

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 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 7:02 pm in the Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, and Phil Marler. Those attending remotely by teleconference were Councilors 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, Police Chief Gary McCullough, and Deputy Police Chief Chris Chapanar. City Staff attending remotely by teleconference were Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Library Director Sami Pierson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson, and Fire Chief Mark Anderson.

Planning Commission attending remotely by teleconference were were Chairman Jim Berg and Commissioners Amy Aguirre and Rex Miller. Commissioners Bill Davis, Chris Hood, Rex Miller, and Ryan Wortman were absent.

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 given. Deputy Police Chief Chris Chapanar gave a report on the investigation into the recent graffiti incidents and stated there was an active tip line and reward for successful apprehension of those responsible, had received a few tips being followed-up on, reviewed video surveillance, but have no current concrete leads at this time.

Public Comment Form

No public comment forms were received.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

3a: Approval of minutes of July 7, 2020

3b: Acceptance of June 2020 Check Registers

3c: Acceptance of June 2020 Financial Reports

3d: Adopt Resolution 20-20 for an Appropriation Transfer within the CAD Group

Reserve Fund

During the previous fiscal year, the County-wide CAD group disbanded with the decision of the City of Coos Bay, City of Coquille, and the Coquille Indian Tribe to change their computer-aided-dispatch (CAD) program. The City of Coos Bay had been the fiscal agent for this county-wide CAD group, as well as, housed some of the network hardware. With the program transition by the three members, it was determined that fiscal responsibility for the remaining members of the county-wide group should be transferred to Coos County.

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

2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Update the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element and Amendments to Coos Bay Municipal Code Title 17 Development Code Sections

Planning Commission did not have a quorum and were scheduled to meet on August 11, 2020 to review and make a recommendation to Council. The Planning Commission in attendance were dismissed from the meeting.

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the city of Coos Bay was required by Oregon statutes and administrative rules to enact a Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations that conform with Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines, and coordinate with other affected units of government. Statewide Planning Goal 12 requires the city to have a “safe, convenient and economic transportation system.” This was accomplished through an accurate Transportation System Plan (TSP) based on inventories of local, regional and state transportation needs. The Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) was the State’s long-range, multi-modal transportation plan and was the overarching policy document for a series of modal and topic plans with which a local TSP must be consistent. The TSP detailed projects and policies that address transportation facilities and the community’s transportation related goals. The document served as a vision for the community by providing a twenty year list of improvement projects and a plan for implementing those projects. It was updated every ten to fifteen years and was last updated in 2004.

The 2020 TSP update and related Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC) amendments had been completed with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funded professional transportation and planning consultants, engaged the Public Advisory Committee (PAC), and technical assistance from ODOT, David Evans and Associates (DEA) and Angelo Planning Group (APG), and the public for the update of the 2004 TSP to reflect current and future Coos Bay transportation needs. TSP Volume 1 included the project background and process, goals and objectives, a description of Coos Bay today, and what could be anticipated in Coos Bay 2040, Modal Plans, Standards and Guidelines, funding and implementation and potential project. Volume II provides the TSP supporting documentation and technical appendices. Additionally, amendments to the Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC) were also developed to implement the TSP.

The TSP included the city’s transportation multi-modal future facilities, operations,

maintenance, future needs and implementation regulations. The 2020 TSP and its related CBMC changes would provide implementation of the city's transportation objectives; compliance with State Planning Goal 12 Transportation "to develop a transportation system for all modes that will meet the needs of existing residents and support planned residential, commercial, and industrial growth"; guidance for managing, operating, and improving the multi-modal transportation system with priority projects, policies, and programs for a twenty year period; flexibility to respond to changing community needs and revenue sources over the Plan life; and over the first five years of TSP life, identify the existing transportation maintenance backlog for operations, maintenance, and road rehabilitation. Note that a PAC priority is to maintain the city's current transportation infrastructure.

During the first five years of the life of the new TSP, new projects could be implemented if packaged as part of a larger maintenance or rehabilitation project. After five years, the amount of revenue directed towards operations, maintenance and rehabilitation would shift to nearly 70 percent, with the remaining 30 percent focused on new capital projects.

Capital projects were identified as either Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 projects could be constructed with funding anticipated through 2040. Tier 2 projects were needed but unfunded. Among other options, future funding could be achieved by the development community with the construction of new projects and/or the city as needs arise and funding is available, or a combination thereof. One new Tier 1 project not included in the draft was consideration of study and future decision on improvements for the intersection of Empire Blvd and Newmark Avenue.

Consultant Angela Rogge gave an overview of the TSP project; timeline, development, evaluation, and funding forecast.

Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson provided an update on the comprehensive plan and zoning code changes related to the TSP.

Mr. Hossley stated the TSP projects were Tier 1 financially constrained projects which could be constructed with funding anticipated through 2040 and Tier 2 needed but unfunded projects which were highly supported but due to cost or jurisdiction were unable to be included in the Tier 1 list. Some Tier 1 projects included city wide pavement maintenance, US 101 downtown pedestrian crossings, 4th Street safety, bike/pedestrian transit connectivity, and Empire Blvd at Newmark Ave intersection improvements. Some Tier 2 projects included Newmark Ave pedestrian improvements, D St/Coos River Rd shoulder widening, connect the boardwalks, and railroad crossing upgrades.

Mayor Joe Benetti opened the public hearing for public comments. No comments were made. The public hearing was held open until the August 18, 2020 Council meeting.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the Eastside Safe Routes to School project was making progress with all utilities moved, retaining walls on 6th Ave installed, some sidewalks installed, and was at 40% completion. Spring and early summer road improvement projects were underway with exception of 500 block of North Marple which will be prepared for safe travel during improvement and then transition to pothole repair. 4th Street capital

improvement project was underway and currently putting in new water line in conjunction with Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board. Facade project undergoing at Old City Hall, Tower Ford, and the Boys and Girls Club building inside and outside; Bugge Bank building would be opening soon, and Tioga building work would be started soon. Coos Bay Village soon to be turned over to leasees to begin interior work, intersection work waiting on Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) review and permitting, and can expect improvements in early 2021. Request for proposals sent out for demolition of building by former scrap yard on Front St, anticipated mid-August for demolition, scrap yard cleanup would not be started until 2021. Request for proposals sent out for 2020 timber harvest, with initial thoughts to postpone, but timber prices continued to increase. Request for proposals sent out for Egyptian Theatre roof replacement, with project funded through gifts and grants received by the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association. Stance against racism read at July 7, 2020 council meeting, action steps were adopted by Resolution 20-19, and planned to set up community listening and learning sessions. New governor restrictions for social gatherings may have to pause the sessions, but focus on opportunity for citizens to share with council resulted in plans to develop an online forum. Consultants will assist with compiling forum comments for council review. A task force was being put together for the Alonzo Tucker project, now organized by the Coos History Museum. Looking at diversity, equity, and inclusion training for all elected officials and staff members, with contact made with the Southwestern Oregon Community College to assist in development of training plan.

Council Comments

Councilor Miles stated work inside the Boys and Girls Club building started late March due to COVID-19, two new dance studios on first floor and office space, with outside work plans to review soon. Councilor Farmer asked to add to the next council meeting agenda a presentation by Rick Stillwagon and Michael Couch on behalf of Oregon Coast Artisan & Trade Education Collective (OCATEC) proposing the city to be the fiscal agent on a grant request from the Department of Commerce to seed classes to teach trade skills with matching through projects the city was already working on. Councilor Marler thanked the City Manager for the update on the streets, was happy the city was continuing to move forward on projects during the pandemic, commended the Fire Chief for taking action to cancel the Burn to Learn upon hearing of a disagreement between citizens, and stated the school projects were on time and under budget. Councilor Kilmer thanked city staff and especially the Police Department who receive a lot of calls and continue getting through all the work there is to do, stated the business owners and operators weather anything coming their way with grace and optimism, the Coos Bay Downtown Association made the decision to cancel the 2020 festivals, the Promotions Committee was working on plans for marketing local businesses, and the Economic Vitality Committee received a grant to support development of future economic vitality plans with an extension to December 2020. Mayor Benetti stated businesses had been with us through thick and thin, need to do whatever we can to keep COVID-19 down, masks for businesses were available, thanked the Finance Director for refinancing the Fire Department Station general obligation bonds to save funds, and thanked city staff and council with all the demands.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for August 4, 2020 in the council chambers at city hall. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on August 4, 2020.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder