

**MINUTES**  
**City of Brookings**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon 97415  
**Monday, March 24, 2008**

At 6:00pm, Council met in **Executive Session** under ORS 192.660(2)(h), to consult with counsel concerning the City's legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and under ORS 192.660(2)(d), to conduct deliberations with the City Manager as the person designated by the City to conduct labor negotiations. Present for both sessions were Mayor Larry Anderson, Councilors Jan Willms, Dave Gordon and Ron Hedenskog and City Manager Gary Milliman. Also present for the first session was Public Works Director John Cowan with City Attorney John Trew, and CIS representative Gail Fisher, via telephone conference.

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

*Council present:* Mayor Larry Anderson and Councilors Jan Willms, Dave Gordon and Ron Hedenskog; a quorum present. *Staff present:* City Manager Gary Milliman, Public Works Director John Cowan, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Building Official LauraLee Gray, Administrative Services Director Patti Dunn, Senior Planner Donna Colby-Hanks, Treatment Plant Operator Assistant Joshua Ritchey, Police Dispatcher Sterling Snowden and Administrative Assistant Joyce Heffington. *Also present:* Curry Pilot Reporter Kurt Madar and approximately 8 public.

**Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

Mayor Anderson introduced new employee, Treatment Plant Operator Assistant Joshua Ritchey and recognized the five year anniversary of Police Dispatcher Sterling Snowden.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to re-appoint Cheryl McMahan to Planning Commission Position #2.**

**Councilor Willms moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to re-appoint William Dundom to Planning Commission Position #3.**

Mayor Anderson reported that staff had received one application for Council Position #2 and that he was aware of at least one other individual who was planning to apply. He also announced that public interviews of the applicants would be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> and asked each Councilor to provide the Administrative Assistant with one question for the applicants.

Councilor Willms stated that she was uncomfortable with having received only one application and asked if the deadline could be moved out if only one application is received.

Mayor Anderson stated that the position had to be filled within 60 days of March 10<sup>th</sup> and staff advised that the meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> would meet the requirement.

**Public Hearings**

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing to consider revisions to Chapter 17.08, Definitions, of the Brookings Municipal Code, at 7:09 pm.

Hearing no ex-parte or other disqualifying declarations, Mayor Anderson reviewed the hearing process and Planning Director Morris reviewed the changes.

After some discussion, it was decided that there were enough changes to the wording that a revised copy should be made available to the public prior to Council acceptance.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to continue the Public Hearing on Chapter 17.08, Definitions, to the regular Council meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

#### **Scheduled Public Appearances**

Laurel Johnson gave a presentation on the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds intended to restore salmon runs and watersheds. A copy of the 2005-2007 Biennial Report is on file in the City Manager's office.

#### **Liaison Reports**

Councilor Willms attended four meetings of the Easy Manor Park Subcommittee, two meetings of the Stout Park Subcommittee, a meeting of the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and a City Goals meeting.

Mayor Anderson attended six City and four school related meetings.

Councilor Hedenskog attended one City meeting.

Councilor Gordon attended a Curry County Commission on Children and Families meeting.

#### **Public Comments**

Robert Menshew, 1349 Chetco Avenue, commented on the state of the economy and on the escalating cost of doing business with respect to proposed tax increases and other increases imposed on building owners and developers and asked that the City do its part to "get a handle" on this situation.

Sven Eldring, 825 Brookhaven Drive, commented on the City's efforts to improve City financial systems as presented in the City Manager's report from the previous meeting.

#### **Regular Agenda**

Port Commissioner Jim Relaford reported on the proposed closure of the 2008 salmon season, generally stating that the closure would be detrimental to both the local fishing and tourism industries and requested that the City share with the Port of Brookings Harbor, the cost of renting a small bus to transport residents to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) hearing in Coos Bay on March 27. The purpose of the trip would be to testify in support of an emergency ruling to allow silver fishing and 9 days of salmon fishing over three major holidays. Relaford also asked Council to consider actively pursuing \$150,000 in emergency relief funding to help promote tourism activities in the area in an effort to mitigate the effects of the proposed closure.

Mayor Anderson wanted to be sure the \$250 would come from some kind of correlating fund.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to participate with \$250.00 to help with the cost of a bus [to transport residents to the Pacific Fishery Management Council hearing in Coos Bay] and to authorize staff time to work with elected officials and organizing testimony and correspondence [in support of an emergency request].**

**Councilor Willms moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize City staff to assist the Brookings Garden Club with the moving and transplanting of plants and trees affected by the weigh station removal project at Constitution Way.**

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2008.

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

**Ordinances**

Tim Patterson, 621 Chetco Avenue, generally stated that the issue of how SDC's are calculated needs to be revisited and expanded and that an inventory be taken and a value established.

Ordinance 08-O-605 was read in full and a second time by title only.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to read Ordinance 08-O-605 the second time by title only.**

**Councilor Willms moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 08-O-605, an ordinance amending Sections 13.25.120(A) and 13.25.130(A) of Chapter 13, System Development Charges, of the Brookings Municipal Code.**

Ordinance 08-O-604 was read in full and a second time by title only.

**Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to read Ordinance 08-O-604 the second time by title only.**

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 08-O-604, an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan designation on a parcel of land located at 100 Park Avenue, Tax Lot 11101, Map 41-13-06DA, from Residential to Commercial; and the zoning from R-3 (Multi-family Residential) to PO-1 (Professional Office).**

Ordinance 08-O-602 was read in full and a second time by title only.

**Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to read Ordinance 08-O-602 a second time by title only.**

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 08-O-602, an ordinance adding Section 10.10.070, Prohibited Parking, and repealing Section 55 of Ordinance 61-O-157, codified in Section 10.30.010 of Chapter 10.30, Impounding Vehicles, of Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Brookings Municipal Code.**

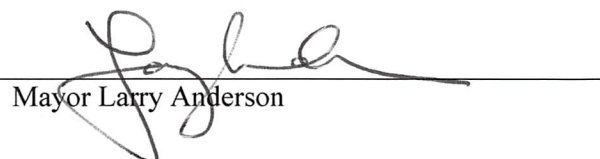
**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Willms announced that the spring Litter-Be-Gone event would be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and that volunteers were invited to meet at 9:00am in the City Hall parking lot.

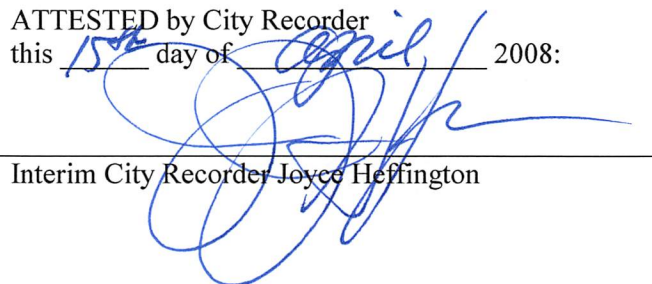
**Adjournment**

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 8:57 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Mayor Larry Anderson

ATTESTED by City Recorder  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008:

  
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Interim City Recorder Joyce Heffington