

City of Brookings MEETING Minutes

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 14, 2011

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415

Council met in Executive Session at 6:15pm in the City Manager's office under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(d) "to deliberate with the City Manager as the person designated by the City Council to carry on labor negotiations," and under ORS 192.660(2)(h), "to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed."

Call to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Larry Anderson, Councilors Ron Hedenskog, Dave Gordon, Jake Pieper, and Brent Hodges; a quorum present.

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Fire Chief William Sharp, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Watson, Parks Facilities Planner Cody Erhart, Building Official LauraLee Snook, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Arwyn Rice, 13 Brookings Volunteer Firefighters and 3 public.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to add Item D.5 [re-appointment of Public Art Committee member, Destiny Schwartz], to the agenda.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Recognition of Brookings Volunteer Firefighters Achieving State Certification.

Assistant Fire Chief Watson presented certificates to Captain Jeffrey Lee, Captain William Atchley, Engineer Jan Miller, and Fire Fighters Katelyn Brisbin, Juston Burkhalter, Jose Flores and Dereck Wood for achieving state certifications.

Appoint Councilor Jake Pieper to the Household Hazardous Waste Management Steering Committee.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to uphold Councilor Pieper's request [to be appointed] to the Household Hazardous Waste Management Steering Committee.

Appoint Mitchell Bolt to Park and Recreation Commission Position 3.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to appoint Mitchell Bolt to Parks and Recreation Commission Position 3.

Appoint Timm Rolek to Public Art Committee Position 3.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to appoint Timm Rolek to Public Art Committee Position 3.

Re-appoint Destiny Schwartz to Public Art Committee Position 5.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to re-appoint Destiny Schwartz to Public Art Committee Position 5.

Public Hearings/Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders

Resolution 11-R-953, adopting the Curry County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as an official plan and authorizing its submission to the appropriate agencies for final approval.

Building Official Snook presented the staff report.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 11-R-953, [adopting] the 2010 Curry County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Resolution 11-R-952, declaring the City's intent to create the Fir Street Local Improvement District and setting the date and time for a public hearing.

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report which will set the public hearing and reviewed the process, pointing out that, if 51% of the owners object or protest the formation, it will not go forward. If less than 51% object, it will then be up to Council to decide how they wish to proceed.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 11-R-952, setting [a hearing] for formation of Local Improvement District for Fir Street.

Oral Requests and Communications from the audience

Annual Chamber of Commerce Report.

Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce President Les Cohen said that he was open for questions regarding the report which was included in the Council Agenda packet.

Mayor Anderson asked about the Oregon Coast lodging statistics being up 4.4% and that Cohen's comment in the report stated that local transient taxes were down and if he had discussed this with staff.

Cohen said the Oregon coast statistic is for the entire coast and that our taxes are comparable with previous years, although it has been down, but is holding better than other southern Oregon coast communities. Cohen went on to say that savings realized from the placement of the information that used to be included in 7 or 8 brochures into a single fulfillment piece and from a Travel Oregon ad which is no longer available would be used to purchase internet promotion on the Travel Oregon website. The Tourism Marketing Committee will also be looking at the budget and how funds are being distributed to maximize their use. Cohen also mentioned that the new Chamber software mentioned in the report will allow coupons to be posted on the web, and that the Chamber is working with the publisher of Oregon Coast magazine and Trip Advisor to do something similar.

Staff Reports

Refer the funding request for the Brookings Welcome Sign to the Budget Committee for consideration in the 2011-12 Budget.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Anderson said that he imagined that Council will be looking at the issue of public requests for financial support and that he hoped whatever was decided that the it would provide some consistency.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to refer the request for funding for the Brookings Welcome Sign to the Budget Committee for consideration in the 2011-12 budget.

Award the contract to Ausland Builders, Inc., for construction of the Class B Biosolids Dewatering Project in the amount of \$1,315,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute all related contract documents.

City Manager Milliman provided the staff report and Mayor Anderson commended Milliman for his efforts and success at getting this project underway at a reasonable cost.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to award a contract for the construction of a Class B Biosolids Dewatering Project to Ausland Builders, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,315,000, and authorize the Mayor to execute all related contract documents.

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Grant Award Agreement with Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for the City of Brookings Emergency Operating Center.

Milliman provided the staff report.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute the Grant Award Agreement with Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for the City of Brookings Emergency Operating Center.

Discuss Elk Drive Traffic restoration and provide direction to staff.

Milliman reviewed the staff report and discussed the three alternatives, pointing out some of the concerns expressed by adjacent businesses regarding reduced customer access and parking lot use. Milliman also mentioned that the City would have to deny the Azalea Street Closure request if some through-traffic were not provided.

Following discussion of the various alternatives, Milliman said that staff's recommendation would be to implement Alternative 1, as it would offer the least amount of risk while still providing some traffic movement through the area.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to direct staff to prepare Alternative 1 to reopen Elk Drive to one lane of traffic.

Approve scheduling a discussion of the formation of a Parks and Recreation District at the March City Council Workshop.

Milliman reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Anderson suggested that this topic, involving as it would a number of stakeholders, would require a different venue than the one afforded in a typical Council workshop.

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to schedule the formation of a Parks and Recreation District for discussion at the March City Council Workshop.

Consent Calendar

- Approve Council minutes for January 24, 2011.
- Accept Planning minutes for January 4 and January 18, 2011.
- Accept January 2011 vouchers in the amount of \$340,112.33.
- Receive 2010 Parks and Recreation Annual Report.

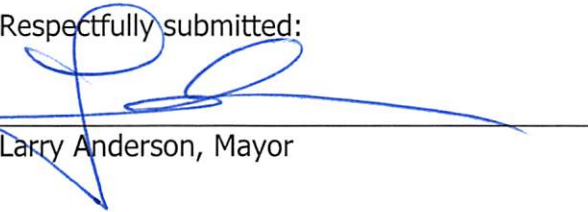
Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Adjournment

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote at 7:51pm.

A meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency immediately followed.

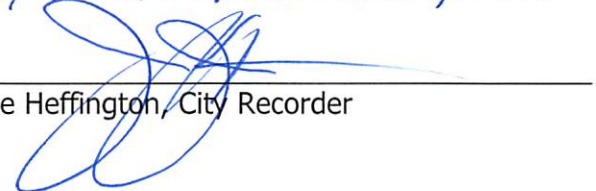
Respectfully submitted:



Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this 18th day of March, 2011:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder