

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 2019

The minutes of the proceedings of a City Council and Urban Renewal work session of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 5:30 pm in Coos Bay Public Library Large Meeting Room - 525 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Stephanie Kilmer, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. Councilors Drew Farmer and Phil Marler were absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Library Director Sami Pierson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Operations Administrator Randy Dixon, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Review of the Following Council/URA Agenda for January 15, 2019

Coos Bay Public Library Facilities Tour

The Council, City Staff, and public toured the Coos Bay Public Library to observe the structural issues of the facility.

Proposed Resolution in Support of Pursuing the Formation of the Non-Taxing, County-Wide Transportation District

Coos County Area Transit Program Manager Sergio Gamino stated the Coos County Commissioners began the process to pursue the formation of a non-taxing, county-wide transportation district for Bandon, Coos Bay, Coquille, Lakeside, Myrtle Point, North Bend, and Powers. The proposed transportation district would replace the current Coos County Area Transit Service District (CCAT) and governing body to a Board of Directors. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 198.835 requires the Council to adopt a resolution in support of pursuing the formation of the non-taxing, county-wide transportation district to ensure services would be provided within the city limits. The proposed resolution would be on the January 15, 2019 Council meeting agenda.

Coos Bay Public Library Facilities Steering Committee Progress Update

Library Director Sami Pierson and Library Board Member Curt Benward made a presentation on the Coos Bay Public Library history, current operations, ongoing structural problems, completed engineering study results, new building estimated costs, and possible funding options of a bond levy for full or partial amount of estimated cost, fundraising, and grant writing. Ms. Pierson and Mr. Benward suggested a feasibility study and phone survey to gauge support of a bond. Council discussed and requested staff to present the information at a Council meeting for further discussion.

Discussion of a Transportation User Fee

The City Council had been committed to improved street maintenance throughout the community. Traditional funding resources for city street maintenance, state gas tax, had not kept pace with the increase cost to perform maintenance. A transportation utility fee (TUF) was one possible new resource for street maintenance. On October 23, 2018, Council requested staff to provide additional information on various TUF amounts and the number of years it would take to fix roads based on TUF amounts for consideration. It would take 75 years to complete repairs to all city streets, 50 years with a five dollar TUF, and 35 years with a ten dollar TUF. The city could maintain and repair approximately 1.7 more miles of street over the next five years with a ten dollar TUF. November 27, 2018, Mayor Joe Benetti requested Council to defer any decision until the January 15, 2019 Council meeting to allow for additional discussion and public input. Council discussed a residential ten dollar TUF, multi-family dwellings being charged equivalently, and a higher TUF for businesses. Council requested staff to provide additional information on a fifteen dollar TUF and twenty dollar TUF on commercial property and deferred any decision to a future Council meeting. No public comments were made.

Update on the Coos Bay North/Bend Water Board

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board General Manager Ivan Thomas would be providing an update to the Council regarding the status of the Water Board as well as past, current, and future projects at the January 15, 2019 Council meeting.

Consideration of Approval to Increase Lodging Tax

On November 27, 2018, the Coos Bay-North Bend Tourism Convention Bureau (VCB) Executive Director Janice Langlinais made a presentation requesting consideration to increase the Lodging Tax from 7% to 9.5%, anticipating \$206,250 in increased revenue. Ms. Langlinais updated Council the local lodging industry supported the 2.5% increase with the caveat the full 70% of the new tax was earmarked for the VCB and stated lodging properties are now allowed to keep 5% of their total tax collection for administrative fees. No public comments were made.

Amending Membership Requirements for the Planning Commission

On December 18, 2018, Council asked staff to review the ordinance for outside city limits residency of those appointed to committee positions for the Planning Commission and the Parks Commission. City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the membership requirements for the Parks Commission was updated in 2002, but suggested Council consider amending the membership requirements for the Planning Commission to allow two members to reside outside the city limits, but within Coos County if also owned property within the city limits.

Discussion Regarding Street Standards for New Development

Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley made a presentation for possible changes on street standards for new infill developments. Mr. Hossley outlined current engineering standards, challenges for small developments and offsite street

improvements, and the pros and cons of possible reduced street standard requirements. Council discussed and requested staff to provide a list of options for consideration at the January 22, 2019 Council work session meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items for discussion, Mayor Benetti adjourned the work session. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder