

**City of Brookings**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
**Monday, July 8, 2024**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

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

Council Absent: Councilor Kristi Fulton

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

Media Present: 1

Others Present: approximately 10 audience members

**Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience**

1. Cheryl Kelmar, 914 Marina Heights – spoke about an outdoor light statute
2. Amanda Whittemore, 1033 Chetco Avenue – updated Council on the Wild Rivers Film Festival and thanked the City for putting up their lamp pole banners

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for June 24, 2024
2. Accept Planning Commission minutes for May 7, 2024

**Councilor Malmberg moved, Mayor Hodges seconded, and Council voted unanimously, with Councilor Martin abstaining, to approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Staff Reports**

**1. Appeal Fee Refund Request – Continuance**

Reminder of Staff Report provided by Mayor Hodges

**Comments from the Audience**

Bruce Nishioka, 509 Hemlock Street – requested a continuance on his request for a refund of appeal fees as he had not received documents from a recent public records request.

Mayor Hodges and Councilors Pereda and Malmberg agreed that this is not the correct time to discuss the fee schedule and stated applicant knew the cost to appeal when he filed it.

**Mayor Hodges moved, Councilor Malmberg seconded, and Council voted, with Councilor Martin voting against, to deny Bruce Nishioka's refund request of appeal fees.**

Councilor Martin stated he voted against the motion as he wanted to see the results of the Public Records Request and have the City Attorney review matter further.

## **2. 2024-25 Miscellaneous Fence Projects**

Staff Report provided by Tony Baron

Council discussed desire to have the fences look appealing. Councilor Malmberg suggested utilizing Change Orders in order to ensure an appealing look to the fences.

**Councilor Martin moved, Councilor Malmberg seconded, and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Mountain View Fence in the amount of \$143,370 for miscellaneous fence projects and for staff to update the Council with a possible Change Order for the black powder coating fence for City Hall or other aesthetic options that could be brought forward.**

### **Informational Non-Action Items**

Interim City Manager, Chief McCrae provided update on new City Manager, Tim Rundel, stating his start date and first City Council meeting will be July 22, 2024.

### **Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Malmberg recognized the LoveYour4th group and appreciated City Staff partnering with them.

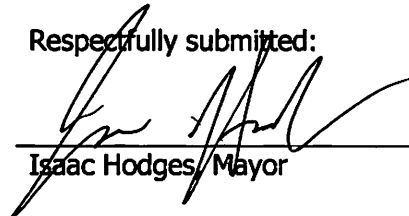
Councilor Martin thanked Brookings Police and Fire Departments, the Port, volunteers and City Staff for putting on a great Independence Day event and for keeping the community safe. He advised about a DEQ investigation into a complaint regarding boat use of a public accessed gravel river bar. He stated that he thinks the river bar should remain a public river access point for the community and is opposed to changes or restrictions to that access.

Mayor Hodges congratulated the younger community members of the baseball and softball teams going to state tournaments. He recently attended the National Archery Competition recently where two of the four members of the Oregon 4H team were from Curry County. He is looking forward to welcoming the new City Manager.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Isaac Hodges adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Isaac Hodges, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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

  
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Brooklyn Osterhage, Deputy City Recorder