

City of Brookings

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, January 22, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Isaac Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call

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

Staff present: Police Chief/Interim City Manager Kelby McCrae, Public Works and Development Services Director Tony Baron, and Deputy Recorder Brooklyn Osterhage

Media Present: 1

Others Present: Approximately 20 audience members

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Council minutes for January 8, 2024
2. Approve Council minutes for January 16, 2024
3. Accept December 2023 Financials

Councilor Martin moved, Councilor Pereda seconded, and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Council appointed Councilor Pereda as the second Harbor Sanitary District Liaison

Scheduled Public Appearances

1. David Gilmore and Laura McKeane, Coast Community Health and AllCare Health representatives provided an update on Coast Community Health's Building Plans.

Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

1. Connie Hunter, 1310 English Court - spoke on Veterans issues and state level work.
2. Michael Frederick, 16883 Yellowbrick Road - spoke on Transient Occupancy Tax funds.
3. Thena Larteri Lyons, 96305 Spindrift Lane - spoke on the library's OSHA complaint filed.
4. Jeannie Giumarra, 96160 Cape Ferrello - spoke on littering in Brookings-Harbor area.
5. Amanda Whittemore, 1033 Chetco Ave - spoke on a tourist funding committee.

Staff Reports

1. Support Letter – Curry County Battery and Microgrid Project

Staff Report presented by Tony Baron

Councilor Pereda moved, Councilor Malmberg seconded, and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of Coos Curry Electric, to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for the Curry County Battery and Microgrid Project Application.

2. City Manager Pro Tem Hiring Discussion

Councilor Martin expressed wanting to advertise the City Manager position and work with a recruiting company to hire a permanent City Manager. Councilor Pereda suggested a company she had been in contact with. Chief McCrae advised three quotes were required and would reach out for additional quotes. Mayor Hodges expressed he wanted to keep Chief McCrae in this position as long as feasible, while they try to find someone permanent for the City Manager position. Councilor Malmberg suggested an Executive Session to discuss compensation for Chief McCrae as the Interim City Manager and how to hire a recruiting company.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Fulton thanked City staff for their hard work during the City Manager transition and expressed the importance of choosing the right person to fill the City Manager position.

Councilor Martin suggested the Council discuss the history of the Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee (TPAC) at a workshop.

Councilor Malmberg added that Council discusses grant opportunities at a workshop.

Mayor Hodges stated he wants to be transparent with funds, while being mindful that there are some things that will not be able to be public for legal reasons.

Councilor Martin thanked Chief McCrae and department directors in this transition and said everyone at City Hall has done a great job throughout this time.

Adjournment

Mayor Isaac Hodges adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Isaac Hodges, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this 12th day of February, 2024:


Brooklyn Osterhage, Deputy City Recorder