

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 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 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, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, and Police Chief Gary McCullough. City staff attending remotely by teleconference was Library Director Sami Pierson.

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.

Public Comment Form

No public comment forms were received.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

3a: Approval of October 20, 2020 Minutes

3b: Approval of October 27, 2020 Minutes

3c: Approval to Initiate Lockhart Avenue Right-of-Way Vacation Request

The City received a right-of-way vacation request from Above All Property Management to vacate a small section of Lockhart Avenue. Council was asked to initiate the vacation process for a portion of Lockhart Avenue adjacent to the north boundary of the lot at 716 Southwest Boulevard.

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

Public Hearing on Grant Avenue Right-of-Way Vacation Request - Approval would Require Enactment of Ordinance

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated the owners of 506 North Main Street, Cindy and Hugh Gray, requested the city vacate a 60' x 110' portion of the unimproved Grant Avenue right-of-way adjacent to their current south property line. They would like the additional property, which they currently maintain, so that they can expand their home. Due to property line setback requirements, they cannot expand their home as their lot is now configured. Because the likelihood of this portion of Grant Avenue being upgraded to a paved street was low given the terrain of connecting streets in the neighborhood, staff had no objection to the vacation. Council authorized initiation of the vacation process on October 6, 2020.

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. Hugh Gray, Coos Bay stated they had received positive comments from the neighbors, have had transient issues in the past, and hoped council approved the vacation. The hearing was closed.

Councilor DiNovo moved to enact the ordinance to vacate a 60' x 110' portion of Grant Avenue right-of-way westerly of North Main Street. Councilor Miles seconded the motion. Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson read the ordinance by title only and Ordinance 530 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 did not give a report.

Council Comments

Councilor Farmer stated pending election results if everyone could not meet again as a group, it had been a pleasure serving with this council. Councilor Matthews stated it had been a pleasure to serve on the council with everyone, wished everyone running good luck, and asked everyone to stay safe. Councilor DiNovo thanked the voters for voting her onto the council four years ago, noted it had been an honor, looked forward to the election results, and hoped to get the opportunity to serve again. Councilor Kilmer stated it had been an honor to serve, preliminary ballot counts were high, and appreciated how many people have voted. Mayor Benetti stated it had been a pleasure to work with this council, hoped to have the honor to serve again, and it had been great to see so many people vote.

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) (i) for the purpose of evaluating the job performance of the City Manager. No decisions were made.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for November 17, 2020 in the council chambers at city hall. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on November 17, 2020.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder