

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 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 Fire Station No. 1 Conference Room, 450 Elrod Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present were Mayor Joe Benetti and Councilors Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Phil Marler, Carmen Matthews, and Rob Miles. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, City Attorney Nate McClintock, Finance Director Nichole Rutherford, Library Director Sami Pierson, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Adkins, Police Chief Gary McCullough, and Police Captain Chris Chapanar.

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

Solid Waste Franchise Rate Adjustment

Bill Richardson, representative from Coos Bay Sanitary and Les' Sanitary Services shared the services the company provided to citizens of Coos Bay, as well as the methodology behind the rate increase requested which equaled 75% of last year's (2018) Consumer Price Index (CPI) which equates to a 2.30% rate increase. If approved, the adjustment would result in a \$0.51 per month increase for a basic 35 gallon residential cart service. The proposed rate increase, if approved by the Council, would take effect on or after November 1, 2019. Council discussed additional service options and relative rates.

Approval of Ordinance and Franchise Agreement with Level 3 Communications

Finance Director Nichole Rutherford stated City staff had been working with Level 3 Communications, dba CenturyLink, for a franchise agreement which would allow CenturyLink use of the City's right-of-way (ROW) for installation of a telecommunications network. The proposed agreement provided for the greater of the standard seven percent (7%) of gross revenues earned for use of the ROW, or an annual payment of \$2.00 per lineal foot of line (cable, fiber, etc) installed in the ROW.

Consideration for Approval of 2019 FEMA Grant

Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Adkins stated the Coos Bay Fire Department would like to utilize Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funds to purchase respirator fit testing equipment and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) equipment.

Proposed Empire Hanging Flower Basket Project

City Manager Rodger Craddock stated the Community Coalition of Empire (CCE) approached the Council on September 10, 2019 with a request to consider partnering with the CCE on a seasonal flower basket program for the Empire District similar to the one in the

downtown core area. City staff was asked to analyze the potential costs and budgetary capacity for both the current fiscal year and next year's budget.

Council Comments

Mayor Benetti asked about allowing beer gardens during the downtown festivals. Councilor Kilmer also noted the Coos Bay Downtown Association also has discussed this. Mr. Benetti also shared concern over the limited time frame to review the large amount of documents in order to make a decision on the Jordan Cove permit. Ms. Kilmer appreciated the discussion and wanted to open this discussion at the October 15, 2019 meeting. City Manager Rodger Craddock also shared his concern the December meeting schedule would require review of over 40,000 documents. Mr. Craddock noted he contacted Jordan Cove to ask them to voluntarily withdraw their request to revise the schedule.

Public Comments

Dick Leshley shared he wanted to attend the meeting to see the process and appreciated the council's position on review of the large number of documents in order to come to a decision on the Jordan Cove permits. Mr. Leshley noted the last several meetings have been handled well given the large attendance and the content.

Executive Session

Finance Director Nichole Rutherford read the executive session meeting disclosure statement. An executive session was held pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2) (h) for consultation with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and (2) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property negotiations. No decisions were made.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Benetti adjourned the work session. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for October 15, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

Attest: Nichole Rutherford
Nichole Rutherford, City Recorder