

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 27, 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 Councilors Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. Councilor Lucinda DiNovo attended remotely by teleconference. Mayor Joe Benetti was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, and Deputy Police Chief Chris Chapanar. City staff attending remotely by teleconference was Library Director Sami Pierson.

Flag Salute

Vice-Chair Marler 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.

Review of the Upcoming Council/URA Agenda Items for the May 4, 2021 Meetings:

Discussion Regarding 4th Street Construction Management Contract Amendment

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated Knife River Materials was previously granted an extension to their 4th Street construction contract. The extension was granted as the startup of the project was slowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown, as well as, the addition of street lighting, expanding limits at the southern end of projects limits, and additional work along Curtis Avenue. The unforeseen pandemic event was out of the control of the contractor, as well as, hindered the ability to get materials delivered in a timely manner. This led to extending the construction contract to August 31, 2021. The original construction completion date was December 20, 2020. Because of this extension, Civil West requested an amendment to the fee for their construction management contract with the city. This amendment covered the construction management and inspection for half of those additional days. The consultant worked the other half of the days within their existing budget. The original Civil West Engineering construction management contract was signed in April 2020 for work through December 2020 for a fee of \$150,000. The source of funds was the Urban Renewal Downtown Capital Projects fund. The fee for the amendment for an additional 90 days of work was \$51,744. The source of the additional funds was the same as the initial contract. Council discussion ensued.

Discussion Regarding Division Avenue Right of Way Vacation Request

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated city staff recommended vacating the undeveloped portion of Division Avenue between Lakeshore Drive and Patrick Avenue. It was unlikely the street would ever be developed due to topography. Staff contacted property owners abutting the proposed vacated right-of-way. No objections were raised. Pacific Power would have an easement to access overhead utilities. Should Council direct staff to move forward with the vacation, staff would bring for Council consideration a request to initiate the vacation on May 4, 2021. If the vacation was approved it would add additional property to the tax roll. Council consensus to move forward with the vacation process.

Discussion Regarding Pacific Power Art Wraps Project with Coos Bay Downtown Association

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the Coos Bay Downtown Association (CBDA) approached the city with the desire to transform common utility boxes ("Box" or "Boxes") in the downtown area into distinctive works of art in an effort to create a more vibrant and attractive streetscape. For the purpose of this agreement, an art wrap was defined as the application to a Box of an adhesive and weather-resistant material to affix an artistic impression upon such Box for the general enjoyment of the community. Alternatively, a wrap may be a hand-painted artistic impression upon a Box. Based on negotiations with Pacific Power (PAC), the owners of the utility boxes, and per the proposed agreement, the city would establish a process that would govern the review, selection, approval, and documentation of wraps. PAC would be consulted during the evaluation process and prior to any wrap installation. The city would agree to acquire appropriate art which was non-offensive in nature; did not advertise or promote a specific business, political party or agenda; did not promote a specific religion; and was consistent with adopted city policies. PAC reserved the right to deny any intended wrap for any reason. The proposed agreement further stated the city would be responsible for installation, maintenance, and cost of wraps. The proposed agreement also acknowledged the city may assign its rights and obligations with regard to management of the art wraps program to a third party, including, but not limited to the CBDA. Such assignment would not alter or affect the rights and obligations as between the city and PAC under the terms of the propose agreement. There were similar public art programs in many other cities, examples were provided to the Council. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated this agreement was between the City and PAC, there would also be an agreement between the City and CBDA at a later date. Councilor Kilmer gave background information of the project in regards to CBDA.

Executive Session

Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson read the executive session meeting disclosure statement. An executive session was held pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2) (d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. No decisions were made.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Vice-Chair Marler adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for May 4, 2021 in the council chambers at city hall. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on May 4, 2021.



Phil Marler, Vice-Chair

Attest: Nichole Rutherford

Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder