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COUNCILMEMBERS
Position No.
1. Tod Gunther
2. John Kelly
3. Michelle Gehring
4. Joachim Pestinger
5. Nicola McDonald
6. Greg Hogan
7. Scott Drennen

ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Meeting Agenda
Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S, Orting, WA
February 20th, 2019
6PM.

CHAIR, DEPUTY MAYOR GREG HOGAN

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL.

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember McDonald led the pledge of allegiance.
Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, Michelle Gehring, Nicola McDonald, Joachim Pestinger.
Absent: Councilmember Drennen (arrived at 6:56pm)
Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer, Devon Gabreluk, Police Officer, Kaaren Woods, Court Administrator, Greg Reed, PW Director, Mark Barfield, PW Supervisor.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works-*CM Drennen & CM Gunther*
No Report. Items are on the agenda.

Public Safety-*CM Kelly & CM Pestinger*
Councilmember Kelly briefed on the items at the last meeting:
- Fireworks Advisory Election
- COOP
- Council Committee Goals
- Police Department Accreditation

Community and Government Affairs- *CM McDonald & CM Gehring*
Councilmember McDonald briefed on items from the last meeting:
- Calistoga Park Build
- Committee Goals in the future

3. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Bethune briefed on the following:
- Met with Andrew Barkis regarding capital funds;
- City Hall – Notice to proceed in May;
- PW Building work in progress;
- Snow Plowing Service to Unincorporated King County;
- Certification of Levy;
- Approved Soil Remediation Plan;
- Newsletter coming out soon.

Treasurer Larson briefed on the following:
- 4th Quarter Financial Report;
- Late Penalty's for Water Service;

- Annual Report on the agenda;
- Working on Financing of new City hall.

City Clerk, Montgomery briefed on the following:

- RFP Legal Services;
- RFP -Website;
- CS Appeal Hearing on the 25th of February;
- Records Grant coming to completion.

Court Administrator, Woods briefed on:

- Code Smart- case processing system;
- Referrals from Recovery Café.

Councilmember Gunther asked for a quarterly update on drug house closings. Officer Gabreluk will provide a report to Council soon.

Mayor Penner briefed on the following;

- PCRC Meeting;
- Code Enforcement recruitment;
- Snow Plowing assistance to King County;
- Help to 80 Orting residents without power;
- AWC Conference in June

4. AGENDA ITEMS

A. AB19-06- Grant Policy- Proposed Amendments.

Councilmember McDonald briefed that the amendments do not include proposals to require Compiled statements. The Changes are administrative in nature.
Action: Move forward to the consent agenda of February 27th, 2019.

B. AB19-13- Ordinance No. 2019-1042, Relating To Nuisances, Amending Orting Municipal Code Title 5, Chapter 1, Section 3.

Treasurer Larson briefed that this came at the request of the City Attorney. The proposed ordinance would update the City's definition of nuisance to include violations of all code provisions, opening up the code enforcement penalties section for all violations not explicitly enumerated in OMC 5-1-3.
Action: Move forward to the consent agenda of February 27th, 2019.

C. AB19-14- Resolution No. 2019-01, Amending the City Of Orting Personnel Policy.

Treasurer Larson briefed that the City has reviewed and revised its Personnel Policy to bring it in line with our risk pool standards, best practices and current state and federal law.
Action: Move forward to the consent agenda of February 27th, 2019.

D. AB19-15-Resolution No. 2019-05, Adopting the Continuity of Operations Plan, ("COOP").

Administrator Bethune briefed that The Federal Government recommends that cities have a "Continuity of Operations Plan". The essence of this planning is to ensure the City can be re-constituted following a significant disaster.
Action: Move forward to the consent agenda of February 27th, 2019.

E. AB19-16 Sign Code Update- Ordinance No. 2019-1041, Repealing and Replacing Orting Municipal Code Title 13, Chapter 7, Relating to Development Regulation Of Signs.

Administrator Bethune briefed that the proposed ordinance was forwarded to Council by the Planning Commission with a recommendation to adopt. The ordinance complies with both intermediate and strict scrutiny and provides for visually appealing signage while allowing an adequate number, size, location and duration of signs for commercial uses. City Planner Emily Terrell briefed on the specifics of the changes. Discussion followed.
Action: Move to the CGA Committee to review.

F. AB19-17- Design Build Advisory/Management Services for the New City of Orting Public Works Building.
Councilmember Drennen briefed that the City is currently in the process of starting construction on the new Public Works Building. The Building official has indicated that the project is now beyond his expertise. The City would like Parametrix to provide advisory/management services, providing day to day project management and document control.
Action: Move forward to the consent agenda of February 27th, 2019.

G. AB19-18- Hillside Mower Purchase.
Councilmember Gunther briefed that the Public Works Department completed an RFP for a Hillside Mower as outlined in the 2019 Budget. A hillside mower will allow the City to mow areas that previously required weed whacking like roadside ditches and the slopes around our stormwater ponds. The City awarded the RFP to Turf Star Western. The cost is $51,005.67 which is under budget. Discussion ensued about a higher mower which does additional functions. They also discussed writing specs to be a bit broader.
Action: Move forward to the consent agenda of February 27th, 2019.

H. Discussion-Public Comment prior to passage of Ordinance.
This was a discussion regarding the possibility of public comment prior to the passage of an Ordinance on the agenda. The discussion evolved to topics regarding audience comments in general. Various ideas were considered.
Action: Council by Consensus, keep process as is.

I. Discussion-Fireworks.
Councilmember Kelly started the discussion on fireworks in the City of Orting. This issue has been on the Public Safety Committees agenda and Councilmember Kelly stated he had spoken to the police department. The Police Department will work to enforce laws already on the books. The City plans on putting an advisory vote on the ballot in the next general election. They also discussed block party permits for 4th of July events and possible solutions and alternatives.

Chair Hogan allowed comments from Marvin Abbott. Mr. Abbott stated that he was not happy about fireworks in the City. He stated that the issue of enforcement needs to be addressed in relation to existing fireworks laws.

Councilmember Pestinger stated that the Police Chief and the Fire Chief are concerned about street blockages during the 4th of July. The Chief also hopes to be able to dedicate one officer to address fireworks issues on the 4th. Councilmember Kelly and Pestinger stated that maybe allowing a place to allow individuals to set fireworks off would be an idea to pursue. Councilmember Gehring agreed that blocking roads is a concern. Council also talked about letting citizens know in advance of the 4th of July if any changes are made. The advisory vote will cost approximately $5,000 to $8,000.

Administrator Bethune will bring an amended permit to the next Public Safety Committee meeting and CGA will look at a possible ordinance/resolution or policy to enforce the banning of block party dates.

J. Discussion-Moving Transportation Discussions from Public Works Committee to Public Safety Committee.
Councilmember Kelly proposed moving transportation issues to the Public Safety Committee Meeting. They are currently discussed at the Public Works Committee. Councilmembers felt that there are some issues that would fit well for discussion at a Public Safety Committee agenda, but that many of the Transportation issues involve utilities.
Action: The two committees will work this issue out.

K. Auditors Report.
Treasurer Larson distributed the auditor's reports.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

ATTEST:

Jane Montgomery

Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC

Joshua Penner, Mayor