



# ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Multi-Purpose Center, 202 Washington Ave. South

June 8, 2016

## A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Joachim Pestinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Orting Public Safety Building. Councilmember McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Barbara Ford, Tod Gunther, Dave Harman and Nicola McDonald. **Absent:** Councilmember Josh Penner,

*Councilmember Gunther made a motion to excuse Councilmember Penner. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (5-0)*

<b>City Employees</b>	Jane Montgomery, City Clerk Scott Larson, Treasurer Mark Bethune, City Administrator
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<b>Professional Representatives</b>	Charlotte Archer, Attorney- Kenyon Disend JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix
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<b>Visitors (signed in)</b>	Corinne Reiquam Ann Fairall Sandie Young Peggy Ryals Courtney Anthram	Patty Villa Maira Wirth Karen Wilson Monnica McClung Chelsea Goldin
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## REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

*Councilmember Drennen made a motion to add an additional public comment time to the end of the agenda. Second by Councilmember Gunther. A roll call vote was taken and the Motion passed (5-0)*

## B. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of May 22, 2016
- Minutes of May 25, 2016
- Payroll and Claims Warrants

*Councilmember Harman moved to approve the consent agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed (5-0)*

## C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Corinne Reiquam

Ms. Reiquam expressed her concerns about continued development in the City of Orting and her concerns of how that may impact the ability for citizens to evacuate in the event of an emergency. She is concerned about the safety of her children.

### Ann Fairall

Ms. Fairall addressed the recent Lahar Drill. She was not pleased with the results and expressed her support for a Bridge over the Puyallup or the Carbon River to be built. She is concerned about the safety of her children. She is also concerned about crosswalks not being visible.

### Sandy Young

Ms. Young expressed that she was very dissatisfied with the recent Lahar Drill. She told the Mayor that she wants him to pursue funding for the Bridge for Kids project. She is concerned about the safety of her children.

### Peggy Ryals

Ms. Wiles expressed no confidence in the City Evacuation Plan. She requested that the Mayor continue to seek funding for the Bridge for Kids Project.

### Courtney Anthram

Ms. Anthram expressed her concerns about the recent Lahar Drill and feels that a real evacuation will not be successful. She is concerned about the safety of her children.

### Patty Villa

Ms. Villa provided information about the opening of the Farmer's Market on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Market will run through September 2<sup>nd</sup> and is from 3-7pm each Friday. She thanked the City for funding for the market.

### Monnica McClung

Ms. McClung addressed the recent Lahar Drill. She was not pleased with the results and expressed her desire for funding for the Bridge for Kids Project. She wants to know which Co

### Moira Wirth

Ms. Wirth is a new resident and was not aware of the Lahar prior to moving in. She is doing her best to come up with a family plan and is in support of the Bridge for Kids Project.

## PRESENTATIONS

### D. Kacie Nesby

Mayor Pestinger introduced Kacie Nesby and presented her and read a certificate from the City titled "Heroes among us". Mayor Pestinger asked if anyone in attendance would like to say a word. Rick Slater who worked alongside Ms. Nesby, talked about her dedication to the Teens in the Community. He stated that she was a beacon of faith, grit, and heart and would be greatly missed by the Community.

Mayor Pestinger recessed the meeting at 7:35pm to join in the celebration for Kacie Nesby. Mayor Pestinger called the meeting back to order at 7:44pm.

## E. COMMISSION REPORTS

### **Parks Commission**

Parks Chair Mike Dannat briefed the Council on the following:

- Playground Equipment;
- Fountain prices.

### **Planning Commission**

Planning Co-Chair Brandon Hoyt briefed the Council on the status of the following:

- Critical Areas Ordinance;

- The Livestock Code;
- Sign Codes.

## **F. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL STANDING REPORTS**

### **Finance**

Councilmember Ford briefed the Council on the following:

- Finance report;
- The general fund;
- Property tax revenues;
- “Booming” building department.

### **Public Works**

Councilmember McDonald briefed the Council on the following:

- The June 1, 2016 Public Works meeting;
- Installation of grease traps;
- New public works facility.

### **Emergency Evacuation Bridge System**

Councilmember Drennen spoke about his recent trip to Olympia on June 6<sup>th</sup> with Councilmember Gunther and JC Hungerford. Discretionary funding may be available. He told Council that the trip was encouraging and inspiring.

Councilmember Gunther shared his thoughts on the trip to Olympia as well. He was able to speak to House and Senate Representatives. He thanked the citizens for their comments in regard to the Bridge for Kids.

