



# ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Multi-Purpose Center, 202 Washington Avenue S.

March 30, 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, and Dave Harman.

## ATTENDANCE:

*Councilmember Harman made a motion to excuse Councilmember McDonald. Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion carried (6-0).*

**City Employees**            Mark Bethune, City Administrator            Scott Larson, Treasurer  
   Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk

**Professional  
Representatives**        Jay Long, Attorney – Kenyon Disend  
   JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix

**Visitors (signed in)**    None.

## REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

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

## COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

## COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS: (7:04)

**Rules**                            Councilmember Harman reported that he will have a full report at the next Council meeting.

**Transportation**            Councilmember Penner reported on the Chip Sealing; Two-Way Left turn lane and the cameras at WhiteHawk.

**Emergency Preparedness**    Councilmember Drennen reported on the May 20<sup>th</sup> All City Evacuation Drill; discussed the Emergency Preparedness Plan; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Community Involvement.

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Pestinger reported he attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and the County Executive meeting; he noted he will be attending the Puget Sound Regional Council that week and discussed the News Tribune story on the Light Rail Plan.

**Miscellaneous**

Councilmember Ford noted the website that citizens can get information on the Sound Transit project: [www.soundtransit3.org](http://www.soundtransit3.org).

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (7:20)**

Closed Record Hearing –  
Village Green Div. 1, Ph. 7

Mayor Pestinger opened the closed record hearing at 7:20 p.m.

City Treasurer Larson explained that the City would first like to have a guarantee payment of the impact fees and are recommending another postponement of the hearing until the next meeting.

Mayor Pestinger closed the closed record hearing at 7:22 p.m.

*Postponed to the April 13, 2016 meeting.*

Public Hearing – Animal  
License Fee Changes

*Tabled to the April 13, 2016 meeting.*

Public Hearing – SW  
Connector

Councilmember Penner asked Mayor Pestinger if he could conduct the hearing this evening on the SW Connector.

Councilmember Penner opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. JC Hungerford from Parametrix, gave a brief presentation on the SW Connector and the three options.

Public comments:

Karen Wilson asked for clarification on route.

Rita Marshall discussed concern for safety and what determines the safest place for route; asked why it is being brought so far in to town; discussed wetlands.

Councilmember Drennen gave a brief history of the previous hearing and the bypass; discussed school zones; calming devices and environmental costs. He noted this is not a high speed bypass.

Carrie (last name not provided) also discussed safety issues; concerns of bypassing the city center and diverting traffic away

from small businesses; costs of hiring more police and other avenues that will come with the connector.

Greg Hogan noted that the impact on businesses and stated people are already bypassing the businesses.

Doug Bishop asked if the three choices include an intersection with a light.

Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford responded “no” on the intersection light and discussed signals and the previous hearings that discussed them.

Councilmember Penner closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (7:47)

Orting Emergency  
Evacuation Bridge Lead  
Agency Agreement

Councilmember Drennen reported no report at this time.

Resolution No. 2016-17 •  
Amending City Facility Fees

Councilmember Ford discussed the rate changes as well as the nonprofit rate being extended. She also noted the rate for those events that serve alcohol and the process.

***Councilmember Ford moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-17, adopting a Use Fee schedule for City Facilities and a Service Fee schedule for city services for Special Events. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (6-0).***

Ordinance No. 2016-982 •  
Amending City Facility  
Rentals Code

***Councilmember Ford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-982, relating to use rates for use of City Facilities; amending Orting Municipal Code Section 3-8-5A; 3-8-5B4 and repealing section 3-8-5C4. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (6-0).***

**NEW BUSINESS:** (7:51)

Vehicle Maintenance RFP

Councilmember Drennen discussed the project and the process. Discussion took place regarding OEM parts and the different brands of trucks the City owns; discussion also took place regarding transporting the vehicles for service.

***Councilmember Drennen moved to approve Korum Ford as the vehicle maintenance service provider and request that the Mayor enter into contract negotiations. Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion carried (6-0).***

***Councilmember Penner asked to suspend the agenda and return back to the SW Connector to allow Councilmembers to speak on the issue.***

Councilmember Ford discussed doing research from the first public hearing in 2007 and noted she talked with some citizens and she stated she is for staying on course with the original plan of option C which has less impact on citizens and wetlands.

Councilmember Penner asked about the options A, B and C and the existing infrastructure – Mr. Hungerford stated he believed option A had the most impact, option B none that he knows of and option C has none since the home that was there has been demolished since the levee project.

Councilmember Penner also asked regarding the WhiteHawk/162 if any of the 3 options will have a traffic light and is concerned that all option should require one.

Councilmember Harman discussed the businesses that have been mentioned and noted that 65% of traffic make a right turn at Calistoga St. W. at the time of the study.

Discussion took place regarding alignment and future development.

Councilmember Drennen stated option B there will be a new Public Works building in the future - moving our facilities away from that spot and the sale of that land is something to consider; he noted that option B has some pluses to work with regarding that property. He also stated that the original public hearing conceptual drawing would be nice to have and display at City Hall so citizens can visualize the impacts.

***Mayor Pestinger asked if there was any more Council comments on this issue, hearing none he moved to the next agenda item.***

RFP Expense for Economic Development

City Administrator Bethune reported he is continuing to work on putting together a proposed RFP and noted the difficulty in getting information on advertising nationally and he will have more information at the April 13, 2016 meeting.

Discussion took place regarding RFP vs. RFQ; sustainability, growth; cost for putting out the RFP and what part of budget is would come out of; it was mentioned by Councilmember Gunther that it would be nice to talk with other cities who have used this and how it benefited them.

2015 TBD Annual Report

Councilmember Penner discussed the goal of repairing the streets within a ten year period; he highlighted some of the 2015 projects and the expenditure and revenues.

**Councilmember Penner moved to approve the 2015 Transportation Benefit District Annual report. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried (6-0).**

Mayor Pestinger reminded folks of the Daffodil Parade on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. (Downtown Orting) and noted Orting always has the best attendance. He also recognized City Staff on its wellness and once again receiving the Well City Award through AWC,

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

None.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

  
Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk