting was provided in the City's Friday Update newsletter, posted on the City's website, and by mail notification to all marijuana businesses and properties within 1,000 feet of each business.

Public comments have previously been shared with staff regarding the section of the regulations noted in 17.335.080 Indoor marijuana-related businesses: "Marijuana-related businesses may be operated indoors only and shall meet all of the following requirements: (1) Location - The business must be located in a permanent building in the industrial-commercial zone and may not be located in a trailer, cargo container, motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, manufactured home, greenhouse, or building designed and defined by

the building code as a residence, nor within 1,000 feet of any residential use in any zone of the city nor within 1,000 feet of another marijuana-related business of the same type.

For the purposes of determining the distance between a marijuana-related business and another marijuana related business and a marijuana business and a residential use, "within 1,000 feet" means a straight-line measurement in a radius extending for 1,000 feet or less in every direction from the closest point anywhere on the premises of an approved marijuana-related business to the closest point anywhere on the premises of a proposed marijuana-related business of the same type. If any portion of the premises of a proposed marijuana related business is within 1,000 feet of an approved marijuana-related business of the same type, it may not be approved. ...".

The restriction of marijuana businesses within "1,000 feet of any residential use in any zone of the city" precludes marijuana businesses from commercial areas where residential dwelling units are also located. Were the language to be modified to read: "1,000 feet of any residential land use district of the City", marijuana business locations could be expanded.

Council discussion ensued and consensus for splitting out marijuana-related business types, processors and manufacturers in industrial use only, review growers at a future time, and requested to see how the state and city code would look overlaid on a city map along with other varied options for consideration at the next scheduled work session. Potential need to extend the marijuana business moratorium. Council additionally requested continued public input for consideration.

Consideration of Parks Commission Recommendation for Additional Park Safety and Sanitary Measures

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated over the years the Mingus Park restrooms had aged and were ready for an upgrade. The current location of the restrooms was not an ideal location. Doors opened to a hilly area with limited sight visibility from the park or 10th Street, which was a major safety concern. The Parks Commission recommended closing the Mingus Park restrooms permanently and installing two portable restrooms and a hand wash station. This would be temporary until the park renovations could be completed. In addition, the Parks Commission would like to address security issues at John Topits Park (Empire Lakes). They recommended installing gates at the main entrance to John Topits Park. Opening and closing of the gates, including the restrooms, would be performed by a security company. Deputy Police Chief Chris Chapanar stated the Police Department was in support of gates being installed and the bathrooms being closed.

The monthly cost for the portable restrooms was estimated to be \$1,560. Approximately \$2,000 per month was expended maintaining existing restrooms including utilities. The cost for each gate was estimated to be \$5,000 which included installation. Operations Administrator Randy Dixon stated the portable restrooms would be located close to the current restroom location and restrooms were currently cleaned twice a day; although, sometimes had to be closed in the morning to paint walls due to the access issues overnight.

Council discussed and consensus to authorize staff to close Mingus Park restrooms permanently, install two portable restrooms (one ADA compliant), and one hand washing station. In addition, consensus to install two metal entry gates at John Topits Park; one at the upper parking lot and one at the lower parking lot. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated

staff would research various types of gates and report back to Council of costs associated.

Discussion Regarding the Development of a Sports Complex

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the Parks Commission discussed the concept of creating a sports complex in Coos Bay. There have also been discussions regarding a possible public-private partnership with a local business owner for the use of the Mingus Park Ballfield. The Parks Commission would like to discuss the concept with the City Council. City Manger Rodger Craddock stated it would require the city to research grants for the cost. Council consensus to hold a joint work session with the Parks Commission scheduled for February 23, 2021.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the work session. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for February 2, 2021 in the council chambers at city hall. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on February 2, 2021.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder