

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**April 19, 2022**

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 7:03 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, Rob Miles, and Sara Stephens. Councilor Carmen Matthews attended remotely by teleconference. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Assistant City Manager Nichole Rutherford, Finance Director Melissa Olson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, Police Chief Chris Chapanar, and Library Director Sami Pierson.

### **Committee Interviews Will be Held in the City Hall Conference Room**

### **Flag Salute**

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

### **Public Comments**

Candice and Brad Prater, Coos Bay stated the school bus reroute on D Street has damaged the street in front of their home and there were safety issues. Jesus, Coos Bay also stated damage to D Street due to the bus traffic and cars were not stopping at stop signs. Mayor Joe Benetti stated the city had limited ability to deal with all the issues stated, would discuss with the school board, Public Works would look at any curb and sidewalk issues, the Police School Resource Officer would look into the traffic violations, and citizens should also notify the school board. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the school district did a Traffic Impact Study to determine the safest route and the city could only control the condition of the street, but would contact the school board. Ken Folker, Coos Bay asked if Madison Elementary was putting solar panels in and asked everyone to vote on May 17, 2022. Mayor Benetti suggested the question be brought up to the school board as he did not know. Diane Hannah, Coos Bay stated at the end of 7th Street towards Englewood was a low area and flooded, previously it was a dead-end street, permits were issued to allow additional building on the street causing a drainage issue making the flooding worse and there was no maintenance on the ditches. Mayor Benetti stated it had been addressed previously, the city had limited responsibility, it was a low area, and the City Manager would provide past reports provided to council and Public Works would review when maintenance was last completed. Jesus, Coos Bay stated he had owned property in the same area and had to clean the ditch himself. Mike Vaughan, Coos Bay stated appreciation for the support of public art and would be painting a mural on a cement wall near the chip pile on North Hwy 101.

### **Public Comment Form**

No public comment forms were received.

## **Consent Calendar**

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

3a: Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes

3b: Acceptance of March 2022 Financial Reports and Check Registers

3c: Acceptance of Small Grant from Oregon State Marine Board

The city of Coos Bay applied for and received a Small Grant from the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for repairs to the existing Empire boat launch floats.

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

## **National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation**

Police Chief Chris Chapanar stated 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. During the month of April, victims, service providers, criminal justice members, allied professionals and community volunteers join together in observance of child abuse prevention month. Prevention can only be accomplished if, as a society and as individuals, responsibility is taken to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children. April 6, 2022 was the annual Pin Wheel Day at Kids Hope Center where staff and volunteers placed pin wheels around the Center. Representatives from the Kids Hope Center read the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Proclamation.

Councilor Miles moved to approve the proclamation designating April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month. Councilor Stephens seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

## **National Volunteer Week Proclamation**

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week with an executive order in 1974. Every sitting U.S. president since Nixon has issued a proclamation during National Volunteer Week (as have many U.S. mayors and governors), urging Americans to give their time to community outreach organizations. Coos Bay benefits from more than 170 citizens, some who serve as volunteer firefighters, reserve police officers, disabled parking enforcement, park or marina host at one of our many parks, or in the library. Others give of their time and talents as they serve on one of the many city related boards, committees or commissions such as: Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Design Assistance Team, Library Board, Parks Commission, Tree Board, Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board city representative, Homeless Work Group, Library Facilities Steering Committee, City Council, Urban Renewal Agency Board, etc. Collectively, they have donated thousands of hours of their time. National Volunteer Week was April 17 - 23, 2022. The City and the citizens we serve benefit greatly from the collective work of many volunteers and as such, the Council is being asked to consider approving a National

Volunteer Week proclamation. Mayor Benetti read the National Volunteer Week Proclamation.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the proclamation celebrating National Volunteer Week in Coos Bay. Councilor DiNovo seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

### **Consideration of Appointments to the Budget Committee**

Recently, the city advertised openings on the Budget Committee and Design Assistance Team. Applications were accepted through April 1, 2022. No applications were received for the opening on the Design Assistance Team. The Design Assistance Team had one opening, a term ended December 31, 2020 but was not filled at this time.

On April 19, 2022, the City Council interviewed applicants who wished to be considered for appointment on the Budget Committee. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the City received four applications for appointments to the Budget Committee to fulfill three openings for two unexpired terms and one expired term. The unexpired term ending December 31, 2023 was vacated by Sarah Stephens when she was appointed to the City Council and the other unexpired ending December 31, 2022 was vacated by Florence Pourtal-Stevens with her resignation from the Budget Committee. Applications were received from Brenda Brecke, Eli Gonzalez, Rick Rehfeld, and Leah Ruby.

By action of Council ballot the Council appointed Brenda Brecke for unexpired term ending December 31, 2022, Rick Rehfeld for unexpired term ending December 31, 2023, and Eli Gonzalez for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

### **Appointment to the Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board Budget Committee**

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated each year the Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board (Water Board) extended an invitation to the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend to consider appointing either their mayor or a council member to participate in the Water Board's budget committee meetings. Their budget committee meetings consist of two meetings beginning in June, with this year's meetings scheduled on June 2, 2022 and June 9, 2022. The meetings were scheduled for an hour and a half beginning at 12:00 p.m., and lunch would be provided. The meetings were planned for in-person attendance; however, was subject to change and notification of attendance options would be provided when available. If a member of Council was not able to attend, Mr. Craddock was willing to serve on the committee. Council consensus for Mr. Craddock to attend on their behalf.

### **Update on Design of New Library/911 Communications Center**

Library Director Sami Pierson gave an update on the design for the new library facility/911 communications center. Presented were the fifty percent schematic design report, plans for the two levels, and a fly through video for better understanding of the layout of the building. Mayor Benetti gave a brief history of the current library building, process to relocate the library, and stated the bond measure would be on the May 17, 2022 ballot. There would be a meeting at the Coos Bay Public Library on April 21, 2022.

## **Continuation of a Public Hearing to Consider Enactment of a Proposed Ordinance Amending Coos Bay Municipal Code Regarding Marijuana-related Businesses**

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley stated this agenda item was a continuation from the April 5, 2022 City Council meeting. The Coos Bay Municipal Code section 17.150 (Definitions) does not include a definition for marijuana wholesale operations. To secure the maximum amount of Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) revenue from the state tax on marijuana grown, processed, and sold (retail and wholesale) in the state, the City's land use marijuana regulations must reference wholesale marijuana opportunity locations. The proposed ordinance included a definition of "wholesale marijuana".

All marijuana related businesses (retail, wholesale, grow and processing) are permitted in the Industrial Commercial zone; grow references inside-grows only, as outdoor grows are prohibited by code. The proposed ordinance noted all marijuana businesses are prohibited in the Waterfront Heritage, Hollering Place and Medical Park districts, as well as, clarified the outright prohibition of marijuana grows, wholesale, and processing use in the Commercial/Mixed Use land use districts.

Council has reviewed sections of the CBMC Title 17 regulations over the past three years related to the locations of marijuana commerce land uses. The draft ordinance included language to finalize the city's regulations to comply with state law and maximize the City's opportunities OLCC tax revenue opportunities. Marijuana tax sharing revenue are not restricted and can be used for general fund purposes.

Mayor Benetti opened the continued public hearing. No public comments were given. The public hearing was closed.

Councilor Kilmer moved to enact the ordinance amending Coos Bay Municipal Code regarding marijuana-related businesses. Councilor DiNovo seconded the motion. Finance Director Melissa Olson read the ordinance by title only, "An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 473 Development Code (Coos Bay Municipal Code Chapter 17) as previously amended by Ordinances 541, 540, 518, and 503 regarding marijuana related definitions, land use tables, and text." and Ordinance 553 was enacted by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

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

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated under Police Chief Chapanar and his management team the city operates the North Coos 911 Center which handled 48,000 calls for service last year, 13,000 were 911 calls; offers twenty-four hours dispatch services for the Coos Bay Police Department, Coos Bay Fire Department, Coquille Fire Department, Coquille Ambulance, Coquille City Police, Coquille Tribal Police, North Bend Police Department, and North Bend Fire Department; dispatch has thirteen full time and two contract workers; and the previous week was Telecommuters Appreciation week. Urban Renewal District was expanding the boundary for the library site, mailings were sent to over 5,000 property owners, there was no impact on overlapping districts or home owners, and was scheduled to come

before the Agency May 3, 2022 for approval.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Matthews thanked all the dispatchers for their service and if anyone had questions regarding the new library project to contact him. Councilor Stephens met with Boomer Wright and toured the Coos Bay Public Library; Mr. Wright was in support of the library and wanted to donate some books. Councilor Kilmer thanked all the volunteers, Dispatchers, city staff, and Kids Hope Center for all their work. Councilor Miles stated the Community Coalition of Empire Coalition Business After Hours event was scheduled for April 28, 2022, commended LouAnn Dewater from Star of Hope for work on the Empire mural project, gave monthly library numbers update, stated citizens could contact him regarding the library project, highlighted the Community Engagement Specialist, and thanked all the volunteers and Kids Hope Center. Councilor Farmer asked about the Pride flag for June and was interested in flying flags for the Police Department and Fire Department. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the Pride flag would be on the agenda at a later date. Mayor Benetti thanked everyone who made public comments and everyone who applied for the Budget Committee and congratulated those who were appointed to the Budget Committee.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for May 3, 2022. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on May 3, 2022.



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Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford  
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder