

**CITY OF BROOKINGS**  
**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon**  
**March 22, 1999**  
**7:00 pm**

***I.            CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Nancy Brendlinger called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

***II.           PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

***III.          ROLL CALL***

Council Present: Mayor Nancy Brendlinger, Council President Bob Hagbom, Councilors Larry Curry, Frances Johns, and Keith Pepper

Council Absent: Ex-Officio Shiloh Thom

Staff Present: City Manager Tom Weldon, Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding, Community Development Director Leo Lightle, Fire Chief William Sharp, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

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

Other: Connie Wilson, League of Women Voters; Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Victoria Nuss-President Businesses for a Better Brookings, Dave Haygood - Gold Beach City Administrator

***IV.          CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***A.          Appointment of three people to Planning Commission***

Mayor Nancy Brendlinger informed the Council four individuals had applied for the three open Planning Commission positions. She recommended the appointment of Rick Dentino, incumbent, for Position No. 7, a four year term expiring April 1, 2003; Ted Freeman, incumbent, for Position No. 1, a four year term expiring April 1, 2003; and Victoria Nuss for Position No. 4, to complete an unfinished term expiring April 1, 2001. The Mayor introduced Vicki Nuss to the Council and audience.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council unanimously voted to approve the appointments of Rick Dentino and Ted Freeman to the two**

**vacant positions on the Planning Commission, each term expiring April 1, 2003, and to approve the appointment of Victoria Nuss to complete a vacant term on the Planning Commission expiring April 1, 2001.**

*B. "April is Spring Clean Up Month"*

Mayor Brendlinger read the proclamation announcing April '99 as the "Spring Clean-Up month in Brookings-Harbor", asking for all citizens to pitch-in and join the Brookings-Harbor Clean-Up Program to show pride in our community by cleaning up our act." She also took the opportunity to mention the Great Oregon Beach Clean-up set for the following Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and introduced Patty Scantlin as a representative of the Community Pride Partnership, who accepted the proclamation.

*C. World Health Day Proclamation - Linda Morgan, 17C School District Nurse*

Mayor Brendlinger read aloud the World Health Day Proclamation, setting aside April 7<sup>th</sup> as an occasion to educate and inform, to encourage increased community involvement, and to focus on the unity of concerns for a better quality of life - Healthy Aging, Healthy Living - START NOW! Paul Shoenborn, Vice Principal of Kalmiopsis Elementary School, was present to receive the proclamation and spoke about the week long planned activities within the school district.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**VI. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

*A. MDA "Fill the Boot: fund raiser - Jeanie Nelson, MDA District Director Maggie Groves, Field Representative for the Muscular Dystrophy Association was introduced by Fire Chief William Sharp. Groves explained to the Council the "Fill the Boot" fund raiser, a nationwide program put on by the association with the help of local fire departments. Chief Sharp stated his department was enthusiastic about the potential joint endeavor to be set for Labor Day weekend.*

**Councilor Hagbom moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the MDA "Fill the Boot" fund raiser to be set for the weekend of Labor Day, 1999.**

VII.

ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. *Committee and Liaison Reports*

1. *Chamber of Commerce*

Chamber Executive Director Les Cohen advised the Council of a recent meeting with representatives from Trinidad and Klamath, regarding their joint efforts to promote tourism primarily from outside areas (Eureka, Coos Bay, and the Valley) for the Redwood Coast. This group plans on distributing materials by May 1, 1999, which would indicate the strategic partnership and maximize their resources. He also informed the Council Gold Beach did not meet with the group, however they have been meeting quarterly in the past. Particulars on the All Events Center project will be forthcoming, after field trip(s), by the end of April as to facility and feasibility.

2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*

Victoria Nuss, President, announced the officers of the organization: Augie Kofot, Vice President, and Linda Kelly, Secretary. She mentioned various projects of the organization, including securing benches and waste receptacles of special design (crab pots) to be in place for the Azalea Festival weekend. Nuss also asked the Council to revisit the decision on where proceeds of the property sale to the Post Office were to be spent. Discussion ensued, including the liability of benches and trash cans on Chetco Avenue, aka: U.S. 101 for the City and ODOT. City Manager Tom Weldon indicated there were rules governing signs and street furniture on the right-of-ways next to state highways.

3. *Parks & Recreation Commission*

None

4. *Planning Commission*

None

5. *Council Liaisons*

Councilor Keith Pepper reported on the status of the Canopy Project, which included a presentation planned for April 6, 1999 at 2:00 PM at the Gold Beach City Hall. A discussion ensued regarding the preliminary report and the detailing of additional job positions, the status of current jobs to full time, the additional revenue in tax and county receipts, and the spinoff of new businesses from the Canopy Project.

Councilor Frances Johns reported she had attended the Brookings-Harbor 17C School District meeting and that she would be attending the Pelican Bay State Prison Advisory Board meeting next week.

Councilor Larry Curry informed the council he had attended CCD meetings in Gold Beach, North Bend, and Roseburg for purposes of outsourcing, which is to begin in Curry County, then to Coos, and last to Douglas County. Each county will be represented by two people to serve on a steering committee. Councilor Curry also reported on the March 15<sup>th</sup> Curry County Commissioners and ODOT meeting regarding transportation issues.

Council President Bob Hagbom stated he had attended the CCD meeting with Councilor Curry, and asked Curry to further inform the Council of the purpose of the outsourcing. Councilor Curry explained the necessity of local county business concerns establishing contacts with those businesses manufacturing or needing manufactured goods being provided in the tri-county areas, who are for the most part shipping elsewhere or receiving goods from other counties, states, or countries. He clarified that CCD is in the business of loaning money to help local businesses.

- B. *Unscheduled*  
City Manager Tom Weldon introduced Dave Haygood, City Administrator of Gold Beach.

## VIII.

### STAFF REPORTS

A. *Finance Department*

1. *ICMA Retirement Fund Investment Option*

Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding explained in detail the expansion of investment options for employees' deferred compensation plan, which are now available due to a recently released opinion by the Oregon Legislative Counsel. This opinion stated that investments of employees' monies held in a deferred compensation plan can now be expanded to include equity securities. After discussion and notation there would be no additional costs or liabilities to the City, Hedding and City Manager Weldon recommended the approval of a resolution to approve the City Manager signing any necessary document(s) instructing ICMA to make equity offerings available to all participating in the deferred compensation plan.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 99-R-652, authorizing City Manager, as coordinator of the program, to sign the necessary document offering ICMA Retirement Trust options to the City of Brookings employees participating in the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.**

B. *City Manager*

1. *ODOT State Transportation System Improvements*

City Manager Tom Weldon informed the Council of the Oregon Department of Transportation's request from local communities to comment on expending state gas tax dollars on state highways and the need for the City of Brookings to act promptly in communicating our needs and priorities. It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce had already sent a letter of similar content to ODOT. Councilor Curry advised the Council he would be attending the next County Commissioners meeting, in which he would be asking them to list the City's Couplet as a number one priority, since ODOT had indicated the City, County and Chamber all needed to confirm their number one priority as the Brookings Couplet Project.

**Councilor Curry moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to send a letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation stating Parkview Drive at U.S. 101 is a busy, dangerous, intersection that needs help and that the City's Modernization funds priorities also include building the "downtown couplet". Further, letter is to include that the City would like to see this project staged with \$100,000 per year being set aside to begin purchasing the small amount of right-of-way that will be needed to do the project, since this is such a high cost (\$10 Million) project and modernization dollars now are very limited.**

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the downtown couplet project as the number one long range project for the City for ODOT modernization projects.**

C. *Police Department*

1. *Juvenile Grant funds to County Justice Department*

City Manager Weldon defined the City's Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program eligibility and the request from Curry County Community Justice Department Director Ronald Mathis to waive to Curry County those available funds allocated (\$2,658) to the City of Brookings. By memo, Police Chief Ken Lewis concurred this would be a good step for the City, as the grant would be used for juvenile detention purposes. Gold Beach

City Manager Dave Haygood spoke to issue and informed the City Council of Gold Beach had also waived their right to the grant funds.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Hagbom seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to waive to Curry County the City's portion of the allocated grant funds of \$2,658.00, eligible from the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program administered by the Criminal Justice Services Division of the Department of State Police.**

*D. Community Development*

*1. Dawson Pump Station Rehab*

Community Development Director Leo Lightle familiarized the Council with the recent Dawson Pump Station Rehab bid advertised and recommended the contract be awarded to Jim McLennan for \$6,720.09. Discussion followed.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council unanimously voted to award the bid for the Dawson Pump Station #1 Remodel to Jim McLennan for \$6,720.09.**

***IX. CONSENT CALENDAR***

*A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*

- 1. Minutes of March 8, 1999, Regular Council Meeting*  
Corrections were indicated by Councilor Bob Hagbom.

*B. Approval of Commission/Committee Minutes*

- 1. Minutes of February 25, 1999, Regular Planning Commission Meeting*

*(end Consent Calendar)*

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Hagbom seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected, with the Mayor abstaining, as she was not at the March 8, 1999, Council meeting.**

X. **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS**

A. *Resolutions*

1. *Approval of Resolution No. 99-R-652 - Authorizing City Manager to sign necessary document offering ICMA Retirement Trust options to the City of Brookings employees participating in the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan*

Addressed under Agenda Item No. VIII. A.(1).

The meeting was recessed at 8:26 PM to go into Executive Session, asking Community Development Director Leo Lightle and Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding to remain.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - ORS 192.660(1)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions**

Executive Session was called to order at 8:28 PM.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

The regular council meeting was reconvened at 8:49PM.

XII. **REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

A. *Mayor*

None

B. *Council*

Councilor Frances Johns thanked Bob Hagbom for coming to Emblem Club recent conference and for being a designated escort.

City Manager Weldon shared notes from the last legislative weekly telephone conference, including special mention of the bill introduced by State Representative Ken Messerle to provide more funding for Southwestern Oregon Community College - up to \$1 Million with a plan for the majority of the monies to go for purchasing property and the building of same in Brookings. Weldon recommended the Council move to direct him to prepare a letter supporting this idea. Discussion was in agreement.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to add to the agenda and item addressing the request for funding to Southwestern Oregon Community College under State Representative Ken Messerle's bill.**

C. *City Manager - Bill presented by State Representative Ken Messerle*


**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to direct City Manager**

**Tom Weldon to write State Representative Ken Messerle and State Senator Veral Tarno regarding the City's support of authorizing additional funding for Southwestern Oregon Community College for constructing a campus in the City of Brookings.**

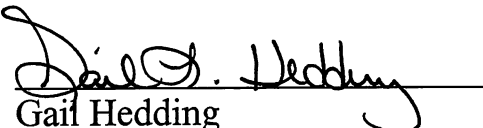
Mayor Brendlinger thanked Council President Bob Hagbom for filling in on her behalf during the last few weeks in her absence.

***XII. ADJOURNMENT***

**Councilor Hagbom moved, Councilor Pepper seconded and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.**

  
Nancy Brendlinger  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gail Hedding  
Finance Director/Recorder