

CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
February 28, 2000
7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:01PM, and reminded the audience and Council the meeting tonight would be televised live, and that he appreciated all those in attendance and watching for their patience and understanding during this new process.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Council President Larry Curry

III. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Bob Hagbom, Councilors Larry Curry, Keith Pepper, George Ciapusci, and Student Ex-Officios Shiloh Thom and Cindi Peterson, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Councilor Frances Johns, excused.

Staff Present: City Manager Tom Weldon, Fire Chief William Sharp, Police Chief Ken Lewis, WWTP Operator Assistant Dave Ford, Police Officer Josh Pieren, Community Policing Officer Barbara Palicki, McGruff, Eddie Eagle, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: Chuck Hayward, Curry Coastal Pilot, and William Dwinell, KURY Radio

Other: Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Augie Kofoet-Vice President Businesses for a Better Brookings, General Manager of Cal-Ore Life Flight Ground and Air Dan Brattain, and approximately 12 other citizens, including former Mayor Nancy Brendlinger

IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Announcements

- 1. Dave Ford - New Employee/WWTP-Treatment Plants Operator Assistant***
City Manager Tom Weldon introduced and provided a brief background of

new employee Dave Ford to the Council.

2. *Josh Pieren - New Temporary Employee/Police Department- School Resource Officer*
Police Chief Ken Lewis introduced the new SRO Josh Pieren, a temporary employee.
3. *Public Safety Trading Cards - Community Policing Officer Barbara Palicki*
Officer Barbara Palicki brought Eddie Eagle and McGruff to announce the "kick-off" of the Public Safety Trading Cards program for the community children. She told the Council there were sixteen separate cards, available upon request from the participating officers, including the Fire Chief Bill Sharp, Detective John Bishop, and Hojee, the K-9 Officer. Palicki proudly reported the program was made possible by a grant and local businesses sponsoring a card (person). Mayor Hagbom was officially given the first set.

City Manager Weldon acknowledged the assistance from Charter Communication's employee Tracy Ellenbecker, who was present tonight to assure the televising and taping of tonight's meeting ran smoothly. Mayor Hagbom noted Past Mayor Nancy Brendlinger's presence in the audience, who has long worked towards televising these meetings.

V. PUBLIC HEARING
None

VI. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- A. *Jim Burfield - Curry County Transit*
Mayor Hagbom called for Jim Burfield, but he was not present. The agenda continued.

VII. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- A. *Committee and Liaison reports*
 1. *Chamber of Commerce*
President Richard Gyuro, in the absence of Executive Director Les Cohen, who was attending a conference, advised the Council the Chamber was currently preparing for the Azalea Festival. A theme has been selected and crowning the princesses will take place on the second Thursday in March. Gyuro gave a brief report on the business plan for the fiscal year 2000-2001, which includes developing a plan for future economic development.

He also noted the Fred Meyer information center has turned out to be one of the Chamber's best advertisers, because of the ease in which visitors (especially those with RV's) can see and retrieve the information. The brochure fill rate is higher than any of the other information centers. Guyro made special notation to the Council that this facility was being provided free to the Chamber and therefore no bed tax dollars were being used to maintain it.

Councilor Keith Pepper asked for the Azalea Festival Theme - Sand Castle Days Lighthouse Nights

2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*

Vice President Augie Kofoet made reference to a letter to the editor of The Curry Coastal Pilot, in which a visitor to the community commended the extensive use of the American Flags. Kofoet asked the Mayor for a status of the last Council meeting's request from Businesses for a Better Brookings, for funding of some of their community expenses. Mayor Hagbom explained the City is in the middle of the budget process, and that the Council receives many requests from individuals and groups. These requests will be passed on to the Budget Committee when they convene. City Manager Weldon detailed further the budget process. Kofoet proceeded with questions regarding the goals, but was confused thinking the Council's newly adopted goals were the budget items. Mayor Hagbom and Weldon clarified the differences and that the Budget Committee meets to consider all requests proposed, noting the Council Goals are only a small portion of the budget. Weldon suggested Kofoet call him for further questions and clarifications.

3. *Port of Brookings-Harbor*

None

4. *Council Liaisons*

Councilor George Ciapusci attended the Port of Brookings meeting reporting on the Harbor Restoration, grant applications, hiring of Beach front RV hosts, awarding a bid for major electrical supplies and installation, and finally a discussion of a possible public meeting on a law enforcement levy. Subsequently the matter was withdrawn when the Port found out it could not legally be done. Ciapusci also reported there was a review of a draft for a hotel site lease and an update on the boat basin project.

Councilor Keith Pepper advised he would be attending a legal advocacy meeting (League of Oregon Cities) this coming Friday, in Salem.

B. Unscheduled

Dr. Charles Harmon of Box 4031, Brookings, asked Mayor Hagbom to address the alleged recent incidents of discrimination by City employees and demanded a public hearing to review the matter. Mayor Hagbom advised Harmon, he had just become aware of contents of the letter he was referring to at approximately 5:00PM today. Hagbom stated he did not know Harmon's reason for taking up this person's cause, especially since Harmon himself did not live within the City limits of Brookings. Hagbom stated there would be no public hearing on the matter. Mayor Hagbom thanked him (Harmon) for comments, and asked him to be seated.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager

1. Acceptance of "Curry Governments" By-laws and appointment of Voting Representative and Alternate

City Manager Tom Weldon explained that the "Tri-Cities" group, made up of the County and three cities is changing so as to help us communicate better among ourselves and so we, as a group, can have more influence in world affairs. Weldon referred to bylaws presented by the new group - "Curry Governments". He advised each of seven governments (three cities, three port districts and Curry County) are being asked to adopt the by-laws, so that when issues come to light, they can come together to support or not. Weldon recommended the Council approve the bylaws as presented, appoint Mayor Hagbom as "primary" voting representative for the City, and appoint Council President Curry as "alternate" voting representative for the City.

There was no discussion.

Councilor Ciapusci moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to accept the "Curry Governments" by-laws as presented, to appoint Mayor Bob Hagbom as the primary and Council President Curry as the alternate for voting on behalf of the City of Brookings.

2. Acceptance of SWACT By-laws ~ adopt

City Manager Weldon reviewed the status of the South West Area Commission on Transportation (SWACT) by-laws with the council and recommended the Council adopt the resolution accepting the SWACT by-laws and appoint Mayor Hagbom as the City's primary voting representative and himself, as the alternate voting representative to the Highway 101 Southern group. There was no discussion.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adopt the SWACT by-laws by Resolution No. 00-R-669, and appoint Mayor Bob Hagbom as the primary and City Manager Tom Weldon as the alternate voting representatives from the City of Brookings.

3. *2000-2001 Council Goals*
City Manager Weldon reviewed the process during goals study session held February 16, 2000, of which all five of the Council attended. It included a review of this year's goals and their status, and the 19 areas interested for consideration for the 2000-2001 Council Goals. Weldon recommended the Council adopt the final eleven goals that remained after their study session discussion, not in priority order.

Councilor Curry moved, Councilor Ciapusci seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adopt the following goals for fiscal year 2000-2001 (alphabetically - not priority listed):

- 1) **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION: Begin implementation of downtown revitalization plan**
- 2) **FIBER OPTICS: *Easements * Franchise * "POPS" (Access) in Brookings**
- 3) **FIRE DEPARTMENT: * Obtain funding for and build a 3-bay addition to Fire Hall * Take bids and order new fire truck**
- 4) **GRANT WRITER**
- 5) **LAND/OFFICE SPACE: Identify options - New Businesses**
- 6) **PARKS MASTER PLAN: Develop and adopt a master plan for all Brookings' parks**
- 7) **SWIMMING POOL: Enhancements (refurbishing and cover)**
- 8) **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM: * Continue to work on U.S. 101 Couplet * Overlays * Sidewalks**
- 9) **URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY: Continue work**
- 10) **WATER SYSTEM: * Implement Water Management Plan * Treatment Plant and associated**

lines upgrade * Build one million gallon Reservoir and associated lines

11) YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Expand opportunities and continue city involvement with youth

Mayor Hagbom noted and thanked Student Ex-Officios Thom and Peterson for any and all input throughout the evening.

Councilor Ciapusci moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to add to the agenda the matter of dispatching for Cal-Ore Life Flight Ground and Air 911 Emergency Ambulance Services.

City Manager Weldon informed the Council of an urgent situation which has come up recently due to a notice that BECCO, Inc. had been sold and as of March 1, 2000, would not be providing ambulance dispatching. Weldon reviewed what is currently happening during a 911 call, and what would be occurring as of March 1, 2000, if the Council accepted his recommendation. He stated our 911 dispatchers will do all the ambulance dispatching, and our citizens, who call for this service, will probably not notice any change - if anything, their calls for help will be answered smoother and quicker. Weldon proposed a new short term agreement between the City and the ambulance company. Because of the short notice, they (Cal-Ore and the City) have not ironed out all the language details necessary for a long term contract between the City and the ambulance service. He noted City Attorney John Trew and General Manager Dan Brattain, present in the audience, had met to present the proposed agreement. Weldon and Brattain recommended the Council authorize Mayor Hagbom to sign agreement so that we can provide complete ambulance dispatching. Discussion ensued with Cal-Ore Life Flight Ground and Air General Manager Dan Brattain of Box 1986, Brookings and Weldon answering questions from the Council. Brattain agreed he would be amicable to 90 days for having a permanent contract - under "termination and renewal". Corrections were suggested and made on the contract, and again, Brattain agreed.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Ciapusci seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the temporary contract between the City and Cal-Ore Life Flight Ground and Air, as amended under "Termination and Renewal" by changing the effective dates to "March 1, 2000, and shall continue in effect for an initial term ending June 1, 2000.", and to authorize Mayor Bob

Hagbom to sign the contract on behalf of the Council.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*
 - 1. *Minutes of February 14, 2000, Regular Council Meeting*
- B. *Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes*
 - 1. *Minutes of January 27, 2000, Regular Commission Meeting*

(end Consent Calendar)

Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens noted a correction in the minutes - page 6 of 11, second line. A discussion ensued regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of January 27, 2000, regarding comment about the Elks Lodge. After Weldon explained that the correction had been made at the Commission's February 24, 2000, meeting, it was a Council consensus to eliminate agenda item IX.B. from the consent calendar until after the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting whereby they would accept their February 24, 2000 minutes.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Ciapusci seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar with the exclusion of Agenda Item No. IX.B.

X. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS

- A. *Ordinances*

None
- B. *Resolutions*
 - 1. *Approval of Resolution No. 00-R-668, for adopting "Curry Governments" By-laws*

Councilor Curry moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 00-R668, adopting "Curry Governments" by-laws.
 - 2. *Approval of Resolution No. 00-R-669, for adopting "SWACT" By-laws*

Approved previously under Agenda Item No. VIII.A.2.

Mayor Hagbom acknowledged Jim Burfield, who was now in the audience.

Curry Public Transit Manager Jim Burfield, Chetco Senior Center, Chetco Lane, Brookings, summarized the successful program and experiences of last summer's

downtown shuttle, even though there was lower usage than expected. He stated they had over estimated the number of people who would use the service, but they had learned from the problems presented with promotion and advertisement and the changing type of tourist and their needs daily and hourly. Burfield stated they would be improving the program.

Discussion ensued, with Councilor Pepper speaking of the success with the Bandon transit area and Burfield noting the trend line for the transit need is good, soon to be serving and connecting more towns more effectively - particularly those in the north county. Mayor Hagbom asked Burfield if he wanted to discuss this at the "Tri-Cities/Curry Governments" meeting set for March 8, 2000, at 7:00Pm in Gold Beach. Burfield agreed and Weldon will make arrangements for Burfield to be on agenda . Burfield was given special appreciation for the Chetco Sr. Center, it's bus drivers and other volunteers who have made this project happen.

XI. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

A. *Council*
None

B. *Mayor*

Mayor Hagbom thanked everyone for their consideration during this first televised meeting and reminded the Council of the previously mentioned Tri-Cities meeting on March 8, 2000 in the Gold Beach City Hall.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

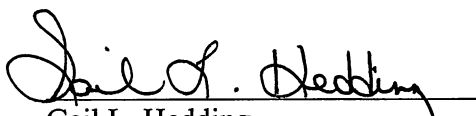
Councilor Ciapusci moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gail L. Hedding
Finance Director/Recorder