

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

Study Session Minutes

Virtual Meeting

104 Bridge St. S., Orting, WA

April 21st, 2021, 6PM.

ORIGINAL

CHAIR, DEPUTY MAYOR GREG HOGAN

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made the following statement:

"The City utilized remote attendance for Councilmembers and City employees. OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space were suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting was available for the public to hear by a call-in number."

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Bradshaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Elected Official: Mayor Penner.

Staff Present: Scott Larson, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Greg Reed, Public Works Director, Chris Gard, Chief of Police, Emily Adams, City Planner.

Deputy Mayor Hogan added an Executive Session to the agenda, after the brief from Joe Depinto.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. AB21-32- Whitehawk/Highway162 Intersection Control Discussion.

Scott Larson briefed that part of this project has been talks that the City has had with Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding options for intersection control. WSDOT has jurisdiction over intersections and channelization on state highways. (WSDOT) indicated that their preferred intersection control is a roundabout. WSDOT representative Brian Walsh, and Sarah Ott were present to discuss intersection control and address staff's primary concerns in regard to the following:

1. Corridor Consistency;
2. Pedestrian Safety at the roundabout, especially Foothills Trail crossing;
3. Efficiency of a roundabout during an evacuation.

Mr. Walsh went through a power point titled "Intersection Control Discussion – Whitehawk Boulevard. Council discussion followed.

B. Legislative Update- Joe DePinto.

Mayor Penner introduced Joe DePinto the City's legislative advocate. Mr. DePinto discussed the following topics:

- Transportation Budget
- Police Reforms
- Proposed Taxes

Councilmembers were offered the opportunity to ask Mr. DePinho questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Archer briefed that they would be recessing to an Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (B) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate, and RCW 42.30.110 (I)- Potential Litigation. The session will last 20 minutes and no action is anticipated after return to open session.

Deputy Mayor Hogan recessed to executive session at 7:14pm for twenty minutes
7:14pm Recessed
7:34pm Extended for twenty minutes.
7:44pm Extended for ten minutes
7:54pm Extended for ten minutes
8:04pm Extended for seven minutes
8:11pm Session ended

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting back to open session at 8:11pm.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community and Government Affairs (CGA)

Councilmember Kelly briefed on the last CGA meeting and the topics on the agenda:

- ADA spinner update
- Reader Board update
- Committee Goals
- Public Noticing
- Re-open Plan
- Calistoga Park signage
- Park Equipment
- Park Plan Updates
- Cemetery improvements
- Conditional use permits
- Electronic Packet Management
- Business engagement

Public Safety

Councilmember Belot briefed on the last Public Safety meeting and the topics that were discussed:

- E Patrol bike
- Street Racing/ Countywide policies
- Strategic Goals
 - Body Cameras
 - LE Map Accreditation
 - Community Outreach






Public Works

Councilmember Drennen briefed on the following items from the last Committee Meeting:

- Policy for Asset Management
- Sidewalk Policy
- Orting Dump site
- Potholes on Whitehawk
- Branding City Utilities

4. STAFF REPORTS

The following staff gave updates to Council on what they were working on:

-  Emily Adams, City Planner
-  JC Hungerford, City Engineer
-  Chris Gard, Chief of Police
-  Jane Montgomery, City Clerk
-  Scott Larson, City Administrator

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- New Position- Kim Agfalvi- Executive Assistant
- Orting Court- Now streaming live on Facebook
- Spinner update
- Veterans Village Opening Day- May 25th
- Coordination of COVID relief funds with the County
- Jones Levy discussions with the Pierce County Executive

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. AB21-33-Potential Code Amendments.

Emily Adams stated that since she became the City's contract planner in October 2020, she has tracked necessary or suggested amendments to the Orting Municipal Code. The attachment provided to the City Council included a list of potential code amendments for Council to review. She asked Council to provide direction on which of the amendments they feel are priorities for her to address. **Action:** Councilmembers will review the potential amendments and this will be reviewed again at a future study session.

B. AB21-34-2020 Lift Station Projects Notice of Award.

JC Hungerford briefed on the Lift station project. Pease & Sons Inc., is the low bidder for the project. Their bid is \$1,444,088 versus a City Budget of \$1,400,000. Given the current bidding climate, the Public Works Committee, the City Engineer and Staff are recommending issuing notice of award to Pease & Sons. **Action:** Move forward to the next Council meeting On April 28th, 2021.

C. AB21-36- Highway 162 Bridge Update and Aesthetics Discussion.

JC Hungerford provided an update on possible designs for the Bridge. The Council was shown some options to consider. **Action:** The Public Works committee will review and appoint an ADHOC committee composed of Councilmembers, a Bridge for Kids representative, and an Orting School District representative. They will come back to Council with some designs which Council will review and then send the whole Council's recommendation forward to the Planning Commission.

D. AB21-35- Resolution No. 2021-05 – Establishing 2021 Council Goals.

Administrator Larson stated that goals help staff to make constraints on what to work on. The Council was provided the 16 goals that were agreed upon in previous meetings. Goals allow staff to be accountable to the council and focus on the agreed upon policy priorities. The proposed resolution adopts Council's 2021 goals. **Action:** Move forward to the consent agenda for the Council Meeting on April 28th, 2021.

E. AB21-29- Council Rule Change- Section 4.4.1(8), Order Of Business.

Councilmember Kelly briefed on why this item has come back to Council for further discussion. He stated that he feels the language agreed upon at the meeting on the 31st of March, 2021, falls short of explaining his original intent. His intent was that each committee chair would report the agenda bill titles of agenda items that would be moving out of committee to the next study session, but not report on everything that the Committees discussed. Council currently gives a full report on everything discussed during Committee meetings at each study session. The change in the rules allows Committee chairs an additional way to advise the citizens of agenda bills that will be moving forward to the next study session from the committee level. Council discussion followed on the clarified language that Councilmember Kelly proposed. **Action:** Move forward to the consent agenda for the Council meeting on April 28th, 2021.

F. AB21-31- Farmers Market Sponsorship- Resolution No. 2021-04, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Declaring A Public Purpose And Authorizing City Sponsorship Of The Orting Valley Farmer's Market.

Councilmember Kelly briefed that the City received an application for sponsorship from the Orting Valley Farmer's Market. The Policy requires that the City Council review and approve all applications for sponsorship, and determine whether an event qualifies for sponsorship (after review and approval of the application by the Community & Government Affairs Committee). To qualify for sponsorship, an approved event must:

1. Allow all citizens to reasonably participate;
2. Serve a valid municipal purpose, such as strengthening the City's sense of community or celebrating a City's history and;
3. May provide, through increased customers, additional revenues for Orting businesses and subsequent improved tax revenues for the City.

CGA Committee reviewed the application on April 1st, 2021, and recommended approval.


Action: Move forward to the consent agenda for the April 28th, 2021 Meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 9:21pm

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor