

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

August 13, 2019

The minutes of the proceedings of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 5:30 pm in the Fire Station No. 1 Conference Room, 450 Elrod Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews and Rob Miles. Planning Commission present were Chairman Jim Berg and Commissioners Amy Aguirre, Bill Davis, Chris Hood, Jeff Marineau, Rex Miller, and Ryan Wortman. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Deputy Finance Director Melissa Olson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson, and Police Captain Cal Mitts.

Call to Order

Mayor Benetti opened the meeting.

Consideration to Amend Public Property Vacation Regulations

Community Development Administrator Carolyn Johnson stated research of the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) did not reveal a requirement for a Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation to the City Council regarding City Right-of-Way (ROW) vacations as currently noted in Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC) Chapter 17.370. Additionally, the current ROW regulations did not meet ORS public notification standards. At the June 25, 2019 Council work session there was concurrence to consider amending the CBMC to comply with ORS requirements, streamlining the ROW vacation process, and moving the ROW vacation requirements for CBMC Title 17 to Title 12. Changes of this nature require a public hearing.

Planning Commission Chairman Jim Berg opened the public hearing or public comments. No comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

The Planning Commission discussed the proposed amendments, stated City staff would need to work out when the Planning Commission would need to review a request, and suggested in some instances the City Council initiate the vacation process to eliminate the need for notarized consent via petition from surrounding property owners.

Commissioner Marineau moved to recommend to the Council to authorize repeal of the Coos Bay Municipal Code section 17.370 regarding Right-of-Way vacation. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion which carried. Ayes: Aguirre, Berg, Davis, Hood, Marineau, Miller, Wortman.

Chairman Berg closed the public hearing.

Having no other business before the Commission, Chairman Berg closed Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Joe Benetti opened the City Council meeting.

Mayor Benetti opened the public hearing for public comments. No comments were made. The public hearing was held open until the September 17, 2019 Council meeting.

Council discussed the proposed amendments, noted the issues of notarized consent when a property owner applied for a vacation, City staff would add language regarding the vacation processing fee, and review ORS 271.130 Vacation on City Governing Body's Own Motion requirements regarding initiating the vacation process.

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 20, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder