

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 21, 2020

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

## **Those Attending**

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Library Director Sami Pierson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, Police Chief Gary McCullough, and Deputy Police Chief Chris Chapanaar.

## **Flag Salute**

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

## **Public Comments**

Scott Frasier, Coos Bay stated concerns regarding draining, surface damage, and traffic patterns with construction of new Millicoma Middle School and Eastside Elementary School where buses had been rerouted to A Street. Councilor Marler would clarify the bus route at the February 3, 2020 school bond committee meeting and report back to council at next meeting. City Manager Rodger Craddock would also contact the school superintendent to research.

## **Consent Calendar**

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

- 3a: Approval of minutes of December 10, 2019
- 3b: Approval of minutes of December 17, 2019
- 3c: Approval of minutes of January 7, 2020
- 3d: Acceptance of December 2019 Check Registers
- 3e: Acceptance of December 2019 Financial Reports
- 3f: Adoption of Resolution 20-01 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Coos Bay and Urban Renewal Agency for Du Jour Financing
- 3g: Acceptance of \$28,000 Department of Land Conservation and Development Technical Assistant Grant and Supplemental Budget - would Require Adoption of Resolution #20-02

3h: Approval of the Urban Renewal Agency Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Councilor Kilmer moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor DiNovo seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

**Report by Marshfield High School Key Club Member**

Marshfield High School (MHS) Key Club representative Emerald Russell summarized upcoming Key Club activities, shared various ongoing fundraising activities and achievements by various MHS clubs, committees, and athletic teams.

**Recognition of Reserve Officer Luke McGriff**

Police Chief Gary McCullough stated the Coos Bay Police Department wanted to recognize and celebrate the promotion of Reserve Officer Luke McGriff to a reserve sergeant and presented him with a plaque. Sergeant McGriff was sworn in as a reserve officer for the Coos Bay Police Department over six years ago and had donated over 2,000 hours of his own personal time serving as a volunteer officer. Sergeant McGriff's selfless dedication to the Coos Bay Police Department and the citizens of Coos Bay hadn't gone without notice. His willingness to volunteer his personal time without compensation was testament to his overall character and his longevity speaks to why he was so deserving of the promotion.

**Presentation of the Semi-Annual Bay Area Chamber Activities Report**

The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Coos Bay work together to support local businesses and to improve the economy. Having open and regular communication between the two entities was important in maintaining the partnership. Outgoing 2019 Chamber President Clark Walworth presented the semi-annual Bay Area Chamber Activities Report whose 2019 theme was Step Up. Highlights of the second half of 2019 were: new Education Committee chair person Staci Gulseth of Marshfield High School focused on helping students connect with local businesses for career opportunities; Membership and Marketing Committee developed a new welcome program; Business Development and Support team conducted a review of the business climate in local government; Chamber Ambassadors held six ribbon cuttings and four Business After Hours events; Leadership Coos celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019 with volunteers maintaining and conducting the 31st class in September 2019; Legislative Action team was active in the Governmental Affairs Council of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and evaluated the 2020 candidates; fundraising had been a priority; 27th annual Economic Outlook Forum was a success; a formal 2020 strategic plan was completed with three year goals; Chamber banquet was scheduled for January 25, 2020; and would pass leadership to Todd Goergen.

**Approval to Purchase Wastewater Vehicle**

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley requested to purchase  
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wastewater pumper truck for the city wastewater operation. The byproduct of wastewater treatment was sludge and had to be treated so that pathogens were removed to levels that were not harmful. This was commonly referred to as solids handling and typically was done in a digester. Once treated, it was to be disposed of accordingly. For Coos Bay, biosolids were land applied as fertilizer to local farms in the summer. With the new Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 (WWTP2) in Empire, the solids handling was removed from the site. Sludge was conveyed, via a force main, to the digesters at Wastewater Treatment Plant 1 where they were treated and then stored in the lagoon in Eastside until they were ready to be land applied. The city now only has to maintain one set of digesters, as opposed to two, and would be more cost effective over the life of the system. Prior to the removal of the digesters at the old WWTP2 site, once the sludge was treated, it was hauled in a large tanker truck to the lagoon in Eastside. This occurred once or twice daily, seven days a week. It was beneficial to have the large tanker to minimize trips, but the large tanker could not be utilized for land application on the farmer's fields due to its weight and inability to maneuver easily. City staff recommended downsizing the large fifty foot tanker trailer to a smaller 4,000 gallon tanker truck for land application and with two trucks running, a smaller truck would provide redundancy should the older tanker need repair. The cost included outfitting and transportation from Wisconsin to Coos Bay.

Councilor Matthews moved to authorize staff to purchase a Peterbuilt 348 wastewater vehicle not to exceed \$180,000.00. Councilor DiNovo seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated at the January 17, 2020 Coos Bay Downtown Association's annual membership meeting Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson received an award for assistance with the completion of Travel Oregon grant request, resulting in award of the \$20,000 grant, which helped hire a consultant for the Main Street program. A letter of commendation was sent out for Senior Police Officer Darrell Babb who helped a homeless individual reunite with his mother out of state. The Homeward Bound program which was a partnership between Oregon Coast Community Action and the City of Coos Bay, helped transport thirty-eight individuals back to their home communities where they had family support and housing. The Homeless Workgroup requested a follow-up of the status of those individuals to report on the success rate. The city was working to update the transportation system plan (TSP) with an open house scheduled for January 23, 2020 in council chambers at city hall. The city had a permit application for Hollering Place from the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians for their development which was going through the review process. The Wasson Street apartment project was going through the building and land use permit review process. Project Oasis off of Lindy Lane had some site work done and city staff would be meeting with the developer on January 24, 2020. Mr. Craddock and Mayor Benetti met with the Coos County Commissioners and others on the status of county police and fire radio system. The system was very old and had been down once for thirty-six hours. The county would be asking voters for tax levy of \$3,700,000 to upgrade system, shared towers, and potentially shared upgrades with cities of Coos Bay and North Bend who also have their own radio systems in need of upgrades. The Coos Bay Library feasibility study would be discussed at the next council meeting and PacWest was meeting with State legislators hoping to get funds earmarked. The city received a request from local marijuana dispensary to place a limitation on dispensaries locating within 1,000 feet of another dispensary. There was no desire by council to undertake a change to municipal code and Coos Bay Police Department stated

there were no current issues so would not be put on a future agenda at this time. The portion of the seawall on the lower bluff section was complete at Hollering Place, with design of the city's portion of the seawall in front of Newmark Avenue was complete and would go out to bid in February. The design plans were not to replace the seawall, but pull a rock wall behind it. The ADA curb and ramp project in Empire was due to be completed by the end of January 2020, with four currently not completed. Coos Watershed would complete water swells and green spaces.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Farmer stated on January 21, 2020 he did naloxone training through the HIV Alliance Program, a drug which counters overdoses on opioids. Councilor Farmer noted in twenty-four months there were 12 new cases of HIV in Coos County attributed to drug use. Councilor Matthews stated he was excited for the new year. Councilor Kilmer stated first two week with sharps containers resulted in collection of over 4,000 syringes; the containers were for any user. Councilor Kilmer thanked everyone who attended the Coos Bay Downtown Association's annual meeting which was successful and positive. Councilor DiNovo stated she was disappointed by the comments made regarding the councilors who voted in favor of the Jordan Cove permit application presented at the January 7, 2020, but wanted to state it was such a good working council that had done wonderful things, and though all members may not always agree, they came together nicely to accomplish goals and complete projects. Councilor Miles congratulated and thanked Officer McGriff and asked for an update on the street lamp inventory. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the city was waiting for response from Amersco related to the council request for indemnification if the audit came back stating it was not worth moving forward, and City Attorney Nate McClintock stated he would follow-up. Mayor Benetti stated the Coos Bay Downtown Association's annual meeting was well attended and was a nice event. Mayor Benetti commended 911 Dispatch staff who went above and beyond to take care of a citizen concern about water being shut off.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for February 4, 2020 in the council chambers at city hall.



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Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford  
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder