



**CGA Committee Summary**  
***MPC Conference Room – 3:45-5:00pm***  
***June 2<sup>nd</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. Call to Order**

Councilmember Gunther called the meeting to order at 3:54pm.

**Present:** Councilmembers Gunther and Williams.

**Staff:** Mark Bethune, Scott Larson, Jane Montgomery.

**Parks:** Jason Linkem.

Two items were added:

- 3F- City sign
- 3G-Veterans Banners

**2. Parks Report**

Jason Linkem was present and briefed that the Parks Board had not met since March. He was glad that the Mayor had opened up the Parks. He stated he had heard that the City Council had put the re build of the fountain on hold. The Parks Board will be getting back on task for placement of the ADA play structures. In March Parks Board members were tasked with going out and looking at all the parks to determine the best location for the next ADA play equipment. Mark Bethune briefed on the hanging baskets, which were placed in the bays at City hall and are struggling to come back to life. The brackets came in late. Jane and Scott will be rehabbing the baskets.

Jason briefed on the unofficial parade organized for the current graduating class at Orting High School. Jason stated that John Aldrich resigned his position on the board. There are now two vacancies on the board. He was happy to report that he had not received any complaints about the cemetery this year. The Public Works department rebuilt the baseball field and it looks great.

**3. Agenda Items**

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

Councilmember Gunther stated that he would like to do a thorough review of the Council Rules and Code of Conduct. He would like to look in to challenge coins which can be handed out to people who are observed doing meritorious acts.

He will bring a preliminary design back. The cost for set up of a design is approximately \$200 and each coin cost anywhere from \$1 to \$3.

**Action:** bring back to next meeting.

**B. Disability Park Equipment Policy**

Councilmember Gunther would like to set a date requiring that each park has a disability ride or activity in it. Parks code is codified in Title 8 chapter 6. He would like to make new rules that state that the City has determined that all parks should be ADA compliant by 2025. Scott Larson expressed concerns about funding for this. He reminded the Committee that the City is currently funding approved projects, and cautions about creating a law, without consideration of the availability of funds to accomplish it. The cost of the current proposed spinner is \$25,000. There was then consideration of a resolution, not an ordinance being passed. There will be further discussion of this at the next study session during the Committee report time to get guidance from the Council. It would need to be added to the current Parks Plan. **Action:** bring back to the next meeting.

**C. Equity Advancements**

Councilmember Gunther briefed that this is concerning looking at current City policy to see if there are any disparities. **Action:** Bring back to the next committee meeting.

**D. Grant Policy- Financial accountability**

Councilmember Gunther wanted to find a way to increase accountability of grant recipients. This was discussed in 2019 by the Council who rejected the requirement of compiled statements due to the cost. Further thought will be given to alternate methods to increase accountability. **Action:** Come back to the next committee meeting.

**E. Tree Policy**

Councilmember Gunther had presented a resolution which was reviewed at the last study session. Bumped forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

**F. City Sign**

Councilmember Gunther would like to have an electronic reader board to replace the current sign. Mark Bethune briefed that current code does not allow for an

electronic sign. This is scheduled to be discussed by the Planning Commission in July. **Action:** Wait for PC input.

#### **G. Veterans Street Pole Banners**

Councilmember Gunther proposed putting the names of graduating students who planned on joining the military on City Banners. The Banners would be placed on street poles that would be hung vertically. Scott Larson added that this could be discussed in the upcoming budget sessions. This will be placed on the upcoming Parks Board meeting in July. **Action:** Bring back to the next committee meeting.

#### **4. Meeting Summary of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

The meeting summary was approved.

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

Scott Larson briefed on the federal government response to Corona Virus. The City is allotted money in the amount of \$30 per capita, which for Orting comes to approximately \$250,000. The funds grant relief for activities the City has had to do to prepare for the Pandemic. A portion of the funds may also be used to provide utility assistance to citizens. He would like to look in to giving the money to the food bank to allow them to use it for utility assistance. He would need to do a budget amendment, and have an agreement with the food bank that the money only be used for utility assistance.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.

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Jane Montgomery, City Clerk

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Tod Gunther, Councilmember