

CITY OF ORTING
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 1, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Councilmember Drennen called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.,
in the Meeting Room at MPC/Library, 202 Washington Ave. S

ATTENDANCE:

Elected Officials: Present, Councilmember Drennen and Councilmember Gehring

City Employees: Present City Treasurer Scott Larson, PW Director Greg Reed, City Administrator Mark Bethune and Police Chief Gard. Laura Hinds excused

Professional Representatives: Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford

Guests: Residents Sam Colorossi, and Chris Hopfauf

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember (CM) Gehring moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018 as prepared.

TRANSPORTATION:

Facilitator: Councilmember Drennen

1. Guests & Policy Issues:

- A. Environmental Safety Policy:** CM Drennen is requesting to include the Orting Police Department to have greater involvement when reviewing development plans for concerns of public safety. This item will remain on this agenda for further discussion.
- City Planner and Police Chief will have more active rolls when reviewing development plans.
- B. Reverse Parking on City corridor streets** – Sam is concerned how motorists are parking on street ROWs, facing on-coming traffic (near the post-office). The issue is when a motorist pulls away from the curb, ends up facing on-coming traffic, which can cause for potential accidents. Chief Gard explained that this is an enforceable infraction, however the officer needs to see the violation in order to site the infraction.

2. Phase 1 – SR 162 Bridge

- A. State DOT Funding Status:** JC commented that funding for design is \$489,000. The Commerce Grant is pending approval for \$500,000.

- B. **Phase 1 SR 162 Bridge Crossing, Scope of Work Proposal 90% design:** JC provided a 3-D rendering of the bridge design, which Parametrix can expanded in size for posting near the site for educational purposes. CM Gehring would like to have included on the 3-D picture, the design & construction cost of the project.
- C. **Rocky Road NE Easement Status:** Mark commented that Council approved the commercial appraisal.
- D. **Treasurer Report:** No Update

2. **Transportation Benefit District (TBD):**

The TBD is a funding mechanism designed to tax City of Orting Residents \$20 per vehicle at time of renewing vehicle licensing tabs. 100% of this tax is returned to the City of Orting where 100% of the funds is used only for streets and pedestrian pathways for maintenance.

- A. **Sidewalk Improvement Plan:** Will re-bid for sidewalk replacement in 2019. Greg mentioned that staff is looking for alternative project locations where longer sections of sidewalk can be replaced.

4. **Capital Improvement**

- A. **Whitehawk South-West Connector ROW:** JC commented that PSRC has available \$390,000 for engineering and \$600,000 for property acquisitions. However the city cannot access these funds until all property acquisitions funds until 2020.
- B. **Kansas St SW Upgrade Scope and Budget Proposal 30% Pre-Design:** Kansas Ave SW project will not score well with TIB until it receives a higher traffic count, which will come after the Whitehawk SW Connector is complete.
- C. **Washington Ave N Two-Way Left-Turn Lane:** JC commented that he was alerted by PW crew that the decorative light poles are not working. JC has contacted the contractor to have these fixed. In addition, Greg would like to consider flexible markers or signage (NO PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER) along the rain garden area to deter large commercial trucks from parking along the curb, which is damaging the rain garden and sprinkler heads.
- D. **Orting Transportation Plan & Six-Year TIP -** JC and Greg will meet in near future to discuss the list of upcoming projects for the TIP.

5. **Operations and Maintenance – Greg Reed**

- A. **WSDOT - SR 162 Hwy overlay project** to occur in 2019. State officials informed Greg that they will be going out for bid in December. Some areas of overlay will include sections within Orting City Limits, but not the recent improvements. There may also be options for extending the paving at certain intersections with approaches to SR 162 E. Wheel chair ramps may need to be upgraded to meet current ADA Standards. Project is to start in Alderton and at Orville Rd E.

- B. **SR 162 E & 178th St E water main crossing:** Greg and JC are currently reviewing project details.
- C. **Crack Sealing** – Crack sealing is currently underway and will continue for a few days.

6. **Chiefs Report**

Chief noted there is a bottleneck underneath the Calistoga Bridge that was realized during the recent evacuation drill. JC will look into options to improve this.

UTILITIES

Facilitator: Councilmember Gehring

7. **Guests & Policy Issues**

- A. **Utility Rate Update** – Scott Larson will give a presentation of Utility rates & updates at a Council meeting in August.
Scott also mentioned there may be an amendment to stormwater rates and will address this later down the agenda.

8. **WATER**

NO REPORT (see 5.B)

9. **WASTEWATER**

- A. **Rainier Meadows Sewer Lift Station:** Bid opening occurred on June 13, 2018. JC recommended rejecting the bid and rebid with the Puyallup River Sewer Lift Station in 2019. This should provide more favorable bid results.
- B. **Puyallup River Sewer Lift Station:** Parametrix is finalizing design and will bid with Rainier Meadows Sewer Lift Station in 2019.
- C. **WWTP Electrical Audit for Facility Electrical Systems:** Parametrix received all the data from WWTP staff. Parametrix is working on scoring the data received to help identify critical areas for improvement.

10. **STORMWATER**

- A. **Calistoga Setback Levee Updates:**
 - o LAMP Process – Ongoing – JC heard back from the STAR Team in Ohio regarding the Certification Process. Mark asked JC to draft a letter to Pierce County regarding increasing the levee height upstream of the Calistoga Bridge.
- B. **Village Green Outfall @ High Cedars** – JC commented that the design phase is almost complete.

11. Operations and Maintenance – Greg Reed

- A. Sewer CCTV/Cleaning** – This project is complete. Greg reviewed all the data, and is working on identifying areas that will require reline. During the review, Greg identified many areas of concern along Rainier Avenue NE & SE where businesses have F.O.G. in their laterals, which will lead to greater, if not costly issues to the businesses and the City.
- B. NPDES Stormwater Permit** – Ecology has contact Greg & Laura to discuss non-compliance issues and what the City needs to do to remain in compliance. Ecology officials have sent information regarding stormwater plan & requirements, which Greg, JC and Laura are working through.
Greg is requesting to have an additional MWII employee for stormwater maintenance who would monitor, assess and make repairs as necessary to MS4s for the City’s NPDES Permit.
- C. Cemetery Tree /Property Damage** – An at risk tree has fallen on private property near the cemetery and has since then been removed. After the removal, bids for an arborist were received to assess the surrounding trees for potential risk. The low bidder will be contacted week of August 6th.

12. Capital Facilities Update

- A. New Public Works Shop Update:** Patriot signed the contract and has started on design. There’s a good chance that construction could start this fall.

13. Technologies

- A. Asset Management & Scheduling:** The vendor picked for building the City’s Asset Management & Scheduling program is Aktivov. Aktivov and the City are working on a profession services contract and reviewing the software license agreement.
- B. GIS Progress** – CAD is complete and GIS will be complete by end of August. Parametrix and Laura are working on identifying the different user levels.
- C. Broadband in our Community** – Per Scott, the Mayor is requesting to add to the 2019 budget a scope of work for how to add a broadband feature to its facilities, including parks, sources, etc.

14. Round Table

- A.** Scott followed up with a citizen comment/complaint where a dump for garbage near Harman Springs on Fisk Road is in development stages with Pierce County Planning Department. The property owner requested PC to lift a moratorium for building on a 10 acre parcel. If lifted, and most likely it has, then the County will require the property owner to apply for a conditional use permit. The City was contacted by PC and has determined that this has no impact on Harman Springs.
- B.** Draft budget due to the Mayor by end of August.

15. **Meeting Summary/Action Items / Set Next Agenda**

Move to Study Session: none

16. **Meeting Adjourn:**

CM Gehring motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary Laura Hinds

Councilmember Drennen

Councilmember Gehring