

**City of Brookings**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Isaac Hodges called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

**Roll Call**

Council Present: Mayor Isaac Hodges, Council President Andy Martin, and Councilors Clayton Malmberg, Phoebe Pereda and Kristi Fulton; a quorum present

Staff present: City Manager Janell Howard and Deputy City Recorder Brooklyn Osterhage

Media Present: 1

Others Present: Approximately 30 audience members

**1. Council discussion regarding the City Manager's contract**

**Councilor Pereda moved, Councilor Martin seconded, and Council voted unanimously to terminate the City Manager's employment without cause, immediately upon adjournment of this meeting.**

**2. Council discussion regarding filling the City Manager position**

**Mayor Hodges moved, Councilor Pereda seconded, and Council voted unanimously to place Police Chief, Kelby McCrae, in the position of Interim City Manager on a short term basis if he is agreeable; for the City Attorney to discuss his contract and for him, Councilors Martin and Pereda meet with City Staff on January 17, 2024.**

**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Malmberg thanked Janell Howard for her hard work.

Councilor Pereda stated this decision was not taken lightly.

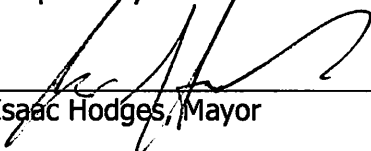
Councilor Martin stated the ultimate responsibility is to the voters and taxpayers of Brookings and thanked Janell Howard for her hard work.

Mayor Hodges agreed with the councilor's statements, thanked the council for their difficult deliberations, and told staff that Council supports them and thanked them and Janell Howard for their hard work.

**Adjournment**


Mayor Isaac Hodges adjourned the meeting at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Isaac Hodges, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024:

  
Brooklyn Osterhage, Deputy City Recorder