



# ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave. SE

MARCH 9, 2016

Mayor Joachim Pestinger called the meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 pm in the Orting Public Safety Building. Roll call found in attendance Deputy Mayor William Birkes, Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Barbara Ford, Josh Penner, Tod Gunther, Dave Harman and Nicola McDonald.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**City Employees**

Mark Bethune, City Administrator  
Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk

Bill Drake, Police Chief  
Scott Larson, Treasurer

**Professional Representatives**

Jay Long, Attorney – Kenyon Disend  
Mallory Miller, Engineer – Parametrix

*Councilmember Ford moved to excuse Councilmember Harman from the meeting. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion carried (6-0).*

**Visitors (signed in)**

Corinne Reiquam  
Dave Bishop  
John Aldrich

Scott Reiquam  
Sheri Greene

Mayor Pestinger noted there is a Tahoma to Tacoma Trailhead postcard in front of Council and invited them to attend the network meeting on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pestinger introduce Bonney Lake Councilmember Justin Evans. Mr. Evans spoke regarding the PCRC position that is open for the Zoo Trek Board and asked for the Mayors and Councils support.

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no request made.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Councilmember Ford moved to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion carried (6-0).*

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Doug Bishop passed along what a great job the Public Works crew did on the sidewalk in front of his house; discussed the City

Administrator getting the flag replaced and back up in the park; discussed the Mt. Rainier Emergency meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS:** (7:07)

Buxton Company –  
Economic Development  
• Jacob Davis

Mr. Davis presented Council with software from Buxton Company that will help the City with Economic Development.

Councilmembers asked City Administrator Bethune to come back at the March 30<sup>th</sup> Council meeting on the budget impact of a RFQ for the possibility of hiring a marketing firm.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Parks Commission**

Commissioner Aldrich noted the parks within the City and the issues the Commission cited as needing fixed/updated within those parks.

**Planning Commission**

Commissioner Hoyt discussed signage concerns regarding blockage/maintenance; discussed ADR and the colors for the Wine/Spirits Liquor store; he also noted that the Planning Commission recommended Final Plat on the Village Green agenda item with conditions; he noted that the Commission is still updating the livestock ordinance and they are currently doing more research.

**COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:** (8:03)

**Public Works**

Councilmember McDonald reported on the on-going items, discussed the Public Works replacement vehicles as well as the fleet maintenance and finishing up the RFP process.

**Finance**

Councilmember Ford gave a financial review on the budget.

**Public Safety**

Councilmember Gunther discussed the police replacement vehicles.

Chief Drake discussed the Military SWAT vehicle that is being offered at no cost to the city.

After discussion, Council asked City Administrator Bethune to look at the fiscal impact of taking the SWAT vehicle such as - costs of storage, maintenance training/cost, and required staff training/cost.

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Pestinger reported on the explosion that happened in Seattle earlier that day and reminded folks that if they smell gas, to report it immediately and reminded them to learn how to turn their gas off. He noted he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting which discussed social media; discussed a Christmas Bazaar and wondered if the Farmers Market would like to take

that on; he also reported that they are looking at a new flag pole as the mechanism for the one in the park is in bad shape and during wind storms the pole bends significantly.

**Miscellaneous**

Councilmember Ford mentioned that the Police Department is handing out free gun locks to citizens.

**CLOSED RECORD HEARING:** (8:41)

AB16-18 –Closed  
Record Hearing- Village  
Green, Ph. 1 Div. 7  
Final Plat

Mayor Pestinger opened the closed record hearing at 8:41 p.m.

Mr. Roger Wagoner from BHC Consultants gave the history on the project; discussed completion of improvements and the Planning Commission recommendation with conditional approval. He noted the fees will be due before final plat can be recorded and noted the city has not arrived at a conclusion regarding that subject and asked Council to postpone until the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to guarantee payment.

Mayor Pestinger closed the closed record hearing at 8:45 p.m.

*It was Council's consensus to have another Closed Record Hearing at the March 30<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** (8:45)

Emergency Evacuation  
Bridge System

Councilmember Drennen reported the group met on March 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed a citizens concern regarding the lahar zone, he noted more education is needed. He also discussed the ROW acquisition is still in process. Discussion also took place regarding the city-wide Evacuation Drill that is being scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**AB16-19** - Resolution  
No. 2016-17, Amending  
City Facility Fees

This item was tabled until the March 30, 2016 meeting.

**AB16-20** - Ordinance  
No. 2016-982, Amending  
City Facility Rentals  
Code

This item was tabled until the March 30, 2016 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AB16-21** –  
Transportation Plan  
Update, Phase 1

Councilmember McDonald deferred to Councilmember Penner who reported the last plan passed in 2005. He noted this plan being a “big budget item” and discussed the two phases.

*Councilmember Ford moved to approve the Scope and Budget for Phase 1 of the Transportation Plan Update provided by Parametrix. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried (6-0).*

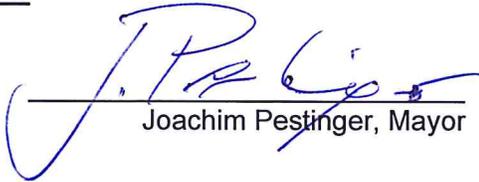
**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Chris Hopfauf reminded everyone that Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> was Sam Colorossi Appreciation Day and invited everyone to come out from 1-4 p.m. at the BBQ area in the City Park to honor Sam Colorossi.

**ADJOURN:**

*Councilmember Penner moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion carried (6-0).*

**ATTEST:**

  
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Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

  
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Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk