



Councilmembers

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. John Kelly
3. Michelle Gehring
4. Dave Harman
5. Nicola McDonald
6. Greg Hogan
7. Scott Drennen

Orting City Council

Regular Business Meeting Summary
Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S,
Orting, WA
January 31, 2018
7 p.m.

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 in the Multipurpose Center.

Deputy Mayor Harman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None requested.

2. PRESENTATION

Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center- Veterans Village.

Representatives from Panza, the Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center, and Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs were present to discuss their project timeline and vision for Veterans Village at the Washington State Soldiers Home in Orting. The Project is now fully funded but the Council was asked to make changes to the City Code which would satisfy the federal requirements for the project. Code changes would be specific to the single home occupancy for the Soldiers Home location. This will be forwarded to the Community and Government Affairs Committee.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joe Stanifer

Mr. Stanifer stated that the City Parks and Cemetery are in bad shape and are in need of maintenance. He stated there is a grave that is being driven over by cars as they enter the Cemetery, and that there are limbs down and it is an eyesore. He wanted to know why the City is not taking care of these properties. (The City will provide a response)

Richard Ferris

Mr. Ferris stated that he is a former City employee of 40 years. His duties included taking care of the Cemetery and the Park. He stated that the Cemetery and Parks are in terrible shape and that he is quite upset by this. He wants something to be done to get these areas in shape. (The City will provide a response.)

Doug Bishop

Mr. Bishop reported on the meeting of the Bridge for Kids Committee which was on February 11th. He attended and also present at that meeting was Sam Colorossi, and Peggy Ryals and JT Wilcox. The meeting was productive. The State DOT has approximately \$467,000 on hold until the project is shovel ready. JT Wilcox stated he plans to help facilitate the release of

the overpass at Rocky Road. Mr. Wilcox recommended that they fund the entire project all at once instead of piece meal. The total amount for the project is around six million dollars.

Marvin Abbott

Mr. Abbott stated he hopes that there is strong language in any zoning changes for the Veterans Village project. He supports the military but wants to ensure that the changes will not affect other areas in the City.

Karen Wilson

Ms. Wilson stated that she felt the Council had already decided to move forward on the Veterans Village project prior to public hearings. She wants to know how much of the capital resources are actually going towards the project and what part of the funds are being used to pay salaries. She has concerns about this working in Orting and about whether or not individuals will come directly from prison to these homes. She is also concerned about the zoning change and how it will affect the rest of the City.

Mayor Penner stated that Ms. Wilson could meet with the individuals who gave the presentation and get some answers to her questions. Councilmember McDonald explained Council policy that requires that the City Council not respond during public comment time.

Steve Francis

Mr. Francis wanted to know what the turnaround is in the program. He also had concerns about employment for Veterans and transportation issues that they might encounter living in Orting. He does not want Veterans stranded in Orting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of January 10, 2018
- Payroll and Claims Warrants

Councilmember Gehring made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Hogan. Motion passed (7-0)

5. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL STANDING REPORTS

Emergency Preparedness- CM Drennen

No Report.

Transportation- CM McDonald/CM Gunther

No Report.

Miscellaneous Activity Reports.

Susan Rigley briefed on upcoming events at the Orting Library.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion- City Hall/Public Safety Building-Schematic Design

Administrator Bethune briefed on the next step in the process. The City of Orting sold the Public Safety Building to the Fire District in January and currently the City has a 3 year lease with the Fire District to continue to house the Police and Court. During that 3 year period the City has to build new facilities. The City has purchased the McMahan property for that purpose, which followed a recommendation by Matrix who is the consultant that was hired to do a City assessment. The next step is for Council to consider approval of a scope and budget for schematic design for the new facilities. This will be presented at a future agenda.

B. AB18-08- Council Committee Assignments

Councilmember Drennen briefed on the realignment of Committees that was recommended by Matrix the consultant who performed the City assessment. Requested changes were:

- Deputy Mayor Harman asked that they add Councilmember Drennen to be Co-Chair of the Study Session. (No dissent)
- Parks to report to CGA first then report to study session if recommended. (no dissent)
- Move Emergency Bridge to Public Works Committee
- Council considered having Co-Chairs and Not Chair and Co-Chairs

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to move the Emergency Bridge Committee under Public Works. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Roll Call Vote was taken: Gunther- Yes, Kelly-No, Gehring-No, Harman-Yes, McDonald-Yes, Hogan-No, Drennen- Yes. Motion passed (4-3)

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to have each committee have two co-chairs. Second by Deputy Mayor Harman. Roll call vote was taken: Gunther- Yes, Kelly-No, Gehring-Yes, Harman-Yes, McDonald-No, Hogan-No, Drennen- Yes. Motion passed (4-3)

Deputy Mayor Harman made a motion to have Councilmember Drennen be Co-Chair of the Study session. Councilmember Hogan second. Motion passed (7-0)

Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve Council Committee assignments and alignments as amended. Second by Deputy Mayor Harman. Motion passed (7-0)

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB18-09-Civil Service-Ordinance No. 2018-1021, An Ordinance Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Amending Orting Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2, Section 3, Pertaining To Police Civil Service Commission Secretary;

City Attorney Archer briefed on the proposed Ordinance. The Commission is required to appoint a secretary to serve the Commission, and historically, the City has provided a City employee to the Commission to serve in that role. OMC 2-2-3 specifically states the secretary shall be a city employee. However, the City does not consistently have sufficient staffing to provide a current City employee to serve the Commission in that role, and currently the City Clerk is serving in that role, in addition to her regular duties as City Clerk. City Staff requests an amendment be made to OMC 2-2-3, to match state law which allows for the appointment of either a city employee or a citizen to the position of secretary, at the discretion of the Commission.

Deputy Mayor Harman made a motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2018-1021, an Ordinance of the City Of Orting, Washington, Amending Orting Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2, Section 3, Pertaining to Police Civil Service Commission Secretary. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion passed (7-0).

Treasurer Larson stated that an item allowing for the funding of the position and a job description will be brought to a future agenda.

B. AB18-10- Appointment of Planning Commissioner.

Mayor Penner stated that there is currently a vacancy on the Planning Commission. He asked Chris Hopfauf to come to the podium. Mayor Penner described the role of the Planning Commission and his personal experience on that Commission. He stated that Mr. Hopfauf has been a regular attendee at Council Meetings for the last 2 to 3 years and feels the best option at times is to bring people in to the conversation and allow them to make decisions. He asked Council to confirm his appointment of Chris Hopfauf to the Planning Commission and invited any questions from Councilmembers to Mr. Hopfauf.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Chris Hopfauf to the position of Planning Commissioner. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion failed. (2-5) Drennen-Yes, Gunther-Yes.

Mayor Penner expressed concern about the way the vote had gone concerning Mr. Hopfauf. The Mayor was concerned about the lack of points of discussion and questions to the candidate. Mayor Penner then made a second appointment to the Planning Commission. He introduced Jeff Craig, who had previously applied for the vacant Council Position No. 6.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to confirm the Mayor's 2nd appointment of Jeff Craig to the position of Planning Commissioner. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed. (7-0).

Councilmember McDonald addressed the Mayor's concerns about the Council not questioning his first appointment. She felt it was not the appropriate venue to address the issue and that it was unfair of the Mayor to say that Council should have asked questions. Mayor Penner stated that he did break decorum by his statement at that time and agreed that they could handle this elsewhere. Councilmember Drennen had concerns about making sure there is a fair transparent process in future appointments. Councilmember McDonald had concerns about changing the process and feels they would need to use caution to ensure that they are not infringing on the Mayor's authority. City Attorney Archer responded that the Council may set up the process for their confirmation of the Mayor's appointments, but that Council does not have the authority to direct the Mayor as to his process as this is a political appointment and is not subject to the appearance of fairness doctrine.

C. Discussion- Council Retreat/Goal Setting

Council action was to schedule a special meeting on February 15th, at 6pm at the MPC to discuss Council Goals.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

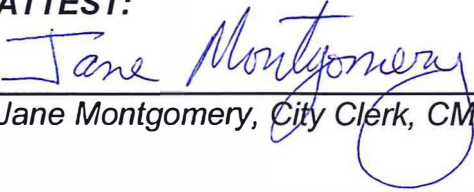
None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

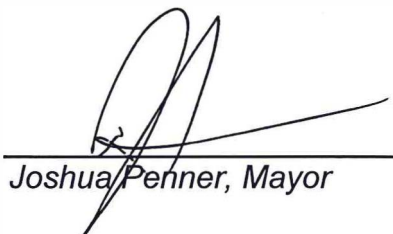
Deputy Mayor Harman made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joshua Penner, Mayor