

MINUTES
City of Brookings
Common Council Meeting
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon 97415
Monday, February 26, 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, Police Lt. John Bishop, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Public Works Director John Cowan, and Administrative Assistant Joyce Heffington.

Media Present: Tom Hubka, Pilot Reporter

Other: approximately 6 other citizens

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Sherman proclaimed March 3, 2007, "Community Baby Shower Day." Accepting were Soroptomist Co-Chairs, Jean Gordon and Betty Sherbourne.

Mayor Sherman recommended Council appoint Elizabeth Grodin to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Grodin to position #2 of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Public Hearings

Revisions to Land Development Code, Section 100, Hazardous Building Site Protection, Hillside Development Standards.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt the draft revisions [of Section 100, Hazardous Building Site Protection, Hillside Development Standards] into the Land Development Code, as written.

Scheduled Public Appearances

County Juvenile Department Director Ken Dukek presented a proposal from Curry County regarding Brookings Municipal Court handling of juvenile helmet, curfew, and skate park violations with the exception that the County Juvenile Department be notified if the juvenile is under the age of 15.

After some discussion, including input from Police Lt. John Bishop, Council directed staff to move forward to coordinate with the Municipal Court Judge and City Attorney to draft an ordinance and/or resolution, as appropriate, to incorporate these violations into the Municipal Court.

Oral Requests and Communications from Audience

Planning Commissioner Bruce Nishioka presented an oral report as supplement to the written annual report included in the packet of the last meeting. In particular, Commissioner Nishioka stated that the Council's choice in a City Manager is extremely important and that he would like the Planning Commission to have input. Mayor Sherman suggested that Nishioka could take back to the Planning Commissioners the list of City Manager qualities and characteristics to be reviewed later in the meeting and bring back any suggestions for consideration by Council.

Council Liaisons

Councilor Gordon attended meetings of the Del Norte Airport Advisory Committee, Coos Curry Electric Coop, Curry County Commission on Children and Families, and a Council workshop.

Councilor Hedenskog attended a Coos Curry Douglas Business Development meeting and a Council workshop.

Councilor Anderson attended two Brookings Harbor High School Board meetings.

Councilor Willms attended a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and a Council workshop.

Mayor Sherman attended meetings of the Azalea Park Foundation, the Planning Commission, the County Commissioners, and a Council workshop.

Public Comments

Tom Patterson, 613 Chetco Avenue, addressed Council regarding the issue of System Development Charges (SDC), asking for a ten year waiver of SDC's in the downtown area for existing buildings. Council questioned Patterson on a number of points.

Regular Agenda

Interim City Manager Ken Hobson reviewed the list of desired City Manager characteristics compiled by Council. Mayor Sherman invited the public to comment. Planning Commissioner Nishioka generally stated that he agreed with the list as reviewed by Hobson and emphasized the importance of the City Manager residing in the city as a means of understanding and appreciating the unique area in which we live. Nishioka also stated that the City Manager needs contacts in Salem and a vision to make our plans happen.

Public Works Director John Cowan reviewed the one suggested change in the Oregon Department Highway Speed Zone Investigation Report which was to lower the speed just north of Parkview Drive at about East Harris Heights to 35mph.

Councilor Willms moved, a second followed, and Council voted unanimously to accept the ODOT speed investigation results and drop the rate [of speed] from 45 to 35 at the designated segment of the highway.

Public Comment

Mayor Sherman reopened the Public Comment portion of the meeting to allow for comment by Barbara Nysted, 427 Buena Vista Loop, who generally stated that it was important for the new City Manager to own property in the City.

Regular Agenda

Council Willms asked if the Skate Park ordinance handed out at the meeting had been changed from the previous version. Interim City Manager Hobson advised that there were no substantive changes made to the ordinance; most of the changes were to form.

Councilor Willms reviewed information considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission when making their decision regarding this ordinance and recommended it be accepted.

Lt. John Bishop advised Council that the Police Department has not had the means to enforce the guidelines and regulations currently in place and stated that this ordinance would allow for that enforcement to take place.

Mayor Sherman directed staff to bring the Skate Park ordinance back to Council at the next meeting for adoption.

Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for:

1. January 30, 2007

B. Acceptance of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for:

1. January 9, 2007

2. February 6, 2007

C. Approval of support letter to be sent to Senator Wyden, Senator Smith and Congressman DeFazio for Port of Brookings Harbor Dock Repair.

D. Approval of letter to Umpqua Community Development Corporation in support of its Oregon Housing (OHCS) application for the creation of affordable workforce housing.

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

Ordinances

Mayor Sherman read, by title only, ordinance 07-O-582, in the matter of an ordinance amending ordinance 06-O-572, an ordinance creating the City of Brookings Municipal Code, to amend Chapter 17.100, Hazardous Building Site Protection, Hillside Development Standards, in its entirety.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt ordinance 07-O-582, in the matter of an ordinance amending ordinance 06-O-572, an ordinance creating the City of Brookings Municipal Code, to amend Chapter 17.100, Hazardous Building Site Protection, Hillside Development Standards, in its entirety.

Resolutions

Administrative Services Director Paul Hughes reviewed resolution 07-R-762.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed, and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 07-R-762, a resolution of the City of Brookings authorizing a loan from the Special Public Works Fund by entering into an interim loan contract and a permanent loan contract with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD).

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Mayor Sherman remarked that the City would be unable to go after a grant for Easy Manor Park due to the lack of matching funds and announced that she had put in an appropriations request for the Westside Interceptor.

Councilor Gordon remarked on a Coos Curry Electric Coop Board meeting he attended, the outcome of which led him to believe that decisions being made by the current board could adversely affect the citizens of this community. He further remarked that this area is

underrepresented on this Board, and encouraged people to get involved, to vote, and to attend a meeting on Friday and voice their concerns. Councilor Gordon also remarked that, contrary to letters to the editor recently published in the Pilot, during his time as a council member he has never been involved in a plan to annex Harbor. He further stated that there is no conspiracy to annex Harbor.

Mayor Sherman concurred with Gordon that the issue with Coos Curry Electric is serious and also encouraged people attend the Friday meeting.

Adjournment

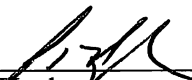
Councilor Gordon moved and Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Sherman
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder
this 27 day of March, 2007:



Paul Hughes
Administrative Services Director/City Recorder