

City of Brookings

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, May 4, 2020

Call to Order

Mayor Pieper called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Jake Pieper, Councilors Brad Alcorn, Brent Hodges, John McKinney, and Ron Hedenskog; a quorum present.

Staff present: City Manager Janell Howard, Public Works and Development Services Director Anthony Baron, and Deputy Recorder Amber Nalls.

Media Present: None

Others Present: 6 audience members

Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

1. Steve Johnson – 200 Winchuck River Rd, Brookings, OR addressed Council regarding how he is not in agreement with Governor Kate Brown closing businesses.
2. Bob Haas – 18835 Montbretia Lane, Brookings, OR addressed Council regarding the closure of parks. Bob Haas is not in favor of parks and tennis courts being closed.
3. Dr. Ron Reel – 519 Chetco Ave #1, Brookings, OR addressed Council regarding the reopening of business. Dr. Ron Reel is in favor of businesses opening.
4. Marianne Padilla – 928 Third St., Brookings, OR addressed Council regarding the reopening of business. Marianne Padilla is in favor of businesses opening.
5. Alan Benway – 15889 Sunset Strip Spc 46, Brookings, OR addressed Council regarding the reopening business. Alan Benway is in favor of opening businesses. This request was emailed in by Alan Benway who was not present at the Council Meeting. Public comment was not read out loud at the Council Meeting. Public Comment is attached.
6. Maureen Ter Beek – 975 5th St, Brookings, OR addressed Council regarding the reopening of transient lodging facilities. Maureen Ter Beek is not in favor of reopening transient lodging at this time. This request was emailed in by Maureen Ter Beek who was not present at the Council Meeting. Public comment was not read out loud at the Council Meeting. Public Comment is attached.

Staff Reports

Plan to reopen Public Life and Business

City Manager Janell Howard presented the staff report.

City Manager presented to Council information about the different Phases of re-opening Public Life and Business in Brookings, due to COVID-19 and Governor Kate Browns Executive order 20-12.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Hodges remarked “ we are waiting on Governor Brown's announcement on May 15th” in regards to reopening with phases.

Councilor Alcorn commented that the Churches in the community are all networking to together to be prepared by having safety protocols in place for reopening.

Councilor McKinney remarked that we need to be patient and wait for Governor Kate Brown's press conference in 11 days.

Mayor Pieper remarked, the City did not close businesses and we can not reopen them. We all are under Governor Kate Brown's Executive order.

Adjournment

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor McKinney seconded and Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Jake Pieper, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 11th day of May, 2020:



Janell K. Howard, City Recorder

Janell Howard

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:11 PM
To: jhoward@brookings.or.us
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact City Staff

Contact City Staff

Name	Alan Benway
Email Address	awbenway@yahoo.com
Phone Number	5103667779
Address	15889 Sunset Strip Spc 46
City	Brookings
State	OR
Zip Code	97415
Staff Member You Wish to Contact	Janell Howard, City Manager

Message

I would like to see this county declare we are open for business as there is no problem (as with most Oregon counties) with COVID. The real danger is the collapse of businesses and their loss to Brookings/Harbor. The ridiculous decree by the inept governor should only apply to the Portland- Eugene region and not the rest of the state. Many businesses here depend on summer tourist revenue to carry them the rest of the year.

I request that you reach an agreement with the manager of Gold Beach to immediately reopen our county for business and end the shutdown madness.

Thank you.

Alan and Johnnie Benway (residents since 2012, retired)

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Janell Howard

From: Maureen Ter Beek <maureen@terbeek.us> on behalf of Maureen Ter Beek
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Janell Howard
Cc: Jake Pieper
Subject: Re: re-opening

Hello Janell -- I understand that you are still at the policy formulation stage and, while I am not privy to your discussions with the County, based on the April 29 th meeting it appears to me that the BOC will vote this Wednesday to overturn the order to temporarily close transient lodging facilities to non-essential visitors.

So I have some questions I ask the City to consider:

Does it make sense to you that a thoughtful, comprehensive rollout plan would begin with relaxing limits on the transient lodging/tourism sector? (is there no opportunity to start elsewhere?)

Is it really the thinking that cleaning some surfaces at hotels will mitigate spread and we can ignore the elephant in the room -- the impact on community spread of allowing visitors from virus epicenters.

When you review the capabilities of our health care infrastructure, are we prepared for the consequences of an action like this? (Also are we equipped to handle non-COVID cases like a broken leg or will our hospitals be overwhelmed?)

Concerned,

Maureen C Ter Beek

On Sat, May 2, 2020, 7:45 PM Janell Howard <jhoward@brookings.or.us> wrote:

The last time I emailed you all it was to notify you that the council had extended the restrictions on TLF for 30 days. That IS still in place. However, there have been lots of conversations since then and we have been working