

CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
April 14, 2003
6:00 p.m.

Before the regularly scheduled meeting began City Attorney John Trew presented a review of the Oregon Ethics Guide for Public Officials as required in Section 17.A of City Ordinance 00-O-535. Attending this review were Mayor Bob Hagbom, Council President Rick Dentino, Councilors Larry Curry, Frances Johns Kern, and Craig Mickelson; Planning Commissioners Ted Freeman, Jr., Bill Smith, Jim Collis, Ernest Cofrances, and Bruce Nishioka; City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Finance Director Paul Hughes, Fire Chief Bill Sharp, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Administrative Secretary Linda Barker, and citizens John Johnson and Sally Laasch.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Chief Wallace

III. ROLL CALL

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present:

City Manager Leroy Blodgett, City Attorney John Trew, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Finance Director Paul Hughes, and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter David Courtland

Other:

Approximately 9 other citizens

IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Appointments

1. Positions No. 1 and 5—Budget Committee

Mayor Hagbom recommended the nomination of John Johnson to Budget Committee Position #1 and Sally Laasch to Position #5.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to appoint John Johnson to Budget

Committee Position No. 1 with a term expiration date of February 1, 2004.

Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to appoint Sally Laasch to Budget Committee Position No. 5 with a term expiration date of February 1, 2005.

After their appointment, the appointees spoke briefly about their backgrounds.

2. *Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee*

City Manager Blodgett said that by state law the Urban Renewal Agency's budget is separate from the City's budget and needs an Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee. Finance Director Hughes recommended appointing the current City Budget Committee members as the Urban Renewal Budget Committee.

Council Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to appoint the Brookings Budget Committee to act as the Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee.

B. Announcements

1. *Recognition of Jess Oliver, Police Officer—five year work anniversary, March 23, 1998*—Mayor presented Police Officer a certificate commending his five years of employment with the City of Brookings and thanked him for his service.
2. *Introduction of Sterling Snowden, newly-hired Police Dispatcher*
Police Chief Wallace introduced Sterling Snowden who started work as a dispatcher in the Police Department on March 17, 2003. He currently is working the graveyard shift, training with Susan Frisch. Snowden said he moved to Brookings in August 2000.

V. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

A. *Pat Sherman—Keep Brookings Beautiful—Schedule for Pick-up Litter Week*

Pat Sherman spoke briefly about the history and aims of the Keep Brookings Beautiful group which was formed approximately one year ago to tackle the litter problem in the area. The group is very informal with no funding and no regularly scheduled meetings. In conjunction with the Spring Clean-up Campaign currently being presented by the Community Pride Partnership, Sherman's group is coordinating events as follows: Tuesday, circulate anti-litter flyers among businesses on Chetco and Railroad avenues; Wednesday, launch "plastic bag" campaign, encouraging walkers to tuck a plastic bag in their pocket when leaving for a walk and pick up trash as they go; Thursday, launch adopt-a-spot campaign, involving groups in picking up in a small area of town; Friday,

pick-up litter walk beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Harris Beach Visitor's Center. She requested the City invite managers of fast food restaurants and grocery stores to come up with solutions for the litter problem.

VI. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Committee and Liaison reports

1. Council Liaisons

Councilor Dentino attend a Borax Masterplan initial meeting; Representative Krieger's town hall meeting; the second meeting of the ODOT's planning design team regarding improvements to Chetco Avenue; the monthly Community Agencies meeting; the proposed sewer rates public meeting; a sewer rate committee meeting with Harbor Sanitary District; a retirement open house for Police Officer Sam Dotson; the overview of Harris Beach State Park Masterplan joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission; and the Chamber of Commerce monthly forum featuring Karl Kennedy of South Coast Telecommunications Strategic Planning Group of which he is also a member.

Councilor Mickelson attended the town hall meeting and the joint Council and Planning Commission meeting on Harris Beach. This Wednesday he will be meeting with the hospitality group at Chetco Point Park.

Councilor Johns Kern was present at the Community Agencies meeting, the Harris Beach Masterplan joint session with the Planning Commission and a Pelican Bay Prison Advisory Committee meeting where she was reappointed for the coming year.

Councilor Curry attended the April 3 meeting on sewer rates and also that day a Coos Curry Douglas Development Corporation meeting along with Mayor Hagbom.

B. Unscheduled

C. Barbara Nysted, 427 Buena Vista Loop, addressed the Council regarding sewer rates suggesting that a questionnaire be sent out with the next billing asking for consumers' feelings on the difference between rates for single- and multi-family residences. She did not feel that she had been given a real reason why these rates are different.

She also asked who the sewer rate committee was and if these were closed meetings. City Manager Blodgett answered these meetings were composed of two members of the City Council and two members representing Harbor Sanitary District. A meeting of this group was held today and it had been noticed by a press release to the media. These meetings are held to discuss rates between the

two bodies but have nothing to do with rates charged to individual sewer users within either provider's area of service.

Nysted also voiced concern over Deferred Improvement Agreements (DIA) and that one had been recently granted by the Planning Commission, as she understood these had been discontinued over a year ago. City Manager Blodgett said the Council has given direction that these must be approved by the Planning Commission, not staff as had been done in the past. The DIA recently issued was for a small portion of sidewalk on a short cul de sac street that is built out and probably would never have sidewalks. Mayor Hagbom said sidewalks are an issue that is being addressed with the safety of children going to school being the top priority. He also said the City Council will be addressing the sewer rate issue at its next meeting, April 28.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. *Finance Department*

1. *Fiscal Year 2003/2004 budget calendar modification*

Finance Director Hughes stated the adopted budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2003/2004 needed modification due to a missed advertisement of a budget hearing. Notification had been faxed to the Curry Coastal Pilot but they had neglected to run the notice. The date of the budget committee meetings and dates of publication notices for those meetings needed change to meet state requirements.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the modifications to the budget calendar to reflect April 16 and 23 as the new dates for budget committee meeting publication notices and April 30, 2003, for the budget committee meeting.

B. *City Manager*

1. *Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association membership for FY 2003-2004*

City Manager Blodgett said we had received a request to continue our membership in Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association. Funds have been budgeted for this membership.

Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to continue membership in Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association for Fiscal Year 2003/2004.

2. *Curry County Juvenile Department request-Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program*

Blodgett said we had also received a letter from Curry County Juvenile Department requesting the City waive to Curry County the amount of \$1,864 allotted to the City through the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program. These collaborative efforts will enable the Juvenile Department to utilize these funds for detention purposes and partially satisfies an unmet need identified in the High-Risk Juvenile Crime Prevention Partnership Plan. Staff recommended approval of this waiver.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to waive to Curry County Juvenile Department the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds of \$1,864.

3. Other

Blodgett said, due to scheduling and the amount of rainfall we have received this month, the Yard of the Month/Most Improved Property Program will not start until May.

He asked the Council to consider whether to cancel or reschedule the May 26 Council meeting as it falls on Memorial Day. No action was taken and this will be considered at a later meeting.

He said twenty-five to thirty Rotary Club of Brookings-Harbor members would be touring Pelican Bay Prison on the 15th.

He also noted discussions were ongoing regarding the continuation of Curry Economic Development Alliance Corporation. He had suggested to the Board of Directors to discontinue the program as it does not seem to be successful. A meeting will be held next week for this discussion.

C. Community Development Department

1. *Lot line adjustment—Presbyterian Church/Stout Park*

Blodgett presented a request from the Presbyterian Church for a 20 ft. lot line adjustment on its southerly border with Stout Park. A recent survey of the church property has shown that the building is actually less than two feet from the property line although both the City and Church have believed the chain link fence located 20 ft. from the church building was on the property line. Since both the City and the Church have considered this area as belonging to the church and the church has been using it through time as their property, staff reviewed the request and determined that there would be no particular impact or loss to the City by granting the lot line adjustment.

Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to direct staff to process the lot line adjustment request as requested by the Presbyterian Church.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of March 24, 2003, Regular Council Meeting
 - 2. Minutes of April 3, 2003, Special Council Meeting
 - 3. Minutes of April 7, 2003, joint work session with Planning Commission
 - B. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of March 4, 2003, Regular Commission Meeting
 - C. Approval of Urban Renewal Agency Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of March 24, 2003, Meeting
 - D. Approval of Vouchers for March, 2003 (\$172,830.44)
- (end Consent Calendar)

The Council minutes and Urban Renewal Agency minutes of March 24, 2003, were separated from the remainder of the Consent Calendar as two Councilors were not present at that meeting.

Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted 3-0 (Councilors Curry and Johns Kern abstaining as they were not present at the meetings) to accept the meetings of the March 24, 2003 City Council and Urban Renewal Agency meetings.

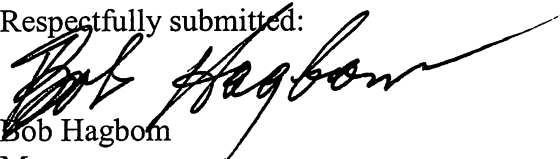
Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to accepting the remaining items on the Consent Calendar.

IX. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

- A. Council-none
- B. Mayor-none

XIII. ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Bob Hagbom
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 29 day of April, 2003.



Paul Hughes
Finance Director/City Recorder