

**City of Brookings**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
**Monday, May 8, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Pieper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call**

Council present: Mayor Jake Pieper, Councilors Bill Hamilton, Brent Hodges, Roger Thompson and Dennis Triglia; Student Ex Officio Shawntisha Bailey absent; a quorum present.

Staff present: Finance and Human Resources Director Janell Howard, City Attorney Martha Rice, Public Works and Development Director Paul Stevens, Building Inspector Garrett Thomson, Parks and Planning Manager Tony Baron, Community Planner Mark Schexnayder, Police Lieutenant Donny Dotson, Fire Chief Jim Watson and City Recorder Teri Davis.

Media Present: Jane Stebbins from the Curry Pilot was present

Others Present: Over 60 audience members.

**Ceremonies**

*Introduction of new Staff Member*

Parks and Planning Manager Tony Baron introduced new Community Planner, Mark Schexnayder. Mr. Schexnayder addressed Council saying he is glad to be here.

*Monarch City Proclamation*

Mayor Pieper explained that he will be utilizing a new process when dealing with proclamations which includes a vote by Council to authorize the proclamation.

Director Howard invited Councilor Triglia to present the staff report.

Councilor Triglia provided background and explained the tagging and tracking process.

Holly Beyer of 625 Meadow Lane addressed Council in support of the designation. She offered to provide \$50 to help offset the fee if necessary.

**Councilor Thompson moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize Mayor Pieper to issue a Proclamation designating Brookings as a Monarch City and authorize the City to pay the \$350 Monarch City USA membership fee.**

Mayor Pieper read the proclamation and presented it to Vicki Mion.

## **Oral Requests and Communications from the audience**

- No audience members requested to address Council on non-agenda items.

## **Staff Reports**

### *Azalea Park Tree Removal*

Parks and Planning Manager Baron presented the staff report.

Councilor Triglia asked how staff determined which trees would be cut.

Mr. Baron explained that a height to pedestrian concentration ratio was utilized; split trunks and visible conk were considered.

Councilor Hamilton asked about the \$21,000 cost arrangements.

Mr. Baron said there was no cash outlay. Western Pacific Tree Service would recoup funds from the wood revenue it receives.

Councilor Hodges asked if it was in fact 60 trees.

Mr. Baron said that the first round actually includes about 50 trees, but the program is ongoing.

Mayor Pieper invited public comment on the matter.

The following individuals addressed Council in opposition to the measure:

1. Bill Dundom of 96829 E. Harris Heights
2. Glencora Powers of 96440 Cape Ferrelo Road
3. Keith Schmitz of 96440 Cape Ferrelo Road
4. Gina Soltis of 99065 McVay Creek Road
5. Azam Azaditarar of 1223 Barclay Lane
6. Teresa Lawson of 224 Cedar Street
7. Marta Wozniak of 1006 Ruth Lane – provided copy of email between herself and Tasha Livingstone which recommended resources about management of public parks (entered into record)
8. Adam Briggs of 1006 Ruth Lane
9. Kidd Stubbs of 16905 Crown Terrace
10. Lauren Specter of 1216 Moore St. #107
11. Alyssa Babin of 514 Myrtle Street
12. Ira Tozier of 615 Harbor Court
13. Timothy Young of 17188 S. Passley Road
14. Dan Sherman of 820 Brookhaven Drive
15. Judy Kaplan of 441 Buena Vista Loop
16. Cilde Grover of 1521 Winchuck River Road
17. Betty Nichols of Ashland was unable to attend the meeting but provided a letter of opposition (entered into record).

The following individuals addressed Council in support of the measure:

1. Sean Armstrong of 452 Mendy Street

## 2. Scott Thiemann representing the OSU Extension

The following individual addressed Council as an interested party:

1. Cam Lynn of 17844 Urchin Road

Mayor Pieper invited Mr. Baron to respond to the audience comments. Mr. Baron provided an explanation of the plan map and said that the trees set for removal are marked with a white dot.

Councilor Triglia reminded the audience that there is a work party on May 20 in Azalea Park to work on the azaleas. He encouraged all audience members to attend.

Councilor Triglia indicated that it would be prudent to delay the tree removal and hold a community workshop on the matter.

Councilor Thompson said that experts have already examined the trees and determined the need for removal.

Councilor Hodges challenged the accusation of non-transparency charged by some of the audience members.

Councilor Hodges said that he saw no harm in waiting in order to gather more evidence.

Councilor Hamilton said he is concerned with safety, but getting more involvement from the community would be good.

Mayor Pieper reiterated that the charge of non-transparency is unjustified. All City meetings are noticed via the website where citizens can sign up to automatically receive the notices. All business is handled in open meeting.

**Councilor Thompson moved to reaffirm approval for the Azalea Park Tree Removal Work Plan presented at the December 12, 2016 City Council meeting. There was no second. Motion dies for lack of a second.**

Councilor Hodges suggested an open forum workshop with a Question & Answer session followed by a tour through the park which includes the justification for removal of each tree.

Mr. Baron offered an explanation of the alternate action included in the staff report. He said delaying the tree removal would result in multiple meetings. He suggested appointing a citizen committee to study the problem.

Mayor Pieper expressed concern that the conclusion would likely be the same, but he would support scheduling a special workshop.

Councilor Hamilton asked that the opposition group delegate a few individuals to speak on its behalf.

**Councilor Triglia moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted to schedule a special public workshop to further study the issue with four Councilors voting "Aye" and Councilor Thompson voting "Nay".**

*Cantilevered Deck over City Right of Way*

Building Inspector Garrett Thomson presented the staff report.

Councilor Hodges pointed out that the property owner no longer wants to continue with the proposed project.

Mr. Thomson advised that he would still like Council guidance regarding this type of matter in case it comes up in the future.

Council discussed the pros and cons of allowing these types of structures. Council advised Mr. Thomson to return with proposed language changes to the Municipal Code.

**No further Council action was taken.**

*Refund of Permit Application Fees for Friends of Music*

Public Works & Development Director Paul Stevens presented the staff report.

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to process a refund in the amount of \$2,649.00 to Brookings-Harbor Friends of Music.**

*Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Map funding*

City Recorder Teri Davis presented the staff report.

**Councilor Thompson moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to allocate a \$1,150,80 grant from Transient Occupancy Tax revenues to subsidize distribution of visitors' maps.**

*Fungi Fest funding*

City Recorder Teri Davis presented the staff report.

**Councilor Triglia moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to allocate a \$2,000.00 grant from Transient Occupancy Tax revenues to the Fungi Fest event.**

*Rock the Chetco funding*

City Recorder Teri Davis presented the staff report.

Event coordinator Mike Frederick of 16883 Yellowbrick Road addressed Council with a brief explanation about the event.

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to allocate a \$3,000.00 grant from Transient Occupancy Tax revenues to the Rock the Chetco event.**

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for April 24, 2017
2. Accept TPAC minutes for March 16, 2017
3. Accept Parks & Rec minutes for February 23, 2017

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Thompson seconded and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Hodges noted that there are plenty of committee vacancies needing volunteer support and expressed a hope that the people in attendance at this meeting would consider volunteering to fill those vacant positions.

Councilor Triglia provided a committee liaison report for the Sudden Oak Death committee. He provided his notes to the City Recorder (entered into record).

Mayor Pieper asked Councilors to consider volunteering to chair a two-Councilor selection committee to award a Volunteer of the Year. While serving on the committee also consider provision of a gift for the winner.

Mayor Pieper said he would like to discuss the meeting noticing process at a future workshop.

Director Howard asked for Council consensus to provide a donation of pool passes to the Brookings United Soccer fundraiser. Council agreed to the donation.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Thompson moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted by voice to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jake Pieper, Mayor

ATTESTED:  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2017:

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Teri Davis, City Recorder