

**City of Brookings**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
**Monday, May 13, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Isaac Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

**Roll Call**

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

Council Absent: Councilor Clayton Malmberg

Staff present: Police Chief/Interim City Manager Kelby McCrae, Public Works and Development Services Director Tony Baron, Deputy Public Works and Development Services Director Lauri Ziemer, and Deputy City Recorder Brooklyn Osterhage, City Attorney Lori Cooper by phone as of 8:23 pm

Media Present: 1

Others Present: Approximately 10 audience members

**Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

Mayor Hodges presented the Safe Boating Week Proclamation to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience**

1. Cody Strunk, northernmost end of Rainbow Rock – spoke in opposition to adopting Ordinance 24-O-812
2. Sister Cora Rose, 551 Spruce – spoke in opposition to adopting Ordinance 24-O-812

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for April 22, 2024
2. Accept Planning Commission minutes for April 2, 2024

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

**Staff Reports**

**1. Adopt Ordinance 24-O-812, amending the Brookings Municipal Code, Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places**

Staff Report presented by Tony Baron and update provided by Kelby McCrae

Councilor Martin stated his support for adopting the ordinance.

Councilor Pereda stated that the City needs something in place and this ordinance would be a start but expressed some concerns and the need for council to be provided with data to evaluate if the outcomes of the ordinance are what was intended.

Mayor Hodges stated that it's important to get the ordinance in place now, even before the Grants Pass case is complete and it can be amended if necessary.

**Councilor Martin moved, Councilor Pereda seconded, and Council voted unanimously to read Ordinance 24-O-812 for the first time by title only.**

Ordinance 24-O-812 was read by title only.

**Councilor Martin moved, Councilor Pereda seconded, and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 24-O-812 with the changes to section 12.55.050, adding "on public property or" in "A" and removing "The same person cannot relocate their campsite within one block or 600 feet from the original campsite" in "B(1)".**

**2. APP-1-24 – Review of Planning Commission Decision on CUP-5-24 – Conditional Use Permit to allow rental storage units, provided exclusively for storage purposes**

Staff Report presented by Tony Baron

Appeal applicant Bruce Nishioka provided presentation and views on the CUP application that was approved before the Planning Commission.

Councilors Pereda, Martin and Mayor Hodges expressed the importance of businesses and entrepreneurship and debated on the City's role in conditional uses.

Councilor Pereda and Mayor Hodges said they'd be interested to see if conditions can be placed on the permit to adhere to the Downtown Master Plan.

City Attorney Lori Cooper advised Council that conditions would have to be part of the Brookings Municipal Code for them to be enforceable.

Tony Baron confirmed that the Brookings Municipal Code does not contain any criteria to follow the Downtown Master Plan.

**Councilor Martin moved, Mayor Hodges seconded, and Council voted unanimously to affirm the Planning Commission's approval of CUP-5-24 – a Conditional Use Permit to allow the development of rental storage units at 508 Hemlock Street, Assessor's Map & Tax No. 4113-05CB, tax lots 6100, 6200, 6201, applicant Rick Gray/Hemlock Street Properties, LLC.**

**Informational Non-Action Items**

Interim City Manager Chief McCrae provided an update on the City Manager recruitment.

**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Martin shared news on the Oregon Department Fish and Wildlife new Director.

Councilor Fulton commented that the City should work on its goals and master plan.

Mayor Hodges expressed empathy for what some people go through and stated that setting rules and guidelines is empathetic to all.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Isaac Hodges adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Isaac Hodges, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024:

  
Brooklyn Osterhage, Deputy City Recorder