

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

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



Deputy Mayor, Greg Hogan, Chair

ORTING CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Minutes

Virtual Meeting

May 19th, 2021, 6PM.

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. Please note: OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space were suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting was available to the public by a computer link or by phone*

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Gunther led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

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

Elected Official: Mayor Penner

Staff Present: Scott Larson, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Gretchen Russo, Finance Director, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Helen Stanton, Kim Agfalvi, Acting City Clerk

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works- *CM Drennen / CM Bradshaw*

Councilmember Drennan and Bradshaw briefed on the topics discussed at the last meeting:

- State funding on bridge that was approved
- Contract extension with Parametrix through 2021
- Whitehawk connector – possibility DOT will do a presentation
- Letter to Pierce County that will be drafted regarding the Jones Setback Levee and concerns with impacts to homeowners and parks
- Friends of the Bridge AD HOC committee will be formed to discuss the design of the bridge

B. Public Safety – *CM Belot / CM Gunther*

Councilmember Belot briefed on topics discussed at the last meeting:

- Body Cams for Police Department
- Drug Possession Law – State vs. Blake
- Emergency Management update
- New officers have completed training and are out on patrol

C. Community and Government Affairs- *CM Kelly / CM Williams*

Councilmembers Kelly and Williams briefed on the topics discussed at the last meeting:

- Working on sign code to make more user friendly
- Park Land Acquisition
- Pump Track/BMX Track update
- Parks Plan update
- Meeting with Sam Colorossi for clock in City Hall Building

3. STAFF REPORTS

Engineering

JC Hungerford, City Engineer, briefed on the following:

- Updating CRS Program
- National Flood Insurance Program

Planning

Helen Stanton, on behalf of Emily Adams

- Helen Stanton was present on behalf of Emily Adams, City Planner. She stated Emily is still updating the Parks Plan and her proposed code amendments on the agenda.

Public Works

Greg Reed, Director of Public Works, briefed on the following:

- Hired new employee on six month temporary basis to help with busy season
- Ball holder has been installed at the basketball court for donated balls for park use
- Cemetery improvements

Police

Chris Gard, Chief of Police briefed on the following:

- Department completed multi-jurisdictional lahar tabletop exercise
- Two new Ford Hybrid SUV's have been delivered
- Department is working on emergency planning
- Rifles were delivered

Finance

Gretchen Russo, Finance Director, briefed on the following:

- 2020 financial report has been completed and sent to the Auditors office.
- Revenue increased in 2020 due to an increase in building permits
- Investment income is predicted to be low unless inflation grows

City Clerk

Jane Montgomery, City Clerk briefed on the following:

- New website will go live on June 15, 2021
- Last meeting before Jane retires will be June 16, 2021
- Kim Agfalvi has been working with training in her new role as Acting City Clerk

City Administrator

Scott Larson, City Administrator briefed on the following:

- Mask policy update
- Open grants have been extended for SR 162 and Gratzner Ball Field
- State vs. Blake – update City code – prepare ordinance to adopt new law
- City is working through staffing changes

Executive

Joshua Penner, Mayor of Orting, briefed on the following:

- Basketball court and new ball holder
- AWC conference in June will be held virtually
- City can now hold in person meetings
- Update on clerk position and Kim Agfalvi acting as City Clerk

4. AGENDA ITEMS

A. AB21-33-Code Amendments

Helen Stanton briefed on potential code amendments that included costs and time estimates.

Action: Move to Study Session in June 2021

B. AB21-38 – Jones Setback Levee Discussion

Scott Larson briefed on the Jones Setback Levee. He stated Councilmember Kelly, City Administrator Larson, City Engineer JC Hungerford, and Mayor Penner have all had conversations with the County on the Levee and the potential impacts to homeowners and parks. Engineer Hungerford put the comments in a letter that he will send to Pierce County that documents concern about Pierce County's current plan.

Action: Move to Study Session June 2021

C. AB21-44- Wolfe Levee Mitigation Site Plan Monitoring

Councilmember Drennen, Councilmember Bradshaw, and Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the 10 year monitoring plan and reporting to the Department of Ecology. Much of the work has been delayed due to COVID restrictions in 2020. The costs of monitoring are completely funded.

Action: Move forward to consent agenda for the May 26, 2021 meeting.

D. AB21-43-Orting Emergency Evacuation Pedestrian Bridge System- Amendment No. 2

Councilmember Drennen, Councilmember Bradshaw, and Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the scope of work proposed by Parametrix on the design of the bridge and answered questions on additional costs.

Action: Move forward to consent agenda for the May 26, meeting.

E. AB21-42 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Bids – PW Project 2021-03

Councilmember Drennen and Councilmember Bradshaw briefed on the removal and replacement of sidewalk sections. Bids were higher than anticipated. Discussion followed on clarifying ownership of damage and possible clarifications needed to ordinance.

Action: Move forward to consent agenda for the May 26, meeting.

F. AB-21-45- Waste Water Treatment Plant Plug Valve Purchase

JC Hungerford, City Engineer spoke on replacing the Waste Water Treatment Plant Plug Valve. The recommendation was made to purchase a new valve, and keep the old one for spare parts.

Action: Move forward to consent agenda for the May 26, 2021 meeting.

G. AB21-39-Labor Negotiator

City Administrator Larson briefed on hiring labor negotiator Cabot Dow for upcoming Police Guild negotiations. Mr. Dow's services have been used by the City before and the costs would not exceed \$12,000.00. **Action:** Move forward to consent agenda for the May 26, 2021 meeting.

H. AB21-46- Whitehawk Bypass -Right of Way Remediation

City Administrator Larson briefed on the scope and budget for remediating work related to two parcel acquisitions for the Whitehawk bypass. Remediation would be for federal funding eligibility and the scope sets the parcels up for certification by Federal Highways. **Action:** Move forward to consent agenda for the May 26, 2021 meeting.

I. AB-21-40 - Parametrix On Call Engineering Contract Extension

City Administrator Larson briefed on a contract extension with Parametrix that would extend the contract through 2021. The original contract lapsed in 2019, and the extension would ratify everything that has been worked on since the lapse through 2021.

Action: Move forward to consent agenda for the May 26, 2021 meeting.

J. AB-21-41 - Park Land Acquisition

Councilmember Kelly and Councilmember Williams briefed on a possible acquisition of park land from Pierce County. The land is located behind the Hidden Lakes Community.

Action: Move back to CGA Committee for further discussion.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

ATTEST:



Kim Agfalvi, Acting City Clerk



Joshua Penner, Mayor