

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. Barbara Ford, Deputy Mayor
3. Michelle Gehring
4. Dave Harman
5. Nicola McDonald
6. Josh Penner
7. Scott Drennen



ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S, Orting, WA
June 14, 2017
7 p.m.

ORIGINAL

MAYOR JOACHIM PESTINGER

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL.

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm., in the Multipurpose Center. Councilmember McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers, Tod Gunther, Nicola McDonald, Josh Penner, Michelle Gehring, Dave Harman, and Deputy Mayor Ford.

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney.

2. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

JC Hungerford informed the Mayor that he will ask at the hearing that the approval of Majestic View be put off until the 28th of June pending outstanding documents.

Mayor Pestinger requested that agenda item 10A be moved up after the hearings.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS- (*Items not on the agenda*)

None.

4. HEARINGS

A. Closed Record Hearing-Final Plat Approval Village Green 8.

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 7:03pm. This was a closed record hearing so no public comments were allowed. JC Hungerford briefed. The request is for final plat approval for Phases 3 and 4, Division 8 of Village Green 8. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 5, 2017 during its regular meeting. The Planning Commission discussed the proposal and reviewed the staff report and after deliberation moved to recommend approval of Village Green Division 8 Phases 3 & 4, final planned development and plat. The testimony from the Planning Commission was provided to City Council and the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mayor Pestinger asked if there were any Council questions/comments. Discussion followed between Council and staff. Topics included:

- Original commitments made by the City;
- Types of homes;
- Old Pioneer Way- remains a turnaround;
- Speed limit near the school;
- Fencing;
- Park- is for all homes in the development;
- Basketball Court is not in cul-de-sac.

Mayor Pestinger closed the hearing at 7:10pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion.

Councilmember McDonald Made A Motion To Approve The Planning Commission Recommendation For Final Plat Approval Of Village Green 8 Phase 3 And 4. Second By Councilmember Gehring. Motion Passed (7-0)

Closed Record Hearing-Final Plat Approval Majestic View Estates.

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 7:10pm. Administrator Bethune indicated that the developer failed to complete certain tasks and asked to move the hearing and approval to the June 28th agenda.

Mayor Pestinger closed the hearing at 7:11pm.

B. AB17-44-Public Hearing- Transportation Improvement Plan, Resolution No. 2017-06. (First Reading)

• ***JC Hungerford***

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 7:11pm. JC Hungerford briefed. This is an annual action that must be approved by July 1st, 2017. The updated TIP includes the upcoming projects for the Transportation Benefit District. This is the first reading of Resolution No. 2017-06 adopting the 2018–2023 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Mayor Pestinger asked for any Council questions/comments. Discussion followed. The Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge system was identified to be on page 2. 14.8. Mayor Pestinger asked for public comments. No comments were made.

Mayor Pestinger closed the hearing at 7:15pm.

C. AB17-45-Public Hearing-Comprehensive Plan- Resolution No. 2017-07. (First Reading)

• ***JC Hungerford***

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 7:15pm and asked JC Hungerford to brief. JC Hungerford explained that what Council had before them was the non-motorized element of the Transportation plan in draft format so that he could hear comments or questions from the Council and the public. The Transportation Plan was last completed in 2005. PSRC issued a conditional certification of the plan, noting that the City Transportation plan did not adequately address pedestrian and bicycle facilities. This is the first reading of Resolution No. 2017-07. PSRC requires that this be completed by June 30th. Mayor Pestinger asked for any Council questions/comments. The final version will be presented at the next Council meeting on June 28th. The motorized portion of the plan will be completed in 2018.

Comments:

- Councilmember Drennen would like to see more emphasis on the connectivity of the City with a safe crossing over SR 162- JC will add emphasis;
- Councilmember McDonald feels that all of the pedestrian issues have been addressed in this draft and with what is currently in place, and that they will be

addressed further when the Engfer/Gratzer property is developed- Per JC there will be additional crossing areas addressed in the 2 way left turn lane project;

- Councilmember Penner noted that in the description of the Lahar evacuation route the levees are not noted; - JC will strengthen the language in this regard.
- Councilmember Penner would like to see the access to the evacuation routes be ADA compliant- JC will look in to this matter and coordinate with Pierce County.

Mayor Pestinger asked for any public comments. There were no public comments made. Mayor Pestinger closed the hearing at 7:20pm.

10. A. AB17-46- Orting Rock Festival- Sponsorship Application, Resolution No. 2017-05.

• ***CM Drennen/CM McDonald***

This item was moved up in the agenda. Councilmember Drennen briefed on the Community and Government Affairs (CGA) meeting which was on June 2nd. The City received an application for sponsorship from applicant Chris Hopfauf for the Orting Rock Festival Rock Benefit Concert which was reviewed and approved by the CGA Committee. The policy requires that after recommendation by the CGA Committee, that the City Council review the recommendation and if they concur, approval be made by resolution. The resolution was presented. The funds from the event will be given to the Haven and the Orting food bank. Chris Hopfauf, the applicant briefed the Council on the event.

Councilmember Drennen Made A Motion To Approve Resolution No. 2017-05, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Declaring A Public Purpose And Authorizing City Sponsorship Of The Orting Rock Festival. Second By Councilmember McDonald. Motion Passed (7-0)

5. PRESENTATION

A. Washington Avenue, Two Way Left Turn.

• ***JC Hungerford***

JC Hungerford stated that he had been asked to give a presentation to the City Council and the public. He had a pre-construction meeting last week with the contractor. A preliminary schedule was provided at that time. He went thru a PowerPoint presentation. JC Hungerford relayed that traffic delays during construction are unavoidable, but all measures will be taken to minimize the delays. The presentation covered the following:

The project area

SR 162 & Whitesell Street S.

The issue- When commuters traveling on Washington Avenue (SR 162) attempt to make a left hand turn on Whitesell Street, a long queue of cars forms;

Project improvements

- This project will construct a new two-way left turn lane on Washington Ave (SR162) from the Safeway shopping center entrance, through the intersection of Whitesell Street, and connect to an existing two-way left turn lane in front of the Orting Depot.
- The Foothills Trail will be realigned from a mid-block crossing on Whitesell Street to the intersection at Washington Avenue. Other improvements include crown adjustment, illumination, utility upgrades, and a flashing beacon for pedestrian crossings.

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Discussion followed regarding:

- Signage at site;
- Website updates will be made;
- Crosswalks will be at Cardinal and Liber at the Senior Center;
- WSDOT operations and coordination with City to prevent tearing up the road;
- Businesses all onboard and they will have access to their sites;
- Business cards and flyers will be passed out;
- Traffic revisions will be in place;
- Transportation committee will be active in signage to alert the public;

JC Hungerford stated that this project is funded by the Transportation Improvement Board.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of May 31, 2017
- Payroll and Claims Warrants

Deputy Mayor Ford made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion passed (7-0)

7. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL STANDING REPORTS

Community & Government Affairs

Councilmember Drennen briefed. He reported the following was discussed at the last committee meeting:

- Sponsorship application- Orting Rock Festival
- The Haven- brainstorming ideas to help them stay open;
- Grant policy;
- Code of Conduct for elected officials;

Public Works

Councilmember Penner briefed on the last meeting of the Committee. He reported the following was discussed:

- Orville Road water line replacement- out to bid this week;
- Eldredge Avenue – to bid last week
- Waste water treatment plant- bid out tomorrow- Solids de-watering
- New Public Works facility – out soon mid-July
- Generator maintenance – last meeting in June
- Backhoe purchase – to Council in July

Councilmember Drennen asked to have a presentation to Council on the Public Works facility before it goes out to bid.

Parks Advisory Board

Councilmember Gunther reported on the following:

- Pickle ball court being considered;
- Love Rocks- a work in progress-being added to planting strips;
- Splash Pad- was investigated but is too expensive- alternatives are being explored- a portable splash pad;
- Hanging baskets are up and are being monitored;
- Calistoga Park- working to make it a feature park;
- All City parks are being looked at for improvements.

Councilmember Gehring shared that volunteers will be involved in the endeavor to put in a pickle ball court. Volunteers will likely install it and run it.

Emergency Preparedness

Deputy Mayor Ford reported on the following topics:

- Meeting that has taken place for the last year with stakeholders- currently working on a thorough tabletop exercise to determine roles and responsibilities;
- In regard to the recent lahar evacuation drill in May– now the focus is how to get this information out to the public and other agencies.

Deputy Mayor Ford invited everyone to the Emergency Preparedness meeting is on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00pm at the Public Safety Building.

Citizen Comment

Doug Bishop stated that he felt a key element was missing in the planning of an evacuation. He said there did not appear to be a plan in place after the evacuees get to the rock quarry.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor Ford revealed that there are current plans in place to address that issue. Contracts are in the works for both the Bethel School District and Pierce County who will assist in moving people and children to safe locations after they reach the quarry.

Emergency Evacuation Bridge System- (OEEBS)

Councilmember Drennen briefed on the meeting from June 9th.

- Project moving forward near 100% with scope and budget;
- Next step is how to utilize remaining funds of 470K from Department of Transportation for utility realignments;
- Looking at gaining right of way at Rocky Road for the bridge landing;
- Currently have 500K still part of this year's budget process for the project so they are awaiting word.

Deputy Mayor Ford said that both the OEEBS Committee and the Emergency Preparedness Committee are talking about joining with the City to collaborate on an educational video regarding evacuation routes and the emergency bridge system.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Attendance at a meeting on May 31st – The Mayor attended a breakfast sponsored by Multicare at Good Samaritan Hospital. He took the opportunity to encourage them to put a clinic in Orting;
- On June 8th the Mayor attended the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting- they recommend approval of projects.- approval is pending for the extension of White Hawk out to Calistoga;
- The Mayor attended the local chamber of commerce meeting where they reported a successful circus in town.

Miscellaneous Activity/Community Reports.

Councilmember Drennen reported that the Kingsmen car show is on Saturday June 17th.

Deputy Mayor Ford reported the following:

- Update on efforts to bring in County services for drug and homeless issues- They have found a probable site- awaiting a tour in July;
- She will be attending a two day summit tomorrow and Friday on reducing the sale of illegal opiates put on by the State Patrol and the Attorney Generals office.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

Planning Commission

Commissioner Greg Hogan briefed the Council that the Planning Commission is working on the following:

- An ADR sign request;
- Plat approvals on the agenda this evening;
- Still working on sign codes;
- Reviewing the quorum structure;
- Legendary Donuts opening soon.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Waste Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Audit for Electrical Systems.

Councilmember Penner briefed on this agenda item. This had come to Council

before on April 12th, as a proposed predevelopment audit for a future wastewater treatment plant upgrade. The Council wanted to review this further when discussions dovetailed into an asset management program and what the deliverables would be with this audit.

JC Hunger then briefed about his research into an asset management program. He was hoping the audit could be put in a formatted spreadsheet that could later be put into an asset management program. He found that was not the case. The original proposal included training and a document as a deliverable which would show all the schedules and a basis of design document which would show what items would need to be replaced.

Councilmember Penner then reminded Council that during the previous discussions on the WTPP audit at the council meeting on April 12th that they had proposed an Ad HOC Committee. Two issues are asset management program and the audit.

Councilmember Penner asked if Council wanted to delay this until they have further understanding of an asset management program or bring this back to the next agenda without further review of the deliverables. Discussion followed.

One question posed was would the audit create a document that can be put into a system later or would it be redundant. JC Hungerford indicated that it would depend on how detailed one wanted their asset management program to be. An Ad Hoc committee could discuss this. Administrator Bethune reminded Council that Matrix will be providing a recommendation on software and the staff necessary to support that software.

Action item: The consensus was that they would need to wait for the Matrix recommendations to come back and in the meantime the proposed audit will go back to committee and at the same time they will schedule the Ad HOC committee which will discuss an asset management program.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion- 176th Street Extension.

JC Hungerford showed the Council a map of the 176th Street extension that the County has raised as an issue. The County has taken this project out of their Comprehensive Plan. It was in their 1992 Transportation Plan. The project is getting a little steam and the County would like feedback from the City. He explained the original plan which would connect the extension just south of the Calistoga Bridge. The design has many challenges. The price tag is in excess of 40 million to build. He laid out the pros and cons of this project should it be revived. The down side for Orting would be more traffic in and out of the City to South Hill. The County says the upside could be that this is another evacuation route for Orting. The original plan was that this would go up to Bonney Lake. There are no plans to improve the highway system in Orting. The County wants to find out if the City is hot or cold on this project. The County is not necessarily pushing this but they want feedback. The Mayor briefed on the 2040 County Transportation Plan in relation to 176th and Tehaleh. JC Hungerford will reach out to the County to come brief Council at a later date.

Deputy Mayor Ford announced that tomorrow evening the 2017 graduation of Orting High students will take place. This year there are more seniors graduating than ever before. She credited this to the research based work done by the teachers under the leadership of Principal Diane Fox who was recruited and will be leaving July 1st.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Harman made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Gunther.
Motion passed (7-0)*

Mayor Pestinger adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joachim Pestinger, Mayor