

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2021

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, and Rob Miles. Councilors Lucinda DiNovo and Carmen Matthews were absent. City Staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Police Chief Chris Chapanar, and Deputy Library Director Christina Coffman. Library Steering Committee Members present were Curt Benward and Bob More. Library Steering Committee Member Marie Benton attended remotely by teleconference.

Flag Salute

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

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Joint Discussion with Library Steering Committee Regarding Next Steps

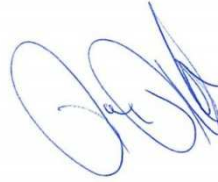
City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the City had a good strategy on how to try to fund building the new library which included a key component of getting money from the state which had looked promising. The city had been high on the list for capital project funding from the state legislature, but ultimately, it didn't survive the allocation process. Given the lack of funding it would be difficult to go out to the public to fund the full project at roughly \$25,000,000, or even half without some guarantee of where the rest of the funds would come from.

Council and Library Steering Committee Members discussed and consensus to postpone the bond for two years; but continue to move forward on finding funding, working towards becoming shovel ready, and campaigning. Library Steering Committee Members Curt Benward and Bob More discussed the work needed to be done at the current library building to make it temporarily usable and slow down deterioration to last until a new building could be built. Consensus to go out for request for proposals on a new roof and have an analysis done on the remainder of the building to confirm safety.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the special meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled to begin immediately following this special meeting; with the next regular council meeting scheduled for July 20, 2021 in the council

chambers at city hall. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on July 20, 2021.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Nichole Rutherford

Attest: _____
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder