

**Minutes**  
**City of Brookings**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon 97415  
Monday, February 12, 2007

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

*Council Present:* Mayor Pat Sherman, Council President Larry Anderson, Councilors Dave Gordon, Jan Willms and Ron Hedenskog: a quorum present.

*Staff Present:* Interim City Manager Ken Hobson, Administrative Services Director Paul Hughes, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Public Works Director John Cowan, City Attorney John Trew and Administrative Assistant Joyce Heffington

*Media Present:* Tom Hubka

*Other:* approximately 30 other citizens

Mayor Sherman announced changes in the order of the agenda; the skate park ordinance would not be adopted at this meeting, due to the need for further consideration by legal counsel, and that public comments regarding the skate park would be heard during the regular public comment segment of the meeting. Mayor Sherman further stated that the final order under XI.A, would be heard following the public hearing of the LDC revisions and the discussion involving donation requests, under the IX.A, would be heard just prior to Scheduled Public Appearances.

The Mayor presented the State of the City Address. A copy is on file.

**Ceremonies/Appointments**

Proclamations were presented by the Mayor to Bob Gardiner, Exalted Ruler, B.P.O.E. Elks for National Patriotism Week and to Phil Cox, President, Crime Stoppers, declaring February as Crime Stoppers Appreciation Month.

Mayor Sherman recommended to Council the re-appointment of Stanley Baron and Harold Thiesen to Budget Committee positions #2 and #3, respectively, and the appointments of Victoria Nuss to position #1 of the Budget Committee, Patricia Brown to position #3 of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Juliane Leighton to position #4 of the Planning Commission.

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's list of appointments as recommended.**

**Public Hearing**

Introduction of Section 100, LDC revisions, 1<sup>st</sup> reading, final reading and adoption.

Mayor Sherman announced that Council would be doing only a first reading of the Section 100, LDC revisions at this meeting and would, therefore, not be accepting public comment at this time.

Planning Director Dianne Morris reviewed the changes, section by section, answering questions and accepting from Council directions to add, delete and/or clean up specific language before the final reading and adoption of the revisions at the next regular scheduled council meeting on February 26, 2007. Director Morris also read into the record a memo from Building Inspector Lauralee Gray, who was not present at the meeting. A copy of this memo has been filed with the agenda packet for this meeting.

### **Final Order**

Final Order and Finding of Fact in the matter of Planning Commission File No. PUD-1-04/MC-2-06; request for a minor change to PUD-1-04, Pacific Terrace.

Mayor Sherman stated that the Final Order reflected the motion made at the January 30, 2007 meeting. Councilor Anderson stated he had previously declared a potential conflict of interest, now on record.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve the Final Order and inclusions of law and Conditions of Approval as stated in the matter of Planning Commission File No. PUD-1-04/MC-2-06; request for a minor change to PUD-1-04, Pacific Terrace.**

### **Regular Agenda**

Mayor Sherman asked Council for a sense of what criteria they thought might be used in making decisions regarding donation requests. Discussion ensued with the general consensus being to come up with a plan for future decision making. Suggestions for consideration included per project caps on funding, an event/organization's degree of self-sufficiency and overall economic benefit to the community, as well as the City's past relationship with the event/organization. It was also suggested that the Budget Committee might take a look at this issue.

### **Scheduled Public Appearances**

Jim Releford presented to Council a 2006 recap and 2007 forecast of the Slam'n Salmon Ocean Derby, a copy of which is on file with the agenda packet. He also requested from the City an "investment" of \$500.00 toward the 2007 event. Releford stated that all but \$5,000 (used to fund the next season's events) of the revenue from this annual event goes toward salmon enhancement funds. Discussion ensued with the general consensus being that the event provided economic benefit to the entire Brookings Harbor community as well as an investment toward an industry that drives the tourism industry in this area.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, and Council voted, with a "nay" vote from Mayor Pat Sherman, to donate \$500.00 to the Derby for 2007.**

### **Oral Requests and Communications from Audience**

Les Cohen, Chamber of Commerce, applauded the Council's decision to continue to support the Derby and presented highlights from his annual report, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, Frances Hartmann, presented the Commission's annual report. A copy of this report is on file with the agenda packet. Councilor Anderson suggested that the Parks and Recreation Commission might want to take a look at the

2005/06 goals adopted by the Council, one of which was a master plan for Azalea Park that addressed how we might use the remaining undeveloped areas of the park.

### **Council Liasons**

Mayor Sherman attended a meeting of the Planning Commission, three Council work/study sessions, a County meeting, the Brookings Harbor Health Fair, the County's Town Hall meeting and visited the Harbor water PUD board meeting.

Councilor Willms attended the Health Fair, two Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meetings, a Health Fair meeting, a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and several Council work/study sessions.

Councilor Anderson attended two Brookings Harbor School Board meetings, six City related meetings and the Brookings Harbor Health Fair.

Councilor Gordon attended meetings of the Del Norte Airport Advisory committee, Chamber Marketing, and the South Coast Drug Coalition, as well as several City workshops, the County Town Hall meeting and the Business Outlook conference.

Councilor Hedenskog attended the Planning Commission meeting, several Council work/study sessions, and the County Town Hall meeting.

### **Public Comments**

Mary Rowe, General Delivery, Brookings, addressed Council again regarding homeless issues, as well as the City's ordinances as they apply to homelessness. A copy of her presentation is on file.

Mayor Sherman opened up the public comment portion of the meeting for comments pertaining to the proposed skate park ordinance. The following individuals addressed Council in support of allowing bike riders in the skate park.

Cody Miller, 97921 Payne Road, read into the record a letter sent to him from a Robert Jensen of Arcata. A copy of this letter is on file.

Mike Kraycheek, 754 B First Street, read into the record a letter from Joe Wichert, Extreme Sports Recreation Leader. A copy of this letter is on file.

Cody Center, 98650 N. Bank Road stated he rides a skateboard and has never seen a problem between skateboards and bikes being used at the park at the same time.

Codie Johnson, 928 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, read into the record a letter from Sandy Lehmann, Recreation Supervisor for the City of Santa Clarita's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. A copy of this letter is on file.

Becky Miller, PO Box 2897, a parent, entered into the record a letter from Aaron Spohn and addressed Council in support of allowing use of the skate park for both biking and skateboarding.

Heather Weckler, 752 First Street, addressed Council stating that simultaneous use has never been suggested for the skate park and stated she hoped that Council consider allowing bike users access during scheduled times.

Mayor Sherman stated this was not on the schedule until later in the agenda, and Council may postpone the discussion regarding the skate park ordinance until a later time.

### **Regular Agenda**

Mayor Sherman introduced the discussion regarding sewer issues related to line size problems on Rowland Lane, waiving the need to review the staff report. Administrative Services Director Paul Hughes reviewed possible funding scenarios, generally stating that there are extremely limited System Development Charges (SDC) funds with which to pay for the project, and that it would take approximately 8 years of SDC funds to repay a loan. Hughes also stated that it may be difficult to get a loan at this time because the City is in a slow growth period and therefore not collecting SDCs at a rate that the bank would view favorably. Hughes further stated that he would not recommend an interfund loan as it would virtually tie up every available, eligible dollar the City has for other projects.

At Council's request, Public Works Director Cowan provided background regarding the lines in question. After some discussion, Mayor Sherman called for a break at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor Sherman reconvened the meeting at 9:58 p.m. and Council continued their discussion regarding the sewer problems on Rowland Lane.

Director Hughes suggested the possibility of finding a way to monitor the overflow event for the short term, stating that the City had successfully used Roto-Rooter to pump the overflow and haul it to the treatment plant during the past event. Director Cowan stated that the event typically occurs only once a year during periods of heavy rainfall over a number of consecutive days. Interim City Manager Ken Hobson stated that DEQ should have no problem with this kind of solution, as their concern is with the overflow event itself.

**Councilor Anderson moved, and a second followed to have the City keep in touch with DEQ and have staff advise Council of their recommendation to handle the situation and put the Westside Interceptor project on hold until some time in the future. The motion and second were later withdrawn by Councilor Anderson and Councilor Hedenskog, respectively.**

City staff was directed to bring back to Council a possible warning system to be implemented for short term mitigation of the overflow problem until a long term solution could be found.

Director Cowan presented a recommendation to Council that the City apply for Oregon Coastal Management Program matching grant funds to complete the Chetco Point Park Improvement Project.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to apply for Oregon Coastal Management Program grant funds to complete the Chetco Point Park Improvement Project.**

**Remarks**

Mayor Sherman and Councilor Gordon remarked on the Coos Curry Co-op town hall meeting coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> and advised concerned citizens to attend and voice concerns regarding the lack of local representation and potential decisions that were going to be made that could adversely effect our area. Specifically, Councilor Gordon stated that rate cuts have apparently put a number of projects on hold, one of which is an aging local transmission line which, if not replaced, could result in potential brown-outs. Mayor Sherman suggested the City write an official position letter as a customer, which she would be willing to deliver. Councilor Gordon suggested representatives attend the meeting first.

**Consent Calendar**


- A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2007.
- B. Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes for January 25, 2007.
- C. Approval of vouchers for January, 2007 in the amount of 342,476.15.
- D. Approval Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application support letter for Southern Oregon Coast Housing Opportunities Provider (SOC-HOP).

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to accept the consent calendar as presented.**

**Adjournment**

**Mayor Sherman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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 Pat Sherman  
 Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder  
this 14 day of March, 2007:

  
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 Paul Hughes  
 Administrative Services Director/City Recorder