

City of Brookings MEETING Minutes

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 22, 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 authority of ORS 192.660(2)(f), "to consider information or records that are exempt by law" and 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 file."

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, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Administrative Services Director Janell Howard, and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Other Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Scott Graves and approximately 10 public.

Public Hearings/Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders

Mayor Anderson opened the legislative public hearing, at 7:02pm in the matter of File LDC-14-09, continued from the January 11 and January 25, 2010 meetings, considering amendments to Chapter 17.70, Master Plan Development District, of the Brookings Municipal Code.

Hearing no declarations of ex parte, bias, or conflicts of interest, and no objections as to jurisdiction, Mayor Anderson announced that all written testimony had been submitted and no additional written or oral testimony would be allowed.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted, with Councilor Hodges abstaining, to accept exhibits F, G and H into the record.

Director Morris reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:08m, and Council moved to deliberations.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted, with Councilor Hodges abstaining, to approve amendments to Chapter 17.70 of the Brookings Municipal Code as presented in File LDC-14-09, and direct staff to prepare an adopting ordinance.

Oral Requests and Communications from the audience

Brookings Harbor Chamber President Les Cohen provided the Chamber of Commerce Annual Report, a copy of which is on file with the agenda packet.

In response to questions from Council, Cohen generally responded that the event item on the budget includes several local events, a little less than half of which goes toward the Azalea

Festival; as the Chamber is a member organization, Chamber affiliated businesses, where like services are offered, do get referral preference, but volunteers are trained, regarding restaurants and lodging, to ask for specifics so they can make referrals accordingly; requests received via the 800 number are often for information packets which list all Chamber restaurants and lodging facilities; the only publications that specifically list Chamber members are the dining and lodging guides – there are very few lodging facilities that are not Chamber members; every penny received from the City's transient taxes is used to promote the Brookings Harbor area; and that he did not have information regarding the percentage of local businesses that participate in the Chamber.

Staff Reports

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the citizen request to create a Local Improvement District for Fir Street.

Dan Harrison, 423 Fir Street, and Kathy Gonzales, 437 Fir Street, generally commented on street conditions, stating that they were dangerous, especially during periods of rain when the street floods. Harrison also mentioned that the project had at least 51% Fir Street residents supporting it.

In response to Council questions, Milliman generally stated that Fir Street was high on the priority list, having been bumped up after the Constitution Way project got underway; ODOT is looking into what they may be able to do to help in the way of funding, but nothing had been budgeted; street standards would be part of the engineering report; and project funding could come through the sale of a small 10-15 year bond, with the district paying their proportionate share through property tax.

Mayor Anderson remarked that he would like to see this project discussed at a workshop before proceeding and asked the City's engineer attend to answer questions regarding street standards and conditions, especially storm water displacement.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to forward this issue to the next available workshop on March 1.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding authority to go out for design engineering and bid for construction of the North Bank Road Water Project.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize staff and the Dyer Partnership to proceed with design engineering and bidding for the construction of the North Bank Road Water Project, consisting of the installation of 700 feet of 10-inch water main.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the hiring of internship positions, using budgeted funds that are currently unexpended due to the vacant Public Works Director position; the City will also be applying for RARE funding to help defray some of these costs. The positions would not be permanent.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the employment of up to four student interns for the positions of GIS Intern and Management Intern.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the Downtown Project change order

which would allow for additional sewer system improvements; the total construction cost for this project is currently under-budget.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve and authorize City Manager to execute Change Order #1 with Tidewater Contractors for the Downtown Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$188,898.89.

Consent Calendar

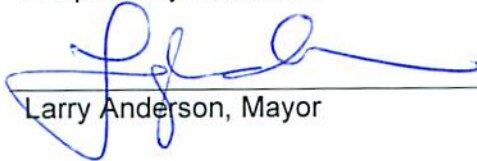
- Receive monthly financial report for January, 2010.
- Approve Azalea Festival request.

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

Adjournment

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote, at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 9th day of March 2010:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder