

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

Study Session Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Building
401 Washington Ave. SE, Orting, WA
August 21, 2019
6PM.

ORIGINAL

DEPUTY MAYOR GREG HOGAN, CHAIR

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Drennen led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan asked to add a discussion on Construction Management which will be added as item #4F per the request of Mark Bethune.

Councilmember Drennen asked to add an executive session which will be delayed until the next meeting due to the attorney not being present. He also asked to add a discussion on the recycle bins at Charter Park. This will be added as agenda item 4G.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works

Councilmember Drennen briefed on items discussed at the last Public Works committee:

- Snowbird rates;
- SR162 Bridge is nearing 90% on engineering and hopefully will be ready this fall, so additional funding may be pursued.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant proposed upgrades;
- CIP-10 year window currently looked at for planning, maybe the City can expand the window to a 15-to 20 long range outlook;
- Work going forward on sidewalks, discussed the policy of alternating the street projects with the sidewalk projects, this way they can set aside larger projects and manage them individually which makes them more bid attractive.

Public Safety

Councilmember Pestinger briefed on items discussed at Public Safety committee. They had a request from the PW committee to look at the following:

- Should the City run Proposition Two again for additional funding for more officers? The feeling was that the City should wait until current openings are filled;
- Community policing efforts;
- A request to produce a map of drug houses which was not approved due to potential problems it may cause;
- A request for a Polaris will not be pursued at this time;
- Compassion Resolution;
- Diversity in hiring;
- A concern that paint is wearing off at the green crosswalks;

Councilmember Kelly told Council that Administrator Bethune shared with the committee his efforts in relation to emergency planning for the valley. The City of Puyallup has hired an experienced planner from Cal Fire who is working on regional planning. Next year the City will be asked to enter

into a joint operating agreement to help pay for her expertise and planning. Chief Gard elaborated on that plan.

Councilmember Drennen added that a new sign was installed at Whitehawk which says “stop pedestrians crossing”, and it increases public safety. Councilmember Gunther commented on drug houses and wanted to have a map that shows dots in neighborhoods not on houses. He feels it lets citizens know that the Police are being proactive. He would like the Chief to weigh in on this. Councilmember Kelly stated the Chief gave his opinion to the Committee, which is that he is not in favor of the practice of posting drug maps prior to conviction. Councilmember Gunther wants the map to show the houses after the closures. The benefit to this practice was discussed.

Mayor Penner stated that crime mapping shows drug offenses and is another way to look at drug related offenses. Councilmember Gunther would still like to see these maps in place to show the proactive work the Police Department is doing.

Community and Government Affairs

Councilmember Gehring briefed on the following:

- On call building inspector interlocal agreement with Bonney Lake;
- ADA Spinner.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Bethune reported that Emily Terrell, City Planner, is on sabbatical. He stated that he is currently the acting planner and is working on the Mixed Use Town Center North zoning proposals. He is also working on the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Plan that has to be completed by January. This allows us to receive federal funds in the event of a disaster.

Public Works Director Reed reported that is working on the following: waterline leaks, tree trimming, Noxus weed spraying, repairing and replacing meters; irrigation repairs at parks, pond maintenance, water and sewer sites, cleaning equipment at waste water treatment plant, working on crack sealing, repairing baseball fields, 178th water service, Major generator repairs at Wingate and Well 1. Cemetery looking good at this time.

Chief Gard reported that he is currently working on the Emergency Operation Plans and stated the goal is to make them all cohesive so emergency response operations go smoothly.

City Clerk Montgomery reported that she will be going out to bid for the scanning of building department records.

Treasurer Larson reported that the first draft of the budget will go to the Mayor in early September. The State Auditor will be at the City for the yearly audit any day now. He is working on the utility rate study with a vendor and he just distributed the Quarterly Report which he passed out.

Mayor reported on the following:

- Met with other Mayors on homelessness and housing affordability;
- Certification of the Ken Wolfe Levee and the efforts to get the Jones Levee certified, and the impact that has had on flood insurance;
- Brief of efforts to get funding for Jones Levee –which is now fully funded- Greg Reed did a great job advocating for these funds. Timeline is 2024, without funding would have been 15 years out.

Discussion followed regarding the Counties plans to allocate funds for the Carbon River. That plan is about 15 years out. Director Reed indicated that the concern is that you can no longer remove anything from the Carbon River beds, and at some point the Carbon River will top due to those deposits. Earlier this year the Council asked the County to focus on Jones Levee.

- The Mayor is on the AWC Public Safety Legislative Advisory Committee -last year added extra basic LE academy classes, now working on increasing the pipeline for new academy graduates;
- Congresswoman Schrier will be touring the Carbon River on the 22nd, and will be holding a town hall meeting on September 7th at noon, at the PSB;
- The Mayor is working towards setting up time with legislators to advocate for additional funds should the states income come in higher than anticipated.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

A. AB19-56- Ordinance No 2019-1048, Amending Ordinance No. 2018-1037, Adopting The City Of Orting 2019 Budget; Providing For Appropriation And Expenditure Of Funds Received In Excess Of Estimated Revenues; Adding A New Classification Of Waste Water Operator In Training And Landscape Maintenance – Supported Employment, And Approving Job Descriptions For Waste Water Operator In Training And Landscape Maintenance- Supported Employment.

Treasurer Larson briefed. The City has struggled over the past few months to fill an open Wastewater position. Due to our need to fill open positions, staff is recommending creating a new classification in the wastewater job classification called "Wastewater Operator in Training". The position was negotiated with union and it would be a limited term. This position would not add to the FTE count. The second position he requested was a supported employment landscape worker. This position would come through an agency that specializes in placing people with disabilities into appropriate positions, and then making sure they are able to master the tasks that they are assigned to complete. The position would be 20 hours per week and would be paid at \$15 per hour. This position would add .5 FTE to the 2019 Budget. Trillium was present to answer questions. Deputy Mayor Hogan is in support of supported employment. Director Reed stated that the supported employees brought morale up in Kent, and one of the individuals became a full-time. Employee. Councilmember Gunther is in favor. Councilmember Drennen expressed approval. He currently has two supported employees working for him at the County. Trillium service is free, they support cities in their support of the employee. They would like Orting to hire someone from Orting High School. Treasurer Larson was asked to change operation log to daily log, and under summary of description make the change "performs routine training activities".

Action: By Consensus: Move to the consent agenda of August 28th, 2019.

B. AB19-46- Ordinance No. 2019-1044, an Ordinance of the City Of Orting, Washington, Relating To Land Use and Zoning; Adopting Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Administrator Bethune briefed. The Comprehensive plan addresses four items. Commerce has until first week of September to recommend changes. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance and corresponding attachments. The 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket includes the following:

1. The Transportation Improvement Program Update by Parametrix
2. Approving an updated Land Use and Zoning Map to re-designate the RU-L zone to RU,
3. Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan text and maps with respect to the MUTCN zone, and
4. Amendments to the corresponding zoning code text for the MUTCN zone.

The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council to continue to pursue the extension of Whitehawk Boulevard through to Kansas Street (the SW Connector) and asked that the City make all reasonable efforts to minimize the impact on the Wang Property.

Administrator Bethune briefed on the Planning Commission's recommendation which related to: Density, Height of buildings, parks, Commercial and Residential limits, and senior housing.

Discussion followed after Deputy Mayor Hogan read a brief on the entire process. Council expressed their preferences. City Administrator will take all the comments and have the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance for a hearing on September 11th. The next step will be to discuss any comments at the study session in September, and the plan will be to have a final hearing and consideration of the ordinance at the end of September.

C. AB19-52- ADA Spinner.

Administrator Bethune briefed. City of Orting parks lack experiential toys for children with disability. The current ADA spinner at Calistoga Park is a level 1 ADA spinner. On August 2nd the CGA Committee was briefed by Administrator Bethune on the different levels of ADA equipment available, and the desire of the City to provide more experiential toys in City parks as a policy. The CGA committee moved this forward with a recommendation to approve the purchase but is seeking approval from the whole Council. City Staff recommends Move to the consent agenda of August 28th, 2019. Councilmember Gehring and McDonald would prefer to wait and budget the additional spinner for 2020.

Action: Do no move on- will budget for next year.

D. AB19-53- Wastewater Treatment Plant -Scope of Work and Budget for Phase I Pre-Design.

Councilmember Drennen briefed. The City of Orting's Wastewater Treatment Plan originally treated wastewater using a facultative lagoon system. Based on the 2014 findings, the City requested a comprehensive assessment of the WWTP facilities and equipment, and this was completed in 2018. This scope of work will complete Phase 1 Pre-Design which will include preliminary design and equipment recommendations for the planned solids handling upgrade project. City staff recommends to move to consent agenda of August 28th, 2019.

Action: Move to the consent agenda of August 28th, 2019.

E. AB19-55-Ordinance No. 2019-1047, An Ordinance Pertaining To Excavation Permits, Amending Orting Municipal Code Section 8-5-3 To Extend Time Period For Performance Of Permitted Work.

Greg Reed briefed that Orting Municipal Code 8-5-3 as written requires a permit holder to commence work within 15 days of issuance. The City received comment that the current 15 day timeframe is unworkable and creates a hardship on the permit holder. Staff reviewed the issue and determined that extending the timeframe would be appropriate and would not adversely impact the City or the citizens of Orting. City staff recommends to move to consent agenda of August 28, 20.

Action: Move to the consent agenda of August 28th, 2019.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor