

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
August 7, 2000  
7:00PM**

***I.     CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

***II.    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

Led by Ex-Officio Student Shiloh Thom

***III.   ROLL CALL***

Council Present: Mayor Bob Hagbom, Councilors Larry Curry, Keith Pepper, Frances Johns, Lorraine Kuhn, and Ex-Officio Student Councilor Shiloh Thom, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Councilor Keith Pepper, excused

Staff Present: Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: None

Other: Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Craig Mickelson, Buzz Hansen-local architectural engineer, Port of Brookings-Harbor Manager Russ Crabtree, Brookings-Harbor Youth Association Director Heather Weckler, Charter Communications General Manager Bob Pearson-Crescent City, Gold Beach, Brookings-Harbor, and Director of Regulatory Affairs for Northwest Region of Charter Communications Steve Holmes, MuniCom Consultant Stephen Jolin and approximately nine other citizens

Mayor Hagbom gave special recognition to Ex-Officio Councilor Shiloh Thom, for a job well done during the past four years as student member to the Parks and Recreation Commission from September 1996 to September 1997, and three years as a student member to the City Council as an Ex-Officio Councilor from September 1997 to September 2000, by presenting her with a certificate of appreciation.

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

**A. *Unscheduled***

There were no oral requests or comments from the audience.

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. *City Manager***

**1. *Postponement of August 14, 2000, Common Council Meeting to August 21, 2000***

Finance Director Gail Hedding advised the necessity to postpone the regular Common Council Meeting for August 14, 2000, to August 21, 2000.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to postpone the August 14, 2000, Common Council Meeting to August 21, 2000, at 7:00PM, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.**

**2. *Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to authorize installation of adult volleyball courts***

Finance Director Hedding introduced Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Craig Mickelson for making a presentation on the construction of volleyball courts at Azalea Park, which had previously been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on July 27, 2000. Julie Jordan representing the Brookings Adult Volleyball Association was present for questions and presentation of designs on the courts. After discussion, and Mayor Hagbom noting some ground preparation had already begun, the Council considered the recommendation.

**Councilor Kuhn moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the construction of volleyball courts in Azalea Park as presented at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on July 27, 2000.**

**3. *Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations on skateboarding***

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Mickelson provided background to the Council on the project for a skateboard park, possibly at Bud Cross Park. Mickelson mentioned all supporters and recommended the Council appoint a committee to actively pursue construction of a skate park, with the committee including the following positions/people:

Council Representative - Mayor Hagbom and Councilor Johns

have indicated an interest  
Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Craig Mickelson as  
appointed by the Commission  
City Manager - Leroy Blodgett  
Community Development Director - Leo Lightle  
Sessions Surf Shop Owner - Russ Johnson  
Brookings-Harbor Rotary Club - Sandy Hislop and Buzz Hansen  
2 or 3 skaters - unknown at this time, and possibly additional City  
youth representatives

Discussion ensued, including comments from Russ Johnson of 96391  
Dawson Road, and with Mayor Hagbom commenting on the two location  
options and Council agreed the Bud Cross location was the preferred

**Councilor Kuhn moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council  
voted unanimously to appoint a Skate Park Committee, with Mayor  
Hagbom as Council Representative, with membership as  
recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and with  
directions from the Council to pursue possibility of a skate park at  
Bud Cross Park.**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. *Approval of Vouchers (\$163,249.33)*

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted  
unanimously to approve the consent calendar.**

**VII. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS**

Stephen Jolin, Ph.D. of MuniCom, consultant for Falcon Cable, Curry County, and the  
City informed the Council the franchise renewal agreement represents a good effort on  
the negotiations of Charter, the City and County. He noted Falcon Cable TV, dba:  
Charter Communications has participated very cooperatively in the negotiations process,  
and that this is a good document, placing the City in a good position for regulating the  
cable performance. There are provisions protecting the city for liability, good customers  
standards, and penalties for remedies in quality control. With agreement from City  
Attorney John Trew, Jolin presented the minimal changes as previously presented by the  
document which were primarily date and in-house modifications as a result of the  
ordinance and contract approval being addressed at the next Council meeting.

Discussion ensued with the largest concerns being over quality control as a result of  
citizens' complaints. Jolin assured the Council the penalty provisions in Section 7,

specifically Section 7.7, provided the City with avenues to address these issues and get results. Jolin continued by thanking the City Council for working with prior City Manager Tom Weldon and Nancy Brendlinger and advising it would take only a few days to have the final copy for public availability.

Steve Holmes, Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Northwest Region of Charter Communications, 201 NE Park Plaza Drive, Vancouver WA, asked the Council to review Section 7.7.B, which specifically addressed the issue of credit to consumers when Falcon failed to comply with performance. Holmes continued with presenting background on Charter Communications revamping of cable network performance.

Bob Pearson, General Manager of Charter Communications-Crescent City, Gold Beach, and Brookings-Harbor, 1385 NW Washington Blvd, Crescent City, CA answered technical questions from the Council.

*A. Ordinances*

1. *No. 00-O-539, in the matter of an ordinance granting to Falcon Cable TV, dba: Charter Communications, a non-exclusive ten year franchise*  
The matter of approving the ordinance and agreement between the City and Falcon was continued to the August 21, 2000, meeting.

**VIII.**

**REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

*A. Council*

Frances John shared with the council her and Councilor Lorraine Kuhn's experiences from earlier that day with Mr. Okuda of Niiza, Saitama, Japan, and his daughter. A reception was held for him at City Hall in the Council Chambers, where he presented the City with the Japanese uniform worn by his Uncle, who was the Navigator for Mr. Fujita in bombing Curry County during World War II. Okuda presented the City with many other gifts including Japanese food specialties, a Kokshi, a silk table scarf, and Samarai Soldier head scarf wear. He also gave Mayor Hagbom, who was unable to attend, a letter from his home city's mayor - Kenji Suda, asking for future communications between the two cities. In return, the City's reception included many gifts to Okuda and his daughter, including specialty items presented from the Chamber of Commerce.

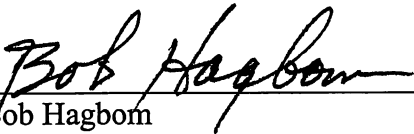
*B. Mayor*

Mayor Hagbom thanked Councilors Kuhn and Johns for representing the City so well.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Kuhn moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Bob Hagbom  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Gail L. Hedding  
Finance Director/Recorder