



**CGA Committee Minutes**  
***MPC Conference Room – 3:45-5:00pm***  
***January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

**Tod Gunther, Councilmember, Chair,**  
**John Williams, Councilmember, Vice-Chair**  
**Jane Montgomery, City Clerk- Staff Support**  
**Mark Bethune, City Administrator**

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1. Chair Gunther called the meeting to order at 3:48pm.

**2. Parks Report**

Jason Linkem reported that the Parks Board meeting had been cancelled in January. The next meeting is in February. He is waiting on fountain sketches for the Main Park. Currently they are working on ideas that will prevent the fountain from being damaged. The new Spinner location is open for recommendations. The most important thing will be accessibility. The Parks Board received direction from the former CGA Committee for the best location, best use, and access. Crews are working on concrete borders at Calistoga Park Phase I. High school students may come to the Parks Board Meeting to speak about the Skate Park. The Parks Board will be reviewing their priorities in March of 2020, for a 1, 3, and 5 year plan. Gratzer Park is scheduled to begin building in the spring. Gratzner is a multi-use field with movable goals. The third ballfield was lost due to wetlands. In Phase III concession stands may be an option and they may consider fund raising opportunities. Valley Sign partially fixed the City sign when entering town on SR162.

**3. Citizen Comments**

None.

**4. Consultant/Expert Input**

None.

**5. Former Agenda Items**

**A. Legislative Priorities**

Mark Bethune briefed that Legislative Priorities are prepared every year. He plans on bringing 2021 Priorities to Committee by the end of September.

**B. Term Limits**

Was scheduled by last CGA to move to the January 15<sup>th</sup> Study Session. Chair Gunther is going to request to pull it off the agenda at that meeting.

**6. New Agenda Items**

**A. Council Policies Review for Better Government**

Councilmember Gunther stated that he would like to review Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Council Rules. He feels citizens have lost trust in government and would like to see what could be done to restore trust.

**Action:** Bring back to Committee.

### **B. Tree Care/Replacement Policy**

Councilmember Gunther stated that the removal of the tree in the Park caused some citizens to express concerns. He would like to make sure we have a policy in place for Tree Care and Removal.

**Action:** Bring back to Committee. Possibility that this may be handed off to the PW Committee.

### **C. Disability Park Equipment Policy**

Councilmember Gunther would like to work towards having full mobility in all the City Parks.

**Action:** Bring back to Committee.

### **D. City Sign Improvement/Replacement**

Councilmember Gunther would like to explore a new electronic reader board for the City to replace the sign just north of the city center. Citizens have a difficult time reading the current reader board, and it takes a great deal of staff time to manage. Mark Bethune stated he has worked for years to do this but met with resistance from Pierce County. Current sign code does not allow for electronic reader boards. **Action:** Bring back to Committee.

### **E. Neighborhood ADU's**

Councilmember Gunther would like to look in to Neighborhood Accessory Dwelling Units. He would like to see homeowners allowed to have mother-in-law cottages on their properties. Administrator Bethune stated that this may be a topic outside the scope of the CGA Committee, and may be a topic better suited for the planner, or to bring up in relation to Council Goals. **Action:** Bring back to Committee. Possibility this may be handed off to planning and development.

### **F. Bidding Process Review**

Councilmember Gunther would like to review the City's bidding process. Administrator Bethune stated that this may be a topic outside the scope of the CGA Committee. Currently Public Works handles most bids and works closely with the City Treasurer. **Action:** Bring back to Committee. Possibility this may be passed on to the Public Works Committee.

### **G. Equity Advancements**

Councilmember Gunther attended the AWC convention in Spokane, and was impressed by a presentation relating to areas of disparity in Cities. He would like to see what City of Orting policies are in this regard.

**Action:** Bring Back to Committee.

## **7. Meeting Summary of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Approved.

## **8. Action Items/Round table review**

Administrator Bethune relayed that the Mayor would like to work on goal setting in February. PCTV completed the previously approved Tourism video which will be on the next study session agenda. PCTV is also working on a video revolving around character, and a comprehensive video on emergency management. Administrator Bethune also briefed on his application for the AWC for the Excellence Award for the LAHAR walkout each year.

### **➤ Agenda Items moved to next meeting agenda**

- Council Policies Review for Better Government
- Tree Care/Replacement Policy
- Disability Park Equipment Policy

- City Sign Improvement/Replacement
- Neighborhood ADU's
- Bidding Process Review
- Equity Advancements

➤ **Identify Items for study session.**

- Tourism Video is going to Study Session January 15, 2020.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Approved 3.3.20 @ CGA