



CGA Committee Minutes
MPC Conference Room – 3:00pm.
April 5, 2018

Nicola McDonald
Tod Gunther

Mark Bethune, City Administrator
Jane Montgomery, City Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

2. Meeting Summary's

The Summary of March 2nd, 2018 Meeting was approved.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Priority Agenda Items to discuss:

A. Fee Schedule.

Fee Schedule was moved up on the agenda as Greg Easton was stuck in traffic. The Fee Schedule was approved and recommendation made to move it forward to the Study Session on April 18th.

B. OMC Title 1 Amendment – Adding Study Session & Revising Council Rules- Chapter 2- Types of Meetings.

The Draft ordinance was reviewed and a recommendation was made to move it forward to the Study Session on April 18th. The Council rules will be modified to add the language adding a study session.

C. Video Recording of Public Meetings.

Proposed language provided by the City Attorney was reviewed and minor changes were made adding specific locations for each of the different meeting spaces. This is in response to citizens feeling uncomfortable when other citizens are recording meetings. Committee was asked to come up with a recommendation to create a rule that would address placement of video equipment at meetings. A recommendations was made to move this forward to the Study Session on April 18th.

Jane Montgomery

D. Communication Plan

Mark Bethune briefed. It would take \$100,000 to implement the entire communication plan for the 2019 Budget. The Committee will continue to review elements of the Communication plan.

E. Homeless Policy

Mark Bethune briefed on a Resolution based on Homeless Camps at churches (Tent City). Additional issues were raised:

A policy directing police on how to deal with homeless;

Working with Community Connections to identify places where they can go;

Councilmember Gunter brought a rough draft of a different Homeless Policy.

Committee decided to look at the homeless issue from a different perspective.

Administrator Bethune will continue to work on a policy. This will be on the next agenda for continued discussion.

F. Economic Development Expert- Greg Easton.

Greg Easton spoke about his feelings on a strategic plan for economic development and the possibility of amending the comprehensive plan for 2019. Mr. Easton had prepared a plan for the City some 10 years ago.

Discussion surrounded the changes since that time. Topics were:

- What is happening now;
- Population;
- Any new business investments;
- How to attract businesses;
- Type 1- "Serve Locals" stores, groceries, etc.;
- Type 2- Attract businesses who serve larger regional, national, or international market. Such as manufacturer near materials;
- Walgreens/Rite Aid can be attracted as they are typically are in shopping areas. CVS or Bartell's were also suggested;
- Expansion of businesses;
- Nurture home grown businesses;
- What does Orting want to become?
- People working from home;
- Do all we can to increase technology! High Speed Broadband is critical;
- Recreation opportunities in the City;
- Agricultural Bases:

Demonstrations, or Commercial Kitchens. “Lunch in Orting”, 5K to draw people to the area, Such as at end of trail ride, or specialty food shop.

- Attract Tech Businesses;
- Establish a relationship with Realtors;
- Start with current Businesses for expansion and retention;
- The impact of the Tehaleh-Development, get them to turn left and have access to recreation and trails;
- The 2015 Baseline report:

5. Action

- Agenda Items for next meeting:
Economic Development, Communication Plan, Homeless Policy, Deputy Mayor Process.
- Items for study session were identified.

The Meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Next meeting: May 3rd, 2018, 3:00pm, MPC