

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
June 28, 2004 7:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Police Sgt. Jess Oliver

**III. Roll Call**

Council Present: Mayor Bob Hagbom, Council President Rick Dentino, Councilors Frances Johns Kern, Craig Mickelson, and Larry Anderson, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Ex Officio Councilor Wes Enos

Staff Present:

City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Police Chief Chris Wallace, City Planner John Bischoff, Finance Director Paul Hughes, Police Sgt. Jess Oliver, Police Officer John Appolonio, Interdepartmental Aide Jan Krick, and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Brian Bullock

Other:

Chamber of Commerce President Les Cohen and approximately ten other citizens

**IV. Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

*A. Ceremonies*

*1. Proclamation—Relay for Life-Sandy Harper*

Mayor Hagbom presented a proclamation to Sandy Harper and Dianne Cavaness. The proclamation declared July 9 and 10 to be Relay for Life Weekend in Brookings. He urged all residents to participate in the events to be held that weekend to fight cancer and support cancer survivors. Harper thanked the Council for their support which has helped bring Relay to the community. Cavaness said the goal this year, 25 teams has been surpassed by 4. Monetarily Relay organizers plan on raising at least \$56,000 and are quite sure the total will far exceed the goal. Over 400 people are expected to participate in Relay for Life.

*B. Announcements*

*1. Introduction of Jan Krick-Interdepartmental Aide*

Administrative Secretary Linda Barker introduced new employee Jan Krick. Krick started as Interdepartmental Aide June 21. Krick introduced husband Warren and said she is excited about working for the City.

2. *Police Chief Chris Wallace-Demonstration of taser gun*  
Chief Wallace introduced two police officers who demonstrated a new tool for the Police Department. Officer John Appolonio and Sgt. Jess Oliver displayed an electric immobilization device, better known as a taser gun. The taser provides the officer with a less lethal option than the traditional firearm. Wallace said the goal is to avoid using deadly force. Appolonio attended a two-day class to become a trainer for the use of the taser and is instructing the Department's other officers in its use. After explaining how the taser worked Appolonio used an aluminum target to demonstrate its effectiveness.

## **V. Public Hearing**

- A. *In the matter of a request by the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation that the City of Brookings adopt the Harris Beach State Park portion of the Curry County State Parks Master Plan, as a separately bound document of the City's Comprehensive Plan; Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, applicant.*

Mayor Hagbom read the hearing procedures into the record and opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. None of the Councilors declared ex parte contact or personal bias or conflict of interest. There was no objection from the public as to the jurisdiction of the Council to hear the matter.

Planning Director Bischoff reminded the Councilors of a past presentation which explained the goals for Harris Beach State Park. Andrew LaTomme Southwest Area Manager for the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 89814 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay, OR 97420 asked the Council to adopt the State's Curry County Parks Master Plan, Harris Beach State Park segment, as developed and modified through input from citizens at large and members of the Planning Commission. LaTomme said because Harris Beach State Park is located within the city limits, Council approval must be obtained before the Plan can be fully adopted.

Council discussion centered on a possible emergency exit from the Dawson Tract area through the state park. LaTomme said he had spoken with the City Manager and Mayor about this possibility. Federal monies are involved in the park funding which places some restrictions on what the land can be used for. LaTomme said the State currently has a contract out for development of a new visitors center near the Oregon/California state line. He also said the overall Masterplan looks ahead 25 years.

There were no other speakers, either for, against or as interested parties. The public hearing closed at 7:35 p.m. No action was taken at this time. See Item IX.9.1 below.

## **VI. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience**

### *A. Committee and Liaison reports*

#### *1. Chamber of Commerce*

Chamber of Commerce President Les Cohen, 324 S Hazel Street, Brookings, reported the numbers for June's tourism season are virtually unchanged from last June which were significantly higher than June 2002. Traffic has picked up in last week or two and gas prices seem not to be effecting the season.

A Chamber-sponsored survey shows a majority of its members feel it is doing a good to excellent job. Sixty percent of respondents feel promotion of the community is the Chambers most important service. Promoting a strong local economy came in second. A south coast economist for Oregon Department of Employment reported Curry County is well below the state average for unemployment and has realized job growth in all segments of economy.

As secretary of America's Wild Rivers Coast consortium, Cohen presented a Wild Rivers flag to the city. He said others may be purchased from the Chamber.

The Oregon Tourism Commission approved the Oregon Coast Visitors Association as the official marketing agency for our area. The OCVA will receive 15% of the new state-wide 1% transient room tax to support coastal promotion.

Provided by the Oregon Tourism Commission and funded by a US Forest Service grant awarded to the Southern Oregon Visitor Association, the Chamber will be sponsoring training for front line retail and service industry July 21. The grant will cover the cost of enrollment for a maximum of 100 people. The training session will be held at the Brookings Inn Conference Center.

#### *2. Council Liaisons*

Councilors Mickelson and Dentino had nothing to report. Councilor Johns Kern attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting June 24. Councilor Anderson attended a South Coast Watershed Council meeting and a school board meeting. He said the school expressed appreciation to the City and its Public Works Department for the in-kind contribution of equipment and labor for the high school track.

- B. **Unscheduled**  
John Mitzner, P O Box 6642, Brookings, spoke to the Council about loud car stereos. City Manager Blodgett said he will research and see if other cities have ordinances regulating noise. Mitzner will stop by City Hall in a week to meet with Blodgett.

Sally Laasch, PO Box 7816, Brookings, said Washington DC has instituted a law relating to acceptable decibel levels. She sought assistance with moving items for the silent auction to be held at Relay for Life. Councilor Dentino and City Manager Blodgett both said to contact them when help is needed.

## VII. Staff Reports

A. *Police Department*

1. *Purchase of new speed monitor*

City Manager Blodgett asked Council approval of purchase of the demonstration model speed monitor that the Police Department has been testing. Blodgett said there is \$15,000 in the 2004-2005 budget. The demo unit is equipped with solar powered batteries, speed display, recorder for counting cars with the ability to produce charts showing speeds, times and numbers, a lighted reader board and other features. City staff has been able to negotiate a price of \$10,570 for that unit and is recommending purchase of the demo model.

**Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase during the 2004-2005 FY of the demonstration speed monitor unit from McCoy's Lawline for the purchase price of \$10,570.**

B. *City Manager*

1. *Other*

City Manager Blodgett requested an additional item be added to this agenda.

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to add an additional agenda item: consideration of Saturday Market request.**

Blodgett said the Chamber of Commerce had decided not to sponsor the Saturday Market which leaves the Market with no insurance. Blodgett proposed the City co-sponsor the Market allowing the event to fall under the umbrella of the City's liability insurance policy. This would have no financial impact on the policy.

Council discussion ensued. Concerns were whether this would open the door for other sponsorships in the future. Any requests would continue to be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

**Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve sponsorship of the Saturday Markets with all other conditions remaining the same as approved June 14, 2004.**

## **VIII. Consent Calendar**

### *A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*

1. *Minutes of June 14, 2004, regular Council meeting  
(End Consent Calendar)*

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

## **IX. Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders**

### *A. Ordinances*

1. *Ordinance No. 04-O-56—In the matter of an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Brookings to incorporate the Harris Beach State Park Master Plan into Goal 8 as a separately bound document of the Comprehensive Plan*

City Manager Blodgett read Ordinance No. 04-O-563 in its entirety.

**Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to have the second reading of Ordinance No. 04-O-563 by title only.**

Blodgett read Ordinance No. 04-O-563 by title only.

**Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 04-O-563, an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Brookings to incorporate the Harris Beach State Park Master Plan into Goal 8 as a separately bound document of the Comprehensive Plan.**

### *B. Resolutions*

1. *Resolution No. 04-R-729—In the matter of a Resolution to adopt the City of Brookings' budget, declare the tax levy, make appropriations and categorize the levy for fiscal year 2004-2005*

Finance Director Hughes presented the completed budget for FY 2004-2005 to the Council and thanked Brian Bullock for the well-written article Bullock had written and published in the Curry Coastal Pilot last week. Hughes recommended adoption of the budget.

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 04-R-729, a Resolution to adopt the City of Brookings' budget, declare the tax levy, make appropriations and categorize the levy for fiscal year 2004-2005**

2. *Resolution No. 04-R-730—In the matter of a Resolution to adopt the Brookings Urban Renewal Agency Budget, declaring tax increment funding as provided under Section 1c, Article IX of the Oregon Constitution and ORS Chapter 457, and making appropriations for the 2004-2005 fiscal year*

**Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 04-R-730, a Resolution to adopt the Brookings Urban Renewal Agency Budget, declaring tax increment funding as provided under Section 1c, Article IX of the Oregon Constitution and ORS Chapter 457, and making appropriations for the 2004-2005 fiscal year**

City Manager Blodgett thanked the Budget Committee and Finance Director Hughes for their work on the budget. He said there is only about two months of the year that Hughes is not working either directly or indirectly on budget matters.

## **X. Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

### *A. Council*

Councilor Anderson congratulated City Manager Blodgett on working with Tanbark Road residents on improving traffic concerns in the area. Anderson said the fire hydrant and storm drain will be relocated, and the asphalt will be widened to improve right hand turns.

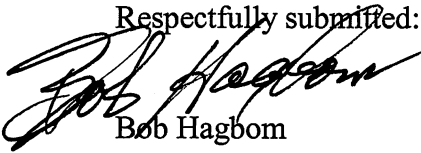
### *B. Mayor*

Mayor Hagbom mentioned a report on KURY Radio this morning. Local serviceman, Don Nuss III, was interviewed by the Associated Press and an article containing his comments was published in the Oregonian. A copy of the article is available at the library.

## **XI. Adjournment**

With no further business before it, the Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom  
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 14 day of July, 2004.

  
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Paul Hughes  
Finance Director/City Recorder