

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 21, 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 7:00 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, Carmen Matthews, Rob Miles, and Sara Stephens. Councilor Stephanie Kilmer 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, Deputy Public Works and Community Development Director/City Engineer Jennifer Wirsing, Police Chief Chris Chapanar, and Library Director Sami Pierson. City staff attending remotely by teleconference was Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson.

5:45p - Council Interviews

Library Board 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.

New Council Business

Mayor Benetti requested to add Resolution 22-18 to the agenda. Councilor Matthews moved to add Resolution 22-18 to the agenda. Councilor DiNovo seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

Public Comments

Mo Aakre, Coos Bay thanked Council for their hard work, have made progress in the city, and the Pride flag was a welcoming statement. Darrell Barr, Coos Bay stated he wanted the Christian flag flown with all religions treated fairly and the development along the waterfront should have more restaurants instead of the types of businesses there. Eric Clough, Coos Bay discussed the need for safe bicycle transportation on Front Street and to work with ODOT for road improvements on Hwy 101. Richard Kuznitsky, North Bend stated there should be no religious symbols in government. Pam Lewis, Coquille requested someone to sponsor a pro-life flag or to only fly United States, Oregon, and military flags. Rob Taylor, Bandon requested someone to sponsor a Christian flag to be flown at Easter. Josh Hystad, Coos Bay requested a Christian flag be flown at Easter and offered to donate a flag. Matt Wilbanks, Coos Bay requested a Christian flag and Gadsden flag to be flown in September. Kamryn Stringfield, Coos Bay stated opposition to all the flags requested and requested the United States, United Kingdom, and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics flags be flown in September. Katya Donato, Coos Bay stated separation of church and state meant a state

could not dictate a religion. Jim Kingsley, Coos Bay stated there are so many different flags either fly them all or none. Garrett King, Coos Bay stated many of the founding fathers were deists not Christians beautiful work, under god in pledge of allegiance was added to combat Communism, and thanked Council for the beautiful work on the boardwalk and making Coos Bay inclusive. Richard Baxter, Coos Bay stated flying pride flag opened up for others and no one should decide what was flown over the city.

Public Comment Form

No public comment forms were received.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

3a: Approval of June 7, 2022 Minutes

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

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

Approval of Appointments to the Library Board

The Library Board openings were advertised, and applications were accepted through June 9, 2022. On June 21, 2022, the City Council interviewed applicants who wished to be considered for appointment on the Library Board. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the City received six applications for appointments to the Library Board to fulfill two openings; two applicants withdrew their applications. All appointments were four-year terms ending June 30, 2026. Applications were received from Dennis Dater, Christopher Wesman, Ida Gates, and Jenni DeLeon.

By action of Council ballot, the Council appointed Jenni DeLeon and Ida Gates for four-year terms ending June 30, 2026.

Approval of National Boys & Girls Club Week Proclamation

Assistant City Manager Nichole Rutherford stated national Boys & Girls Club week was June 27, 2022 through July 1, 2022. This week has been celebrated since 1941, acknowledging the efforts of local Boys & Girls Clubs (Clubs) to shape the future of community youth, while helping to create lasting memories amongst the youth who participate in the many available activities at Clubs across the nation. The City of Coos Bay has the great privilege of a Boys & Girls Club to reside within city limits, providing the youth of the community access to a wide range of activities. Efforts by Clubs across the nation focus on providing youth with safe places, life-enhancing programs and caring mentors, all while creating lasting positive memories. Troy Cribbins read the Boys & Girls Club Week Proclamation.

Councilor Miles disclosed he had worked at the Boys and Girls Club since 2000.

Councilor Miles moved to approve the proclamation designating June 27 through July 1, 2022 as National Boys & Girls Club week. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion which

carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

Adoption of Resolution 22-18 Regarding Offshore Wind Energy

Mayor Benetti stated Resolution 22-18 was to authorize the City of Coos Bay City to send the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) a letter of recommendation regarding offshore wind energy. Manager Rodger Craddock stated across the nation BOEM was looking at call locations where potentially large wind energy devices would be set off the shores of both East and West coast. Some areas were already identified on the East coast and were looking at areas on the West coast. This was concern to the local fisheries they would be placed in a location that would adversely affect the local fisheries with concern over the current call locations. BOEM was taking public comments; a number of cities, counties, and ports have submitted comments. The Coos County Commissioners undertook a motion on June 21, 2022 to send a letter.

Heather Mann stated concern for the fishing grounds and the environment. Nick Edwards stated fisherman representing the shrimp market and public comments have been against. Brian Blake seafood processing company stated concern of impacts. Yelena Nowak, Oregon Trawl Commission stated the process had not been transparent and there were environmental concerns. Karie Silva commercial fishing family stated too many environmental concerns and wished BOEM to slow down the process to complete a study.

Councilor DiNovo moved to adopt Resolution 22-18. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

Public Hearing for Adoption of the Front Street Blueprint with Resolution 22-16 and Review of Proposed Related Transportation System Plan Amendments

Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson stated work had been underway since 2021 on a detailed strategy to lay the groundwork for public improvements along Front Street from Ivy to Market Avenues. To be implemented over time, the "Front Street Blueprint" (Blueprint) documents the vision for future improvements with a focus on multi-modal circulation and connectivity, parking management, public art and overlooks to the Bay. Funding options and suggested timing for action was also encompassed in the Plan. Funded by ODOT, the Blueprint work has included meetings and public input with the Front Street Advisory Committee, Front Street property and business owners, stakeholders and the public via survey. These interactions enabled a cohesive evaluation of the challenges and opportunities of the existing street scape for future improvements reflective of the community's vision. Background on the evolution of the Blueprint discussion with the Planning Commission included a May 2021 Planning Commission meeting where Jim Hencke, with David Evans and Associates, outlined the history of Front Street's community vision work, the area's existing conditions and key issues for public improvements. On November 9, 2021, the Planning Commission heard a presentation on transportation options for the Front Street corridor. On January 11, 2022, the Commission previewed the draft Blueprint contents in Memorandum #5. At that time refinement of the project options and capital funding improvement options were identified with a recommended alternative. On May 31, 2022, the Commission reviewed the Blueprint and TSP amendments and recommended Council approval. The purpose of the public hearing was for the City Council to review and take action on the Front Street Blueprint with engagement by the Front Street Advisory Committee. The City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) would require minor amendments related to the Blueprint. An Ordinance including these amendments would be included in the

Council's July 5, 2022 agenda.

Jim Hencke and Alice Hodge presented the Front Street Blueprint covering the purpose, process, elements, plan, phasing, and funding. Council discussion ensued.

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. Mike Powder, Empire stated the roads were too dangerous for his electric bike, limited bike lanes in the city, and it would be better to kick the cars out of the front street area so it was just pedestrian and bike traffic. Eric Clough, Coos Bay stated he was on the committee, it was a working document, needed to make a transition to a more bike friendly area, and was supportive of starting phase one of the plan focusing on signage. The public hearing was continued until the July 5, 2022 Council meeting for further action.

Councilor Matthews moved to continue the public hearing to July 5, 2022 for review and action to enact an ordinance amending Transportation System Plan amendments related to the Front Street Blueprint and approve the Front Street Blueprint with adoption of Resolution 22-16. Councilor DiNovo seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

Adoption of Resolution 22-17 Amending Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Appropriations

Assistant City Manager Nichole Rutherford stated it was anticipated during the fiscal year that several budget amendments would be brought forward to the council for consideration to adjust the budget based upon operational needs. Reasons for amendments could include appropriating grant funding not included in the budget, appropriating additional carryover balance from the prior fiscal year that was more than budgeted and needed to meet operational needs, reallocating funds within categories, and appropriating new funds. Oregon budget law was regulated through ORS 294. This section of state statute provides guidance on ways in which an adopted budget may be amended, by either the supplemental budget process which requires public notice for a public hearing and adoption of a resolution, or a budget amendment provided by adoption of a resolution. The appropriations allow for approved expenditures within the budget for transparency and in compliance with ORS 294 and Local Budget Law. The proposed resolution for adoption amends the budget for several reasons:

- The City began contracting with the City of North Bend to provide 911 dispatch services, fully funding the contracted services and addition/transfer of three dispatchers.
- Appropriation transfer within the General Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund as part of year-end review of transactions, compared to original budget.

Councilor DiNovo moved to adopt Resolution 22-17 amending budgeted appropriations for fiscal year 2021-2022. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Represented Employees

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the majority of the city's workforce are represented by three separate unions: Coos Bay Police Officers' Association (CBPOA); American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); and the International Association of Fire Fighter (IAFF). The city has collective bargaining agreements (CBAs)

with each of the unions, and each of those agreements are for three-year periods which expire on alternating years. The CBA between the city and AFSCME Local 2892 was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2022. AFSCME represents the non-management employees in the Finance Department, Library, and Public Works and Community Development Department. The city contracted with a public-sector labor attorney to review the current CBA and assist the management team through the bargaining process. The city's management team consisted of Nichole Rutherford, Jennifer Wirsing, Sami Pierson, Melissa Olson, and Carrie Toebbe; with additional input provided by Rodger Craddock, Jim Hossley, and Christina Coffman. Over the course of several bargaining sessions, a number of tentatively agreed upon changes were made, both economic and non-economic, to the existing CBA. Those tentative agreements were ratified by the local AFSCME union members and now await approval of the City Council. Two copies of the revised CBA were provided to Council - one in legislative format identifying the tentatively agreed upon additions and deletions, and a clean copy. The economic related tentative agreements were salaries cost of living increase for year one was 4.5%, year two and three were tied to the CPI but limited to a minimum of 1% and maximum of 4%; and insurance will move to High Deductible Health Plan 4 to match the rest of staff. The FYE23 adopted budget anticipated a 4.0% increase which would have been an increase of approximately \$270,000 over current year amounts; with the agreed upon 4.5% first year increase the difference over the current year is nearly \$300,000. For the full term of the contract, increases range from \$150,000 to \$300,000 annually, depending on cost-of-living inflation.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the fiscal year 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 2892. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, DiNovo, Farmer, Kilmer, Matthews, Miles, Stephens.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated appreciation to the Front Street Blueprint Committee; URA approved to provide a grant to the Coos History Museum and the grant document was with their board for review; staff would be installing the Empire boat ramp floats by end of August 2022; and were waiting on the crabbing dock plans, would go out for bid, and the project was scheduled to be completed by end of summer 2022.

Council Comments

Councilor Stephens stated BOLI approved an apprenticeship program for child care to train qualified staff. Councilor DiNovo requested a more progressive way to handle meeting virtually and to work on an Empire Master Plan. Councilor Matthews thanked everyone who attended the meeting and those who applied for the Library Board. Councilor Farmer stated ORCCA was completing a Community Needs Assessment, 38% of people struggled with childcare, and stated to move forward we needed to get past the nostalgia of the way things were on Front Street. Councilor Kilmer stated excitement for the Front Street Blueprint. Mayor Benetti thanked everyone for the public comments, congratulated those who were appointed to the Library Board and those who applied, and was excited for the Front Street Blueprint.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the meeting. The next regular council meeting was scheduled for July 5, 2022. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on July 19, 2022.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder