

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 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 Councilor Stephanie Kilmer. Attending remotely by teleconference were Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, 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, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, and Deputy Police Chief Chris Chapanar. Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley 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 was in attendance and no comments were provided online.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

- 3a: Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2020
- 3b: Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2020
- 3c: Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2020
- 3d: Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2020
- 3e: Acceptance of February 2020 Check Registers
- 3f: Acceptance of February 2020 Financial Reports

- 3g: Approval of the Arbor Day Proclamation - In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, with Arbor Day first observed by the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires and countless other wood products. Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
- 3h: Approval of the Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month Proclamation - By Presidential Proclamation, since 1983, the month of April has been known as National Child Abuse Prevention month. The common goal for this month is to raise awareness about child abuse and how to prevent it.
- 3i: Approval of National Telecommunicators Week Proclamation - The week of April 12-18, 2020 is designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This proclamation signifies the City of Coos Bay as a community which recognizes the important contribution Public Safety Telecommunicators make each day.
- 3j: Acceptance of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Heritage Program Certified Local Government Grant - The city's application for Certified Local Government Grant (OR-20-05) through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Heritage Division was accepted and the city was awarded a \$12,000 grant. This is a pass-through grant for development (repair/refurbishing) of a property or properties listed on the National Register for \$11,000 and \$1,000 for staff training/conference. The grant match is funded from the Urban Renewal Agency façade improvement program. As required with all grants, council must accept the award on behalf of the agency.
- 3k: Approval of Amendment 4 to the Department of Environmental Quality Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 Construction Loan

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.

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Coos Chapter International Association of Fire Fighters Local #2935

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the labor contract between the city and the Coos Chapter International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local #2935 was slated to expire on June 30, 2020. Members from both bargaining teams (city & IAFF) recently negotiated a

successor three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The proposed fiscal years 2020–2023 CBA was ratified by the members of IAFF Local #2935 and needed approval of the city council. The CBA between the city and IAFF was provided in its entirety and in legislative format (showing changes and revisions). The additional cost impact of all economic based changes in the proposed successor agreement across the department during the first year was estimated at \$34,258, and for the three-year contract period was anticipated to be between \$61,185–\$135,651. These estimates do not include related costs or potential increase in rates for PERS, Social Security/Medicare, or insurance (health, workers comp, life, long term disability).

Councilor Miles moved to approve the fiscal years 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Coos Chapter IAFF Local #2935. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Acceptance of Public Storm Line Easements and Dedicated Right-of-Way for the Coos Bay Village Planned Unit Development

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the Planning Commission approved the Tentative Coos Bay Village Planned Unit Development (PUD) December 11, 2018, with conditions and as revised on November 26, 2019. One condition included dedication to the city of easements for two existing public storm sewer lines and a 50' X 60' dedicated right-of-way dedication near the railroad crossing required by ODOT Rail.

Staff requested council consider enacting the ordinance accepting the easements and property that will, in the future, contain the project's proposed public improvements. At a future date, after the public improvements are completed, council will be asked to consider accepting the public improvements into the city's inventory for maintenance as well as consider approval of the final plat. After submission to council, minor revisions needed to section five and six were found; Mr. Hossley read the entire revised section five and section six into record.

Councilor Kilmer moved to enact Ordinance 523 accepting the two public storm sewer easements and the 50' X 60' dedicated right-of-way of Coos Bay Village Planned Unit Development. Councilor Marler seconded the motion. Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance 523 was enacted by the following vote:

Aye: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Marler, Matthews, Miles.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated he was pleased with city staff during this difficult time providing services, finding ways to work safely, and obey the governor's rules of which we are fortunate in not seeing vast growing cases in Oregon. In the Public Works/Community Development there are eight employees teleworking along with a few staff in the office to

provide services to the development community; building inspectors are using technology to inspect by video or photos when able; Coos Bay Police and Fire personnel are coordinating to implement safety protocols to continue to provide services as safely as possible; even though the Coos Bay Public Library was closed there were still products coming in (segregated for two weeks) and continued demand for services so library personnel would be providing mail-order services to patrons in the service district; and the finance department was still working in the office and observing social distancing.

Council Comments

Councilor Matthews stated he has been social distancing, glad to hear city staff continued to provide services, wished everyone to stay safe and healthy, and urged any citizens in need of assistance to email the council to work on solutions and make sure the community thrives. Councilor Miles thanked the library staff for providing services to the community, heard measures taken in Oregon have helped slow the spread of the virus, encouraged everyone to continue to follow guidelines even though our daily lives have been disrupted and drastically changed, and thanked everyone for what they have done while working together for the common good. Councilor DiNovo thanked city staff for adjusting and making sure the city was still providing essential services, thanked the city manager for keeping the council up-to-date, and commended staff on the work completed at Empire Lakes park. Councilor Marler thanked city and technology staff for making sure the council could hold meetings, people were concerned but following recommendations, and thanked the public for taking it seriously to help keep numbers low. Councilor Farmer thanked city staff for their work, keeping a routine, and the city had demonstrated leadership by being an example in following protocol. Councilor Kilmer thanked city staff for keeping everything running, appreciated the City of Coos Bay Police, Fire, and Public Works personnel working on the front line, businesses were also helping the community and making a difference in people's lives, was proud of the community, and the Coos Bay Downtown Association delayed the start of the Farmer Market to June 1, 2020. Mayor Benetti thanked city staff for their work, community partners had provided masks to the Coos Bay Police Department, city staff, and coastal hospitals, advocated wearing cloth masks when unable to follow social distancing, stated the more we do now the more we protect ourselves and stem the spread, and was proud of the community for facing this crisis head-on and keeping it under control.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2020 in the council chambers at city hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Nichole Rutherford

Attest: _____
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder