

## COUNCILMEMBERS

### Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. John Kelly
3. Tony Belot
4. John Williams
5. Gregg Bradshaw
6. Greg Hogan
7. Scott Drennen



## ORTING CITY COUNCIL

### Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

104 Bridge St. S. Orting, WA

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7pm.

**MAYOR JOSHUA PENNER, CHAIR**

**ORIGINAL**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AND REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:06pm, Councilmember Bradshaw led the pledge of allegiance and roll call was taken.

**Councilmembers Present:** Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers John Kelly, Tod Gunther, John Williams, Scott Drennen, Tony Belot, and Gregg Bradshaw.

**Staff Present:** Scott Larson, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Gretchen Russo, Finance Director, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Chris Gard, Chief of Police, Greg Reed Public Works Director, Gina Palombi, Police Officer.

Mayor Penner read the following announcement:

**\*The City utilized remote attendance for Councilmembers and City employees. Please note: OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space were suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting was however, available for the public by a computer link or by phone.**

### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

No Requests were made.

### **2. SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF POLICE OFFICER- GINA PALOMBI**

Mayor Penner introduced Gina Palombi who previously worked for Federal Way, and then administered the oath of office. The Mayor stated Ms. Palombi was reflective of the community and the future of the department. He stated the City believes in her and is behind her. Chief Gard stated that he could not say enough about Gina's skillsets, and said that she is an experienced lateral officer. When she heard the City was hiring she immediately submitted her application. Gina has extensive experience in crisis intervention. She is a member of the community and now works in the community.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were submitted.

### **4. COMMITTEE OUTLINES**

#### **Community and Government Affairs (CM Kelly & CM Williams)**

Councilmember Kelly stated that the following moved out of committee and will be on the next study session agenda:

- Farmers Market application.
- AB21-29- Council Rule Change.

#### **Public Works- (CM Drennen & CM Bradshaw)**

Councilmember Drennen stated that the following moved out of committee and will be on the next Study session agenda:

- Discussion -Highway 162 Bridge Crossing
- Sidewalk Policies
- Lift Station Projects

**Public Safety- (CM Belot & CM Gunther)**

Councilmember Belot stated that the following was discussed at the last committee meeting:

- Street racing
- Strategic Goals
- Enhancing Community Policing

**5. CONSENT AGENDA- (Any Requests For Consent Agenda Items To Be Pulled For Discussion?)**

- A. Special Meeting Minutes of 3.23.21.
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of 3.31.21.
- C. Payroll and Claims Warrants

*Councilmember Kelly Made A Motion To Approve Consent Agenda As Prepared. Second By Councilmember Bradshaw. Motion Passed (7-0)*

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. AB 21-20- Comcast Franchise Agreement, Ordinance No. 2021-1076, An Ordinance Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Approving And Adopting A New Franchise Agreement With Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC.**

Attorney Archer briefed on the Proposed Ordinance which would approve and adopt a franchise agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC. Council discussion followed. If passed the City Council would authorize the Mayor to execute a non-exclusive cable television franchise agreement with Comcast Cable to govern the terms and fees for Comcast's presence in the City's rights of ways. The term of the new franchise is 10 years from the date of mutual acceptance. The new agreement has a change in the rate structure. Currently Comcast Cable customers pay a flat fee of \$0.25 per month to subsidize public access channels. This agreement changes the fee structure to a percent of gross revenue model, and in this case the rate is 0.375%. Based on Rainier Communication Company's (RCC) analysis the average cable customer currently has a bill of about \$88.00 per month. This would mean an increase in the bill from \$0.25 per month to approximately \$0.33 per month or a total of \$0.96 per year. These fees pay for the services of Pierce County Television, an arm of RCC.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan Made A Motion To Adopt Ordinance No 2021-1076, An Ordinance Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Approving And Adopting A New Franchise Agreement With Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC. Second By Councilmember Kelly. CM Williams- No, CM Bradshaw- Yes, DM Hogan- Yes, CM Drennen- Yes, CM Gunther- No, CM Kelly-Yes, CM Belot- Yes. Motion Passed (5-2).*

**B. AB21-30- Pierce Conservation District (PCD) Interlocal Agreement (ILA) – Mitigation Plantings.**

Administrator Larson briefed on the proposed ILA. Staff reached out to Pierce Conservation District and they have agreed to help the city with wetland plantings for Gratzner ballfield. This Interlocal Agreement allows the City to acquire the plantings at a discount. The price is for mitigation plantings on Phase 1 (the two baseball fields), and additional plantings to mitigate Phase 2 (soccer/football field currently out for construction) will be purchased at a later date for an additional cost. Staff does not expect the total price of mitigation plantings to exceed the approved budget.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan Made A Motion To Authorize The Mayor To Sign The Interlocal Agreement Between Pierce Conservation District And The City Of Orting Providing For The Purchase Of Plants And Other Materials Required For City Projects. Second By Councilmember Kelly. Motion Passed (7-0)*

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

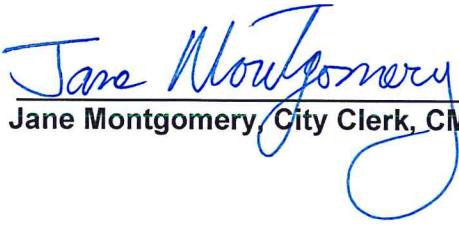
No session was called.

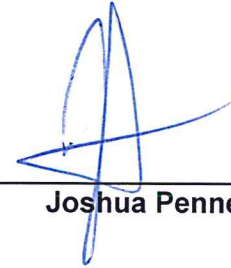
**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

***Councilmember Belot Made e A Motion to Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Bradshaw. Motion Passed (7-0).***

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 7:30pm.

ATTEST:

  
Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC

  
Joshua Penner, Mayor