### **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Pestinger briefed Council on the following:

- Ribbon Cutting ceremony in Graham for the New American Credit Union, spoke about the possibility of a branch in Orting;
- PSE event at Lowes on June 11<sup>th</sup> to hand out smoke alarms;
- Pierce County Cities and Towns Association meeting, how to reduce waste;
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Event at High Cedars, “Charlie’s Dinosaur” sponsored by the Police Department;
- Farmers Market June 10<sup>th</sup> start date;
- Car Show on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion- City Council Vacancy/Appointment of Deputy Mayor.**

Mayor Pestinger briefed the Council on Deputy Mayor Birkes resignation, the process to advertise for a replacement for City Council position #3 and the appointment of a Deputy Mayor.

***Councilmember Ford made a motion to accept Deputy Mayor Birkes resignation. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion Passed (5-0)***

***Councilmember Ford made a motion to authorize Mayor Pestinger to advertise the opening for vacant Council position #3 with a deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>, and interviews to be held at the July 13, 2016 Council Meeting. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion Passed (5-0)***

Mayor Pestinger asked the Council what they wished to do about the Deputy Mayor appointment.

***Councilmember Gunther made a motion to nominate Councilmember Drennen for the permanent appointment to Deputy Mayor. No second. Motion Failed.***

***Councilmember Gunther made a motion to nominate Councilmember Drennen to be the interim Deputy Mayor until a new vote can be made, after the vacant Council seat is filled. No second. Motion Failed.***

***Councilmember McDonald made a motion to nominate the Deputy Mayor after the vacant Council seat is filled and until then City Administrator Bethune to be the Interim Deputy Mayor. Second by Councilmember Ford. A roll call vote was taken and the Motion Passed (5-0)***

## **2. AB16-51- River Signage.**

Councilmember Gunther briefed the Council on this agenda item. He stressed the danger that the river and the importance of proper signage. Council was provided a picture of the proposed sign. Discussion followed.

***Councilmember Gunther made a motion to approve up to \$1,200 for the purchase of 6 warning signs for the river. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion Passed (5-0)***

## **3. AB16-52 - Calistoga Setback Levee FEMA Operations and Maintenance Plan project.**

JC Hungerford briefed the City Council on this agenda item. Construction is complete but the City of Orting has to do an operations and maintenance plan. Discussions followed.

***Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve the scope and budget for the Calistoga Setback Levee FEMA Operations and Maintenance Plan project. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion Passed (5-0)***

## **4. AB16-53- Maintenance of Calistoga Setback Levee**

JC Hungerford briefed the Council on this agenda item. The City is required to maintain bark mulch around the plants to prevent weeds. This is a requirement of the mitigation plan associated with the project. The City plans to use this funding for the next 1-5 years for placement and maintenance of bark rings. This cost is reimbursable. Discussions followed. The subject of storm water ponds was also discussed.

***Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$25,000 for the purchase of bark mulch for the maintenance of the Calistoga Setback Levee. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion Passed (5-0)***

## **5. AB16-54- Flag Pole Repair**

Councilmember Gunther briefed the Council on the need to repair the Flag Pole. The Pulley system has failed. The City received 2 bids and the request to Council is to approve the low bidder for the repair which is Franks Flag Pole. The plan is to repair and shorten the current pole which is 90 feet tall. Standard height is currently 70 feet. Discussion followed.

**Councilmember Gunther made a motion to approve the low bid of \$3,806.91 by Frank's Flag Pole Store for the repair and shortening of the City Park flag pole. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion Passed (5-0)**

**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Brandon Hoyt**

Mr. Hoyt spoke about contacting fungi perfecta to inoculate the bark that the City purchases so the community might be able to go out and pick mushrooms. He offered to contact this company if Council would consider this.

**Chris Hopfauf**

Mr. Hopfauf spoke about safety concerns/traffic on Eldridge Avenue SW. He read an email that he had sent to the City regarding speeding particularly at the time that High School is dismissed and by 3 specific vehicles. He asked for help from the City to possibly install speed bumps. He also stated he feels he is being targeted by the parents of the students driving these vehicles and by the City.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pestinger announced that there would be an executive session. The session is expected to last 15 minutes, and no action is anticipated to take place after they return. The Executive session is in accordance with RCW. 42.30.140. (4) (e) in regard to Union Negotiations.

8:45 p.m. Mayor Pestinger adjourned the meeting to Executive session.

9:00 p.m. The Executive session was extended for 5 minutes.

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Harman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion Carried (5-0)**

**ATTEST**

  
Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

  
Jane Montgomery, City Clerk