

City of Brookings

MEETING Minutes

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, September 27, 2010

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

Council met in Executive Session at 6:00pm, in the City Manager's office, under the authority of ORS 192.660 (2)(e), "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions."

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, Administrative Services Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief William Sharp, Planning Director Dianne Morris, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Curry Pilot Reporter Arwyn Rice and approximately 9 public.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Anderson proclaimed the week of October 3rd as Fire Prevention Week, and the month of October as Domestic Violence Month.

Public Hearings/Ordinances

Public Hearing on File No. LDC-3-10, Street Standards, Chapter 17.170 of the Brookings Municipal Code (BMC), City initiated.

Mayor Anderson opened the hearing at 7:09pm.

Hearing no ex parte, declarations of conflict or personal interest, nor objections as to jurisdiction, Mayor Anderson reviewed the guidelines and Planning Director Morris reviewed the staff report.

Public comments were made by the following interested parties:

- Mal Wilson, 1103-1/2 Fifield
- George Mahoney, 1105 Fifield
- Paul Fossum, 1115 Fifield
- Phillip Platt, 1108 Fifield
- Noah Bruce, 1120 Fifield

Generally, comments pertained to concern regarding speeding, mail and trash receptacle access, and parking on Fifield Street, which, residents said, would be exacerbated by the proposed 24 unit development. Suggestions for improving the situation included providing speed limit signage, adding speed bumps, limiting parking to one side of the street, and possibly making at least a portion of the street one-way.

Councilor Pieper asked Paul Fossum if the speeding problem had been brought to the attention of the Police Department and Fossum replied that he had, but that not enough attention had been given to the problem.

Director Morris generally said that for each dwelling unit two off-street parking spaces were required and that violations of this requirement would be handled by the Planning Department, while issues regarding inoperable vehicles would be dealt with by the Police Department.

City Manager Milliman asked what the development standard would be for Fifield Street. Morris responded that several variables would have to be looked at, but that a 24 or 28 foot width could possibly work.

Councilor Gordon asked if an application for off-street parking had been submitted in conjunction with the 24-unit development. Morris said that they had not yet applied for their permit, but staff had provided comments to the developers and the funding agencies.

Mayor Anderson commented that review of the development by the Planning Commission would be advertised and the public would have an opportunity for comment. Director Morris said that this would be an allowed use and would only require a building permit and review of the standards by the Site Plan Committee.

The hearing was closed at 7:54pm and Council moved to deliberations.

Councilor Hodges said that most of the Fifield residents' comments seemed to be related to traffic safety and would probably best be handled by the Traffic Safety Committee, and added that he didn't think the City was "...going to be footing the bill to put the sidewalks and curb and gutter across the frontages of properties that border Fifield." As to the 24 unit development, Hodges said he thought it was a "big if," and not really a concern at this time. After exploring some of the street and traffic variables in the Fifield area, Hodges concluded by saying, "Most of what the ad hoc committee, I felt, was trying to do was to help people that were trying to deal with street issues in the way Brookings was set up years ago, and [in] a manageable way that...they would be able to do their project, or not get shut down. It was supposed to open the door to allow things to be easier to develop; to help people get their needs met and to have a good, organized way to do that."

Councilor Hedenskog said, "My goal in going into the Ad Hoc Committee had been to try and solve three problems with streets in Brookings, starting off with our hillside standard. I felt the standard that was adopted was extraordinary; it wouldn't be able to be met with any real topographic issues." Hedenskog added, "I wanted to take a look at a smaller...or lesser paved street that would be acceptable with the Fire Chief and other jurisdictions."

Hedenskog's second concern was regarding the City's history of, "...adopting wider and wider street standards, under the assumption that a wider street equaled safety." Hedenskog recommended that the City adopt the state's study on neighborhood street design, adding that the Planning Commission could use it, "...when they come up into gray areas and try to make decisions concerning street width and street safety; I think this would give them the guidelines they need to move in gray areas to make better decisions." According to the study, Hedenskog said, narrower streets are actually safer,

and that he wanted the City to begin adopting street standards similar to standards being adopted in other cities which incorporate narrower street widths.

Hedenskog's third concern was to generally to provide as much flexibility in the street standards as possible, so that neighborhoods with streets that are unable to meet current standards would be able to form an LID and design a street to meet their needs.

Councilor Pieper asked Councilors Hedenskog and Hodges if they were ready to move forward with the revisions as presented. In response, Hedenskog said, "I am not prepared to adopt a 46 wide street requirement for bicycles until we have a comprehensive bicycle plan for the City showing which streets that we would like to designate as bicycle corridors and which streets, then, are not designated as bicycle corridors."

Director Morris said that the current Oregon Transportation Planning Rule (OTPR) requires new collector streets to have bike paths and that, without knowing where future collectors may be located, the City would be unable to create a master plan at this time; the City could create a plan which shows where paths might be located in relation to existing streets.

Mayor Anderson read an excerpt from the state's neighborhood street design study, which stated, in part, that the OTPR requires local governments to, "...establish standards for local streets and access ways that minimize pavement width and right-of-way." Part of the project, Anderson said, had been to address both existing streets and new street requirements under the OTPR. Anderson also said that he had, "...numerous questions and observations of inconsistency in the matrix," and suggested that the matter be taken to a Council workshop for further discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding how to proceed, and it was finally determined that the matter would be discussed at a workshop and then re-noticed at the appropriate time.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to continue this issue until after we have had an opportunity to schedule a workshop with Council regarding the proposals [regarding LDC-3-10] in front of us.

Ordinance 10-O-667, adding Section 12.25.012, Rules and Regulations Specific to City-Owned Parks, to the Brookings Municipal Code.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a first reading of Ordinance 10-O-667 by title only.

Mayor Anderson read the title.

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Mayor Anderson read the title.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 10-O-667 [adding Section 12.25.012, Rules

and Regulations Specific to City-Owned Parks, to the Brookings Municipal Code].

Consent Calendar

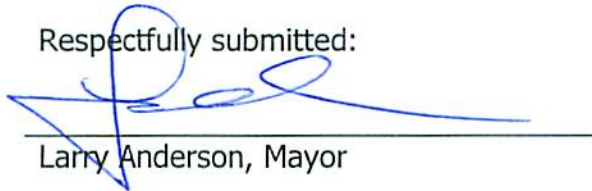
- Approval of Council minutes for September 13, 2010.
- Receive monthly financial report for August, 2010.

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

Adjournment

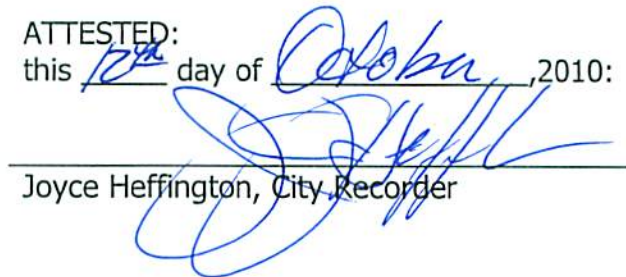
Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 10th day of October, 2010:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder