

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AND ETHICS REVIEW WORK SESSION
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
April 8, 2002
6:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the Common Council 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 Larry Curry, Councilors Frances Johns, Lorraine Kuhn, and Rick Dentino, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Ex Officio Council Noël Connelly, excused.

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, City Attorney John Trew, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Lt. John Bishop, Fire Chief William Sharp, and Community Development Secretary Linda Barker.

Media Present: Brian Bullock, Curry Coastal Pilot

Other: Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Rex Atwell, Martin Palmer, and approximately 5 other citizens.

IV. ETHICS REVIEW

A. City Attorney John Trew

1. Ethics Guide for Public Officials Review

Before the Council meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m., City Attorney Trew reviewed ORS Chapter 244, Government Standards and Practices with elected and appointed city officials. Those in attendance were: Mayor Bob

Hagbom, Council President Larry Curry, Councilors Frances Johns, Lorraine Kuhn, and Rick Dentino; Parks and Recreation Commissioners Bill Boynton and Nina Canfield; Planning Commissioner Ted Freeman, Jr.; Budget Committee members Virginia Byrtus, Bruce Nishioka, and Stan Barron; City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Lt. John Bishop, Community Development Secretary Linda Barker, and Brian Bullock, Curry Coastal Pilot.

V. **CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Announcements

1. Proclamation - Back to School Week 2002 – April 29 through May 3
Mayor Hagbom proclaimed Back to School Week 2002 and noted he would be discussing this in depth later in the meeting.

2. Ten Years of Service – Community Development Department Secretary Linda Barker/April 6, 1992
Mayor Hagbom presented Community Development Department Secretary Linda Barker with a certificate honoring her ten years of service with the City, first in the Finance Department and presently in the Community Development Department. He also announced that in the near future she would be moving into the City Manager’s office as his secretary when Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens moves to Sutherlin, Oregon in June.

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

A. Committee and Liaison reports

1. Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen introduced the *America’s Wild Rivers Coast* logo. This logo is being used to promote the Curry and Del Norte area and is being featured on websites around the area. The May-June issue of Oregon Coast magazine will contain an advertisement promoting the Wild Rivers Coast. Buttons to be worn by front-line service staff saying *Welcome to America’s Wild Rivers Coast* will be available to purchase with the proceeds being used for more regional advertising.

The Chamber is co-opting with the Oregon Coast Visitors Association at the Sunset Magazine Menlo Park Travel Show, providing information on the Brookings-Harbor area to show visitors.

Cohen showed a copy of the March Whale of the Month advertisement published in the Tempo section of the Medford Tribune.

Azalea Festival plans are moving forward quickly with the first meeting of the coordinating committee meeting Saturday, April 6. Cohen asked Chief Sharp to send a memo to all area fire departments to fly the American flag on their trucks during the parade and encouraged veterans and veterans groups to carry flags in the parade. The parade will be stopped in route and all bands participating in the parade will play "God Bless America" simultaneously. He closed his report by showing the 2002 Azalea Festival t-shirt. The Azalea Festival logo is also available on sweatshirts.

2. Council Liaisons

Councilor Dentino reported he had attended the Planning Commission meeting, April 2, in place of Councilor Kuhn who was recouping from surgery. He also attended the Community Agencies meeting, April 3 and the urban renewal workshop, April 4. He will be attending the Harbor Sanitary District Board meeting, April 9.

Councilor Kuhn said this was her first public meeting since her surgery.

Council Johns reported she had attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, March 28, the urban renewal workshop, April 4 and the Home Show, March 30.

Mayor Hagbom spoke about Back to School Week activities. He will be meeting with school officials Thursday, April 11, to plan events. The Rotary Club and the Leadership Class will be involved in these events. When plans are set, he will ask Councilors to help with the activities.

B. Unscheduled

Rex Atwell, 17169 Parkview Drive, spoke to the Council regarding speed limits in the center of town. Going south, Chetco Avenue is posted at 25 mph while going north the same area is posted 35 mph. He advocated changing the speed limit to 25 mph going both ways. City Manager Blodgett remarked this is U S Hwy 101 so the state will be contacted.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager

1. Schedule for May Council meetings

City Manager Blodgett noted that the second May meeting is scheduled for Memorial Day. He recommended holding one meeting in May on the 13th and, if needed, hold a special meeting in May.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to hold one meeting in May on May 13 and hold open the second meeting if needed.

2. Second Street Bud Cross Park entrance closure

City Manager Blodgett presented his staff report regarding closing Second Street at the parking lot entrance to Bud Cross Park. He brought this up at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with no opposition. One citizen at that meeting raised the concern of busses having turn around room in the lot filled with cars.

Councilor Kuhn, who lives on the street, noted that traffic once went into the parking lot and then came out. Since an entrance into the lot has been made from Hassett Street, motorists are now using North Second Street and the parking lot as a through travel way between Ransom Avenue and Hassett Street. This has resulted in more and faster traffic.

Staff will contact residents on North Second Street and bring a recommendation to the Council at the next regular meeting.

3. Yard/Property of the Month Program

City Manager Blodgett recommended the Council adopt a Yard/Property of the Month program whereby residents receive recognition for their efforts in keeping or improving the attractiveness of their property. The April-through-September program would cost the City about \$600 per year as winning properties would get a yard display sign for one month and a \$50 credit to their water/sewer account. Blodgett said an unbiased/anonymous committee would select the winners each month.

Councilor Johns moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to adopt the Yard of the Month and Most Improved Property of the Month program.

4. Pelican Bay Telecommunications Board of Directors appointments
City Manager Blodgett updated the Council on progress made exploring the possibility of providing cable TV service to local residents. Staff found there needed to be an organization to oversee the project and potentially operate the system. The Port already has a non-profit corporation established to operate a wireless Internet service. Working cooperatively, city and port staff agreed to use the existing corporation to oversee this project. To assure City and Port input each agency would have two members on the Board of Directors and one at-large member appointed by those four members. Blodgett recommended appointing Mayor Hagbom and Councilor Dentino to the Pelican Bay Telecommunications Board of Directors.

Martin Palmer, 17312 Holmes Drive, spoke to the Council regarding his desire to be appointed to the member-at-large position.

Councilor Kuhn commented for the record that she does not think the City of Brookings should be involved in a non-profit organization of any kind, whether we're on the Board or otherwise. She added that no funding had been set aside for this particular item and there are a lot of other items that need to be done.

Councilor Johns moved, a second followed, and the Council voted 4-1 (voting for: Councilors Johns, Dentino, Curry and Hagbom; voting against: Councilor Kuhn) to appoint Mayor Hagbom and Councilor Dentino as Pelican Bay Telecommunications Board of Directors.

5. Other
City Manager Blodgett reminded the Council of the first budget committee meeting which will start at 7:00 p.m., April 24.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 1. Minutes of March 25, 2002, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
 1. Minutes of February 28, 2002, regular Commission Meeting
- C. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes
 1. Minutes of March 5, 2002, Regular Commission Meeting
- D. Approval of Vouchers (\$170,656.60)
(end Consent Calendar)

Councilor Johns moved, a second followed, and the Council voted 3-0 (voting for: Councilor Dentino, Johns and Hagbom, abstaining: Councilors Kuhn and Curry) to approve the consent calendar as printed.

IX. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

- A. Council
- B. Mayor

There were no additional comments from the Council or Mayor Hagbom.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous verbal agreement, the Council agreed to adjourn the Common Council meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 23 day of April 2002.



Paul Hughes
Finance Director/City Recorder