

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
March 10, 2003**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Buzz Hansen

**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 Planner John Bischoff, Finance Director/Recorder Paul Hughes and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter David Courtland

Other:

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, and approximately 14 other citizens

**IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Ceremonies**

1. Recognition of Lorraine Williams, Parks and Recreation Commission, Position #3

Mayor Hagbom presented a certificate to Williams, thanking her for her dedication to the Parks and Recreation Commission. He stated there was not enough room on the certificate to list all the long hours and hard work she had given to Azalea Park. Williams said she will stay on the Azalea Park Foundation board.

**B. Appointments**

1. Appointment of Planning Commission Positions No. 1 and 7  
Two openings were announced for the Planning Commission. Mayor Hagbom said Positions No. 7 and 1 will become vacant on April 1 when the terms of Ted Freeman, Jr. and Randy Gorman

expire. Letters have been received from both requesting reappointment to the Commission. Applications were received from five other persons. The Mayor recommended reappointment for both Commissioners.

**Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to reappoint Ted Freeman, Jr. to Position No. 1 on the Planning Commission, term expiring April 1, 2007.**

**Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to reappoint Randy Freeman to Position No. 7 on the Planning Commission, term expiring April 1, 2007.**

Mayor Hagbom stated that all the applicants had excellent qualifications and asked them not to be disillusioned if they had not been appointed for these positions currently open. Adding there will be other appointments as time goes by and other special committees that would be filled, he promised to put these applicants to work.

## **V. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. In the matter of CPZ-1-03, a request for a change of zone on 5 parcels of land located within Harris Beach State Park, from R-1-6 (Single Family Residential, 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to P/OS (Public Open Space) and a corresponding Comprehensive Plan change from Residential to Open Space, Assessor's Map No. 40-14-36 & Index, Tax Lot 400; 40-14-36BC, Tax Lots 4200 and 4300; 40-14-36BD, Tax Lots 1400 and 1500; Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, applicant. This is a quasi-judicial hearing and the Council will make a decision on this request.

Mayor Hagbom opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Procedural guidelines were read into the record. When asked if any Councilor had ex parte contact, Rick Dentino declared he did via a site visit. No Councilor had any personal bias or interest and no one in the audience objected to the jurisdiction of the Council to hear this matter.

City Planner Bischoff gave his staff report explaining that when the Dawson Tract was annexed everything above a reference line was given an R-1-6 (Single Family Residential, 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) designation. Oregon Parks Department is now requesting a change of zone to the proper P/OS (Public/Open Space) zoning for the five lots at the northerly edge of Harris Beach State Park. The rezoned area may be used for hiking trails but no other particular use is planned. Staff recommended approval to the zone and Comprehensive Plan Change.

Speaking to the Council about this request were:  
Andy LaTomme, Oregon State Parks Department, Coos Bay, Oregon  
William Jasper, 17153 Ocean Park Court, Brookings Oregon

There were no opponents to the request.

No one requested additional time to present written evidence and the public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

City Manager Blodgett suggested changing the order of the agenda and taking care of the Ordinance and Final Order for this request at this time. The Council concurred.

Blodgett read Ordinance 03-O-556 in its entirety.

**Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to have the second reading of 03-O-556 by title only.**

Blodgett read Ordinance 03-O-556 by title only.

**Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 03-O-556, an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan designation on 5 parcels of land located within Harris Beach State Park adjacent to the northerly boundary from Residential to Open Space and the zoning from R-1-6 (Single Family Residential, 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to P/OS (Public Open Space).**

**Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approved the Final Order and Finding of Facts for CZP-1-03, an application for a Comprehensive Plan and Zone Change on 5 parcel of land located within Harris Beach State Park adjacent to the northerly boundary; Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, applicant.**

## **VI. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

### **A. Committee and Liaison reports**

#### **1. Chamber of Commerce**

Following reports by the Council Liaisons, Chamber Executive Director Les Cohen gave a report of activities upcoming in the area. He said he had attended, along with Councilor Dentino and CEDAC Director Dean Webb, the South Coast Telecommunications Strategic Planning Committee meeting which gave Curry County representation on this committee. He also went to a Northwest Chamber Leaders conference that had participants

from the northwestern United States and Canada. And lastly, he attended the Oregon Chamber Executives meeting. He is a past president of that organization. He invited people to join in festivities during the Beachcombers Festival March 22 and 23 and the Home Show March 29 and 30. Both of these activities will be at Brookings-Harbor High School. The 64<sup>th</sup> annual Azalea Festival, held in late May, will feature Buzz and Hope Hansen as Grand Marshals. The Chamber will be an exhibitor at the Governor's Conference on Tourism in April in Lincoln City. They will represent both the Chamber and America's Wild River Coast. Cohen reminded Councilors of the Chamber forum on Thursday, March 13 which will feature Terri Moffitt, aid to Senator Gordon Smith, and Senator Smith's Natural Resources Representative. There will be an After-Hours Mixer at Daryn Farmer's State Farm office on March 14.

2. Council Liaisons

This item was handled before Cohen gave his report above.

Councilor Mickelson attend a SWOCC task force.

Councilor Johns Kern attended the Community Agencies meeting.

Councilor Dentino attended two meetings held by ODOT on the rebuilding of Chetco Avenue; a couple of AMF meetings and the historic ribbon cutting at the bug station opening both sides of the state border to cooperation between the counties and states. He participated in a Curry County Vets sponsored walk in support of our troops; a teleconference on communications and the Community Agencies meeting.

Councilor Curry attended the Community Agencies meeting and a Chetco Watershed Council meeting. He reported the National Marine Fisheries has changed its name to NOAA Fisheries and will have a booth at the upcoming Home Show. Water sampling at the Port of Brookings Harbor and on 16 sites on major rivers in the area is continuing. He stated the Jack Creek dam will be removed even though there is opposition to this by local fishermen. Also on the agenda was a representative from Salmon Run Golf Course who detailed chemicals use at the golf course. In April the Watershed Council will hear Frank Burris speaking on Sudden Oak Death.

Mayor Hagbom said he had attended most of major meetings listed above.

B. **Unscheduled**

Barbara Nysted, 427 Buena Vista Loop, spoke to the Council about concerns she has with what she sees as a disparity between sewer rates for single-family dwellings and multiple-family dwellings. She stated single-family dwelling rates are \$5 per month higher than multiple-family dwelling rates even though they are often less people living in the single-family residence, particularly in Brookings.

City Manager Blodgett responded that he had asked these same questions from the City's consultants, Brown and Caldwell, and that rates are set using an industry average that shows smaller families typically live in apartments. Nysted stated that even if we hire consultants they need proper demographics as our community is different from other communities. Blodgett said there is more about this subject further into the agenda. He said later in the meeting he would be asking to schedule a date of a public meeting for public input on sewer rates.

Councilor Johns Kern said the reason for a public meeting is to receive more public input on this subject and thanked Ms. Nysted for coming forth.

At this point the agenda order was changed to continue with this subject. Blodgett gave information on preliminary sewer rates and explained charts included in the packet. He recommended a public meeting April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Chetco Community Library.

**Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to hold a public meeting April 3, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Chetco Community Library to take public input on sewer rates.**

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

A. **City Manager**

1. **Yard of the Month, Most Improved Property of the Month Program**

City Manager Blodgett stated the program objectives and gave staff's recommendation to continue the program this year. Councilor Johns Kern added this program generates a lot of good will throughout the community.

**Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to continue the Yard of the Month/Most Improved Property of the Month during 2003.**

3. Memorandum of Understanding-Southern Oregon Coast Housing Opportunities Providers (SOC-HOP)

City Manager Blodgett said SOC-HOP provides programs for low income housing improvements. It does not provide money to purchase homes. This year SOC-HOP wants to make one application for Community Development Block Grant funds for the Coos/Curry counties region and needs all cities in the area as well as the counties to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. Coos and Curry Counties as well as all the cities in the area except Port Orford and Brookings have signed the MOU.

**Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern Oregon Coast Housing Opportunities Provider and the City of Brookings.**

3. Sewer Rates

This item was handled previously in the meeting.

4. Other

City Manager Blodgett reported applications have been made to Community Incentives Fund (\$750,000) and the Regional Investment Board (\$35,000) for monies for the Brookings Events Center project.

## VIII. CONSENT

- A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
    - 1. Minutes of February 24, 2003, regular Council Meeting
  - B. Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
    - 1. Minutes of January 23, 2003, regular Commission Meeting
  - C. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes
    - 1. Minutes of February 4, 2003, regular Commission Meeting
  - D. Approval of Vouchers for February, 2003 (\$190,285.55)
- (end Consent Calendar)

Councilor Dentino noted that his address was listed incorrectly in the Planning Commission minutes of February 4, 2003. The correct address, 1230 Ransom Avenue, will be listed in the minutes.

**Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected.**

**IX. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS**

Items in this section were handled earlier in the meeting.

A. Ordinances

1. In the Matter of Ordinance No. 03-O-556, an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan designation on 5 parcels of land located within Harris Beach State Park adjacent to the northerly boundary from Residential to Open Space and the zoning from R-1-6 (Single Family Residential, 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to P/OS (Public Open Space).

B. Final Orders

1. In the matter of Planning Commission File No. CPZ-1-03; an application for a Comprehensive Plan and Zone Change on 5 parcel of land located within Harris Beach State Park adjacent to the northerly boundary; Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, applicant.

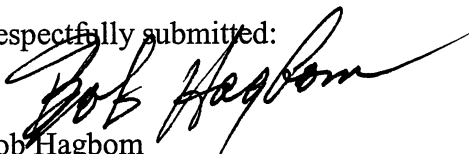
**X. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

- A. Council
- B. Mayor

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

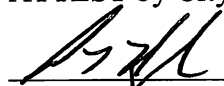
With no further business before them, the Council adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom  
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 25 day of March, 2003.



Paul Hughes  
Finance Director/City Recorder