

## 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  
September 11th, 2019  
7 p.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. Deputy Mayor Hogan 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.

**Absent:** Councilmember Kelly.

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

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

### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

None

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Jim Bradley:**

Mr. Bradley an Orting resident of 50 years, explained that he has a fish hatchery and the water has been so low that the salmon are dying before they reach their destination. He asked the City if they could release some water so that the salmon can lay their eggs. They need 4 inches of water to survive. This is the first time in 30 years this has happened. He would like the water released for the next 2-3 weeks.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. AB19-46- Ordinance No. 2019-1040, an Ordinance of the City Of Orting, Washington, Relating To Land Use and Zoning; Adopting Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.**

- **Mark Bethune**

Mayor Penner opened the hearing at 7:08pm. The Mayor announced the title and read the rules for the public hearing. Roger Waggoner, Planner briefed on the items prepared for consideration which were the amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and related amendments to the zoning code, OMC Title 13.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2019-1040, and its attachments addressed the following:

- (1) Transportation Improvement Program Update by Parametrix;
- (2) Updated Land Use and Zoning Map to re-designate the RU-L zone to RU;
- (3) Amendments to Comprehensive Plan text; and
- (4) Amendments to OMC Title 13, zoning code.

The purpose of the hearing was to take public testimony. The Planning Commission and staff are in agreement as to 1, 2, and 3, but differ on the text of item 4.

## **Public Comments**

(Council meetings are taped and verbatim comments are on the City's website).

### **Bonnie Walkup- (For the Wang's)**

Ms. Walkup read a letter from Mr. Wang. Mr. Wang which addressed the Southwest Connector-Whitehawk bypass as part of the Orting Transportation plan. They requested that the City use an alternate route which runs along the levee exiting Calistoga at Skinner Way.

### **Bonnie Walkup**

Is opposed to the Southwest connector-Whitehawk bypass which is in the transportation plan that will impact the Wang property.

### **Joyce Rosen**

Ms. Rosen is opposed to apartments going in north of the high school. She wants roads to go in first.

### **Vicki Williams**

Ms. Williams stated that the City does not need additional retail. She prefers light industrial. Wants the City and the citizen and the schools to all work together on this. Wants to take more time to evaluate.

### **John Williams**

Mr. Williams asked Council to consider dropping the proposed amendments for now. He asked the City to think outside the box. He is in favor of more light industrial and commercial which bring jobs and money.

### **John Goodman**

Mr. Goodman advocated for light industrial, and commercial space. He is also opposed to the Southwest Connector-Whitehawk bypass due to the impact to the Wang's property.

### **Danica Benning**

Would like to see something being developed that will provide jobs. Feels that her safety will be compromised with the development. Concerned that fire will not be able to get thru the City in a timely manner due to increased vehicle traffic. She also feels that the Police can't stretch enough to meet the demand of more people. She also is in favor of 5 acres of contiguous park space.

### **Richard Mordini**

Mr. Mordini stated he wanted the Council to take comments of citizens into account. Wants Council to consider happiness of its citizens. He read an article related to happier communities. He stated quality of life is impacted by development which brings with it additional traffic, and overcrowding of schools.

### **Sunny Jo Fritz**

She is opposed to future development which may bring with it additional apartments. She stated the City's infrastructure cannot support multi-tenant housing. She wants the City to stop increased growth. She would like the Council to work on the Planning Commission's recommendation.

### **JoAnn Spacey**

Ms. Spacey is a teacher at the Orting School District and is also a resident. She is opposed to development, and does not want apartments going in. She stated that additional apartments in Fife have had a negative impact on that community.

**Lisa Leonard**

Ms. Leonard is opposed to new development, apartments, and more people coming to Orting. She is concerned about additional children being able to escape should a Lahar take place.

**Jennifer Bradley**

Ms. Bradley spoke about all the change in Orting. Wants everyone to look in to the Real Estate Agencies who have been getting paid. She stated the people who built past housing and killed people may be the same ones who want to build apartments.

**Laura Fischer**

Ms. Fischer stated she is a 30 year resident and begged for no apartments to go in. She stated that the school is in crisis and cannot take any more kids. She is also concerned about the Lahar and the safety of children.

**Dale Reed**

Mr. Reed stated that 100% of the people are against new development.

**Greg Slaughter**

Mr. Slaughter told the Council that they were elected by the citizens to do what the citizens wanted, and their opinions did not matter. He asked them to listen and do what the people elected them to do.

**Lisa Johnson**

Ms. Johnson's letter was read in to the record.

**Desiree Albrecht**

Ms. Albrecht's letter was read into the record.

**Jeff Wuestenhofer**

Mr. Wuestenhofer's letter was read into record.

Council comments/questions followed.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 8:08pm.

**4. REPORTS FROM 2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Representatives from the following agencies gave a report to the Council on the past year and their requests for 2020.

- Chamber of Commerce- Daffodil Float
- Food Bank
- Farmers Market
- Historical Society
- Opportunity Center/Haven
- Recovery Café
- Senior Center

**Requests for Consent Agenda Items to Be Pulled For Discussion**

None

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Study Session Meeting Minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- C. Payroll and Claims Warrants.
- D. AB19-57- To Approve Resolution No. 2019-24, a Resolution of the City Of Orting, Washington, Declaring a Public Purpose and Authorizing City Sponsorship of Orting Red Hat Days.

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

**6. COMMISSION REPORTS**

- Planning Commission  
No report.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

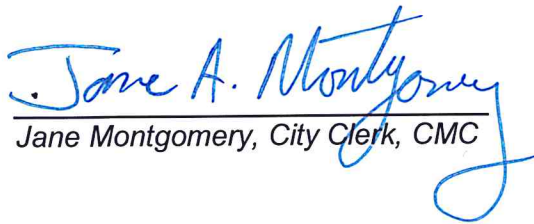
No Executive Session.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilmember Gunther made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan.  
Motion passed (6-0).*

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC

  
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Joshua Penner, Mayor