

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 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 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Drew Farmer and Stephanie Kilmer. Councilor Rob Miles attended remotely by teleconference. Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Carmen Matthews, and Sara Stephens were absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Assistant City Manager Nichole Rutherford, Finance Director Melissa Olson, Deputy Public Works and Community Development Director/City Engineer Jennifer Wirsing, Fire Chief Mark Anderson, Police Chief Chris Chapanar, and 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

Ken Folker, Coos Bay thanked our hospitals, police, fire, and council for all they do for the state, county, and cities. James Behrends, Coos Bay stated he would be unable to attend the Town Hall Meeting on July 25, 2022 and wanted to provide his communities comments; gave data on vehicle and home break-ins and property theft over five and one-half years; sat with Chief Chapanar to review the data with a conclusion to stay the course with the active Neighborhood Watch; and concluded the overwhelming majority of those affected were new to the community. David Stys, Coos Bay asked the pros and cons for moving the library to John Topits Park. Mayor Benetti gave a background of the process of how the location was chosen for the new Coos Bay Public Library.

Public Comment Form

No public comment forms were received.

Consent Calendar

Mayor Benetti reviewed the consent calendar which consisted of:

- 3a: Approval of June 21, 2022 Minutes
- 3b: Approval of June 28, 2022 Minutes
- 3c: Approval of July 5, 2022 Minutes
- 3d: Acceptance of June 2022 Financial Reports and Check Registers

Councilor Kilmer moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Councilor Farmer

seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, Farmer, Kilmer, Miles. Absent: DiNovo, Matthews, Stephens.

Public Hearing to Consider Enactment of Ordinance Amending Camping Regulations in the Coos Bay Municipal Code

Police Chief Chris Chapanar stated staff has had repeated code enforcement contact with a vacant property owner regarding homeless encampments, garbage accumulation and fires. The owner lives out of the area and was frustrated about spending money to cleanup property, it quickly becoming a nuisance again, and being limited in allowed options to patrol and/or deter such behavior. The owner was interested in permitting a recreational vehicle (RV) unit and security person(s) to stay on his property to actively deter trespassing and unauthorized camping. The owner was willing to provide for the sanitation needs of the RV and provided a written security plan for the occupant. The placement of an RV on the property was currently prohibited. Staff brought the concept to the homeless workgroup for discussion and received their recommendation to amend the ordinance. Staff drafted the amendment, adding a new section specifically for allowance of a watchperson and establishing conditions for such approval. Some of the conditions included sanitation needs must be provided for, RVs are limited to larger parcels of land, limited maximum of two adults per RV, and a written security plan must be provided to the city. The new recommended language was found in Exhibit A of the provided ordinance, specifically section 8.45.030 (7) a. – g. The drafted amendment was been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing. Harry Abel Jr, Coos Bay stated he was in favor of the ordinance. Larry Booth, Coos Bay asked if it was for for all properties or just referring to the one property. Mayor Benetti stated it was for all properties of two acres or more, if less than two acres it would need to go through the Public Works and Community Development Director for approval. The public hearing was closed.

Councilor Kilmer moved to enact an ordinance amending the city's camping regulations adding a section to make provisions for a security watchperson on site to deter nuisance conditions. Councilor Farmer seconded the motion. Finance Director Melissa Olson read the ordinance by title only, "Ordinance amending Coos Bay City Ordinance 545 with amendments to Coos Bay Municipal Code, Title 8 (Health and Safety Code) Section 8.45" and Ordinance 559 was enacted by the following vote:

Aye: Benetti, Farmer, Kilmer, Miles.

Nay: None.

Absent: DiNovo, Matthews, Stephens.

Resolution Adopting Council Goal to Establish Uniform Standards for the Placement of Streetlights

Deputy Public Works and Community Development Director/City Engineer Jennifer Wirsing stated one of the City Council goals for 2021-2023 was to "Draft a streetlight policy to establish uniform standards for the placement of streetlights in the City for the Council's consideration". The policy provided to Council was intended to meet this goal and provide guidance for the uniform installation of streetlights in the City's right-of-way. Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC) Chapter 18, Engineering Design Standards, states due to limited

resources, the city would not install, pay for power, or maintain new streetlights in existing improved right-of-way. Chapter 18 further states the city may consider paying for power and maintenance of new streetlights installed in dedicated street right-of-way as part of the acceptance of new subdivision infrastructure. Where specialty light fixtures are desired, financial responsibility for monthly power and maintenance costs shall be determined prior to design approval. Per the policy, if the city needed to replace or contemplate installation/removal of streetlighting in existing right-of-way, the city would consider factors such as traffic, crash data, and roadway characteristics to support lighting replacement/removal decisions. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) provided the threshold or minimum conditions for when to consider streetlighting. However, meeting of AASHTO Roadway Lighting Design Guide lighting warrants does not obligate the city to undertake a lighting project on either existing or proposed streets. Per the draft policy, the city would also refer to the ODOT Lighting Policy and Guidelines. The provided policy sets guidelines for installation of streetlighting when installing new or replacing new traffic signal poles. The policy also provided general guidelines for spacing of streetlights based on street classification and stated LED luminaires were the standard for new lighting installations along City streets.

Councilor Farmer moved to adopt Resolution 22-20 approving the City of Coos Bay Policy for Uniform Placement of Streetlights. Councilor Kilmer seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Benetti, Farmer, Kilmer, Miles. Absent: DiNovo, Matthews, Stephens.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated he was pleased the council passed the camping ordinance and gave an update on upcoming summer events.

Council Comments

Councilor Farmer asked if the land the Port of Coos Bay owned in Eastside was being watched. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated he had spoken to the Port, Commissioner Cribbins, and Stephanie Hadley who were working on some larger Port related projects, have not decided what would be done with the property, and many individuals access trails through the property. Councilor Kilmer stated Blackberry Arts Festival was scheduled for August 27-28, 2022 and was looking for vendors; Mayor presented at the Rotary meeting on July 19, 2022; met with community leaders in Lakeside to discuss the impact of homelessness and housing issues; Town Hall Meeting scheduled for July 25, 2022 to discuss homelessness, thanked Councilor Matthews who helped clean the vandalism at Mingus Pond, and asked if anyone sees anything to report it. Mayor Benetti stated he spoke about the Library Bond which failed, where do we go from here and how to get there, and would continue to have dialogue with the community for support; there were a lot of summer programs scheduled; it was great to see people out in the community; and thanked the volunteers for all their work around the city.

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 2, 2022. These minutes were approved as presented by City Council on August 2, 2022.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder