

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 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S,
Orting, WA
July 31, 2019
7p.m.

ORIGINAL

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

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

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Councilmember Pestinger led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, Michelle Gehring, Joachim Pestinger, and Scott Drennen.

Absent: Councilmember Nicola McDonald.

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

Councilmember Gehring made a motion to excuse Councilmember McDonald. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0).

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None

2. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were selected by their supervisors and were presented certificates of appreciation by Mayor Penner.

- Jane Helgelien- Finance- Scott Larson.
- Steve Canonica- Public Works-Greg Reed.
- Ed Turner- Police-Chief Gard.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Specific comments are available on the City's website (www.cityoforting.org)

Richard Mordini

Mr. Mordini spoke about the mixed use town center north property. He is in favor of the Planning Commission's recommendation. He is opposed to 5 story buildings, overcrowding in our schools and roads which increase with high density and the additional people that would move here.

Steve Reiquam

Mr. Reiquam spoke about the mixed use town center north property- In favor of Planning Commission's recommendation. More people and five story buildings are of major concern. Wants moderation.

Monica Kenney

Ms. Kenney spoke about the development of the mixed use town center north property. She is in favor of Planning Commission's recommendation.

Jason Arbogast

Mr. Arbogast spoke about development. He is a disabled Ex- law enforcement Officer who moved here two years ago. Came to Orting for the small town feel. Opposes large multifamily and commercial development.

Jessica Rakos

Ms. Rakos spoke about the mixed use town center north property and the lack of recreational activities in the City of Orting. She presented her vision of possible recreational facilities. Would like senior housing only on the property.

Lucinda Jane Werley

Ms. Werley encouraged the Council to adhere to the Planning Commission recommendations. She does not want 5 story buildings and high density. Wants to keep the five acre park. Quoted the Orting vision statement from the comprehensive plan. Preserve small town character.

Marvin Abbott

Mr. Abbott left information for the Council about Paradise California, in relation to over building and dangers associated with that. In 2014, 86 people were killed in Paradise. The gridlock was identical to Orting's current situation. Asked the Council to read his handouts.

Lisa Johnson

Ms. Johnson is a member of the SR162 group. The Lahar is her biggest concern along with traffic and housing. Does not feel citizens will get out in a Lahar. She is also disappointed because of the tiny homes that are being developed at the Washington Soldiers Home. Asked the Council to take a longer look at Planning Commission's recommendations for the mixed use town center north property.

Stephanie Lathrop, Food Bank President

Ms. Lathrop spoke from her own and the perspective of the food bank. The number of Homeless due to family's being driven out are going up and she wants to see more affordable housing. She would like Orting to be a more welcoming and inclusive community.

Joann Tracy

Ms. Tracy taught school in Orting for the past 22 years. Ms. Tracy spoke about the mixed use town center north property. She has concerns about the prospect of development and the impact to the quality of life in Orting. She wants responsible growth, and feels the Council is going against what the citizens want.

Cindi Brown

Ms. Brown read a Tacoma News Tribune article related to growth and density issues. She would like the Council to follow the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding the mixed use town center north property. Ms. Brown is opposed to five story buildings, apartments and high density building projects.

Sandy Vankirk

Ms. VanKirk currently has a lovely view of the mixed use town center north property. She is opposed to five story apartments at that location, the impact of development to our schools and the possibility of opening up Daffodil Avenue to traffic which she feels will decrease the safety of the community.

Vicky Williams

Ms. Williams felt the Council did not appreciate the Planning Commission and the work they did on the mixed use town center north property. She read a statement made by Emily Terrell which spoke about representing the interests of developers. Her concern is whether or not the City should represent its citizens. She is opposed to 50 foot buildings. Please just listen to the citizens. Take time, we only get one chance.

Corinne Reiquam

Ms. Reiquam would like the City to listen to Planning Commission. Her major concern is children being able to get out of town in the event of a Lahar. Her sister who was a teacher, left Orting because could not stomach kids perishing in a lahar. Is very concerned about adding more children whose lives would be at risk in the event of a Lahar.

SGT Dwayne Wagner

Mr. Wagner spoke about the town of Adna during the flood of 2007. He also spoke about OSO, and the devastation from natural disasters. Has concerns about the roads in and out of Orting and the

ability to get out in the event of a Lahar. He is opposed to new development which will bring more people to the community who would be in harm's way.

Patti Justus

Ms. Justus stated she can't vote because she lives right out of town. All of her family lives and plays in Orting. Her husband works in Everett and has to commute. She asked the Council to consider all the comments regarding the mixed use town center north property.

John Goodman

Mr. Goodman spoke about adding value to the community. Adding value means adding infrastructure. Asked the Council to make sure they are adding value to Orting.

Paul Ambrose

Mr. Ambrose stated he understands the predicament the Council is in relating to the decisions about the mixed use town center north property. Asked the Council to consider all the comments made at the meeting when making their decisions.

Jenny McKinney

Ms. McKinney stated she spent the last year talking with WSDOT, and they have no plan through 2040 to do anything to SR162. She stated WSDOT does not care about our town and it is up to us to make our community better.

Mary Grover

Ms. Grover stated she has lived here since 1963. She stated she attended a Planning Commission meeting on April 1st. where she heard about the Engfer property. The Planning Commission issued a challenge to her stating that there were no citizens involved in the process. Ms. Grover worked to get citizens involved. She asked the Council to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and listen to the people who voted for them.

Danny Hall

Ms. Hall cautioned the Council saying that there are more citizens who will be showing up, so asked them to listen and take your time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10th, 2019
- B. Study Session Minutes of July 17th, 2019.
- C. Payroll and Claims Warrants.
- D. AB19-47- To Approve Saybr Contractors Inc., As The Low Bidder To Install A New HVAC System For The MPC, And Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With Saybr, In The Amount Of \$34,485.24.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0).

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB19-48- Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Bids- PW Project 2019-01 Bids.

Councilmember Drennen briefed. This project includes the removal and replacement of combined sidewalks and ADA ramps as part of the 2019 TBD program. The low bidder is Serpanok Construction, Inc. Staff recommended approval of Serpanok Construction as the low bidder in the amount of \$79,926.72.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to Approve Serpanok Construction, Inc., as the bid winner of the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Bid- PW Project 2019-01, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract in the amount of \$ 79,926.72. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (6-0).

B. AB19-49-2019 TBD Project for Chip Seal/Micro Coat- PW Project 2019-05.

Councilmember Drennen briefed. This project includes 2019 Chip Seal/Micro Coat as part of the 2019 TBD program. The low bidder is Sierra Santa Fe, but the bid was over bid. The bids came in high and the City is allowed to reject the bid. Staff is recommending that an award not be made this year and that the funds roll over to 2020. No motion necessary, Council by consensus rejected the bid and will roll funds over to 2020.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. AB19-50- CIPP- Insta Pipe- Change Order.

Administrator Bethune briefed. Council originally approved Insta-Pipe a contract value of \$169,372.26. The City budgeted \$250,000 in 2019, leaving a balance of \$80,627.74. Staff asked Council to approve a change order. There is 1041 linear of feet on Mill Avenue SE and Hardefeldt ST SE that are a continuation of the project. The change order would add that work at a price of \$74,402.64.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to approve the change order with Insta-Pipe and authorize the expenditure of \$74,402.64. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0).

B. Discussion- For and Against Committees/Statements for Fireworks Advisory Vote.

Deputy Mayor Hogan provided the Council the Committee member's names. Council is required to approve the Committee members. The deadline for the Committee form to be submitted is August 6th, and the deadline for the explanatory statements is August 8th.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to appoint Karen Wilson, Mark Shattuck, and Barbara Ford to the "Peace in Orting" Committee who support banning the discharge of all fireworks in Orting. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (6-0).

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to appoint Matthew LaVergne, Andrew Gonzales, and Amanda Tyson to the "Save Orting Fireworks" Committee who support leaving the law as is. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (6-0).

7. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

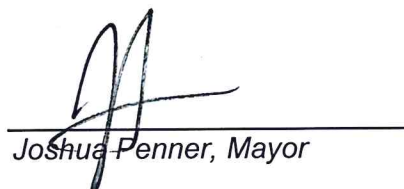
9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Gehring. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor