



**CGA Committee Minutes**  
**101 Bridge St S. & Virtual**  
**August 5, 2021**  
**9:00am**

**John Kelly, Councilmember, Chair,**  
**John Williams, Councilmember, Vice-Chair**  
**Kim Agfalvi, Acting City Clerk**  
**Scott Larson, City Administrator**  
**Gretchen Russo, Finance Director**

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**The Meeting was held at City Hall and was also made available virtually either by phone or computer.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:09am.

**Present:** Councilmember John Kelly - Chair and Councilmember John Williams - Vice Chair. City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Public Works Director Greg Reed, Acting City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, City Planner Helen Stanton, Legislative Liaison Joe DePinto, Alisha Rasmussen, and Debbie Washington.

**2. Parks Report**

Kim Agfalvi briefed on the Parks Advisory Board and that they committee will not be meeting in August. The next meeting will be in September. Greg Reed stated that Public Works Department grinded stumps that were trip hazards in the main City Park. Kim Agfalvi stated that she would be bringing bids and information on swing sets to the next CGA meeting.

**Action:** Look on state bid list for cost of swing sets, and bring forward survey results to next CGA meeting.

**3. Public Comments**

Alisha Rasmussen

Ms. Rasmussen spoke on the vendors selling flags in the park. She stated she has been harassed and that there have been homophobic slurs yelled at her when she is in the area. She spoke on the vendor selling the Confederate flag, and that the Anti-Defamation League has classified the Confederate flag as a hate symbol. She stated she is concerned with the location where the vendors sell their merchandise, as it is across from a busy playground. She stated she feels unsafe, as the symbols the vendors are selling are rooted in hate.

Debbie Washington

Ms. Washington addressed the committee and asked that the location for vending be moved, as it is a hazard. She stated it makes a bad portrayal of the City to sell in that location.

Councilmember Kelly stated that the CGA Committee has been working on an Ordinance that will move the vendors from in front of the fountain to another location. He stated that the Ordinance will go before the Council at the next meeting on August 11, 2021. Councilmember Williams stated that it is important to reach out to other Councilmembers to vote for the ordinance.

#### **4. Presentation**

##### **A. Legislative Updates**

###### **Joe DePinto**

Joe DePinto stated he is working on developing legislative agenda for next session. Big issues revolve around public safety. Has been engaging with AWC. He is also looking for project ideas for the future, and he would need those ideas by November. He stated Representative Andrew Barkis would be a good recommendation for legislator of the year.

Scott Larson briefed on a police situation with a domestic violence dispute, and how the new police reform law changed the way the process was handled. He also spoke on some public works projects that are in the design stage that are beneficial to East Pierce County. He stated the projects would be most beneficial to those living outside City limits.

Scott Larson and Joe DePinto briefed on potential roundabouts on highway 162. Joe DePinto stated that there is the potential for a special session of the legislature, which would be focused on public safety and transportation.

#### **5. Agenda Items**

##### **A. Parks Plan Survey Update**

Helen Stanton briefed on the parks plan survey. She stated that the Foothills trail and main City park were the most used. Calistoga Park is also very popular. Helen stated that the survey indicates citizens would like to see upgrades to existing parks, maintaining existing parks, and that they would like to see a splash pad installed. She stated those that took the survey indicated that they would be willing to spend less than ten dollars, ten to fifteen dollars, or no additional dollars to fund these items. Helen stated that a swimming pool/community center was the number one answer for weighted average and amount of people that took the survey.

**Action:** No action needed.

##### **B. Cemetery Improvements– Update**

Public Works Director Greg Reed briefed on cemetery updates. He briefed on sprinklers, and upgrades to needed to the well for installation of an irrigation system. He stated he received three bids, and costs were higher than anticipated.

**Action:** Have Parametrix come out to cemetery to design for the improvement project.

##### **C. Land Acquisition- Pierce County**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the land acquisition from Pierce County of the parcel of land located behind the Hidden Lakes community. He stated the City is working through a developer agreement with the Abundant Life church. Once access to the parcel is established, the County would be approached to obtain the land. Public Works Director Greg Reed expressed that there will be a lot of maintenance needed to maintain the land.

**Action:** Bring back to next CGA meeting.

##### **D. Storage of Daffodil Float**

Councilmember Kelly met with Tim Lincoln and Greg Reed to go over modifications needed to the storage facility to meet the needs of the Daffodil float. City Administrator Larson stated we would move forward with a contract for storage once it has been determined that the storage area will suffice for the needs of the float.

**Action:** Bring back to next CGA meeting.

#### **E. Fee Schedule**

City Administrator briefed on the fee schedule, and request from staff to update it. He stated there will be a need to add an hourly rate for our new employee, an inhouse engineer. Councilmember Williams asked what the rate will be. City Administrator Larson said he will research, and get back to CGA with the hourly rate. He also went over what items the City Engineer will be responsible for. He stated that the Engineer is an expert in transportation, and will be able to provide staff support and attend regional transportation meetings.

**Action:** Bring back to next CGA meeting.

#### **F. Selling of Merchandise in the Park**

City Administrator briefed on the selling of merchandise in the park. He stated that the first proposal was to require a special event permit to sell in the park. At the last study session, the council did not want to attach sales of merchandise in the park to a special event permit, but did like restricting them to an area in the north park area. He stated the change would require vendors that want to sell in the park to provide insurance naming the City of Orting as additionally insured and that they would also add an indemnification agreement and the rental fee.

**Action:** Move to August study session.

#### **G. Clock Tower**

City Administrator Larson stated he has been working with Sam to determine dimensions for the clock and that Sam has been working on designs for the clock. Councilmember Kelly stated that Parametrix has offered to pay for the clock tower at one hundred percent, and that they will donate the funds in the name of the Parametrix founder. He stated the City of Orting was one of their first clients. The funding includes installation.

**Action:** Bring back to next CGA meeting.

#### **H. Wellness Packet**

Finance Director Gretchen Russo stated she is working with the wellness committee on the wellness program and that they will need a Councilmember to meet with the committee once a quarter. She stated she could coordinate it to be directly before or after the CGA committee meetings. Councilmember Kelly offered to meet with the wellness committee.

**Action:** Set up meeting dates with Councilmember Kelly and the wellness committee.

### **6. Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2021.**

The minutes were approved.

### **7. Action Items/Round table review.**

Public Works Director Greg Reed briefed on sprucing up the memorial wall in the main city park. He estimated the cost to spruce up the wall would be approximately \$2000.00. He stated he would want to add flag holders and lights to illuminate the flags. He also stated that the background color could be changed from white to another color to add to attract more citizens to visit the wall.

**Action:** Research regulations on memorial walls, and bring back as a study session staff report item at August study session.

## 7. Adjournment

Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 10:16am.

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Kimberly Agfalvi, Acting City Clerk

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Date Approved