

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. Chris Moore
3. Don Tracy
4. John Williams
5. Gregg Bradshaw
6. Greg Hogan
7. Melodi Koenig



ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Virtual – Zoom meeting
January 12, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Councilmember Gunther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR.

Position #1 – Tod Gunther
Position #2 – Chris Moore
Position #3 – Don Tracy
Position #7 – Melodi Koenig
Mayor – Joshua Penner

Jude Curry administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Tod Gunther, Chris Moore, Don Tracy, Melodi Koenig, and Mayor Joshua Penner.

3. ROLL CALL.

Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Tod Gunther, Chris Moore, Don Tracy, John Williams, Gregg Bradshaw, Melodi Koenig, and Deputy Mayor Hogan.

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, City Attorney Charlotte Archer.

Mayor Penner read the following announcements:

The City Council, Staff, and the public are attending this meeting virtually, pursuant to Governor Inslee's Order 20-28 dated March 24, 2020. The public may attend via the platform Zoom by clicking the link for zoom on the City of Orting website, by telephone by dialing 1.253.215.8782, Meeting ID 959 8457 2174 passcode 693849. If you log in at zoom.com you will need to enter the meeting ID 959 8457 2174, the passcode 693849, and your name.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Comments may be sent to the City Clerk at clerk@cityoforting.org by 3pm on January 12th, 2022, and will be read in to the record at the meeting. In person attendees may provide public comment at the meeting. In the case of a question, the chair will refer the matter to the appropriate administrative staff member or committee. Written comments that come in after the 3pm deadline will be read in to the record at the next Council meeting.

No comments were made.

Americans with Disabilities Act – reasonable accommodations provided upon request (360) 893-2219
Next Regular Meeting: January 26th, 2022 at 7:00pm

4. CONSENT AGENDA- (Any request for items to be pulled for discussion?).

- A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.
- B. Regular Meeting minutes of December 8th, 2021

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve consent agenda as prepared. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hogan.

Motion passed (7-0).

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. **AB22-04– Parks Advisory Board Appointment**
Mayor Penner

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Shane Fairbanks and reappointment of Matthew Evans to the Parks Advisory Board. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.

Motion passed (7-0).

- B. **AB22-01 – Pierce County Regional Council Appointment.**
Mayor Penner

Mayor Penner briefed the Council on the Pierce County Regional Council. He stated what the functions of the Pierce County Regional Council are, and briefed on his role with the Council.

Councilmember Gunther nominated Councilmember Williams as an alternate. Councilmember Williams accepted the nomination.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to appoint Mayor Penner as representative to the Pierce County Regional and Councilmember Williams as the alternate. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.

Motion passed (7-0).

- C. **AB22-02 – Selection of Deputy Mayor 2022.**
Mayor Penner

Mayor Penner briefed on the role of the Deputy Mayor, and explained the selection process to select a Deputy Mayor for the current year.

Councilmember Gunther suggested to defer the selection process until February so new Councilmembers can get to know existing members.

Mayor Penner stated Council debated on this item, and that this selection process is part of the Council rules of procedure. He stated that he does not have the latitude to change the date of the process, unless the Council wanted to.

Deputy Mayor Hogan stated that the term is one year from February 1st to January 31st, and that the rules state the selection of Deputy Mayor will be at the first meeting of January. He briefed on the selection process and referred to the Council rules of procedure that state that the Deputy Mayor runs the process for the nomination for Deputy Mayor. City Attorney Archer

advised that if the Deputy Mayor is nominated for Deputy Mayor, the Mayor would then take over the process. Deputy Mayor Hogan nominated himself for Deputy Mayor, and Mayor Penner took back over the selection process.

Councilmember Gunther nominated himself for Deputy Mayor.

Councilmember Moore stated he would like to see the process be deferred to a later date to allow new Councilmembers to learn more about the candidates. He stated he has no nomination at this time, and no objections to any councilmember nominated thus far.

Councilmember Williams nominated Councilmember Bradshaw for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Bradshaw stated he accepted the nomination.

Councilmember Koenig stated she would like to nominate Deputy Mayor Hogan.

Mayor Penner stated we have three councilmembers nominated, Councilmember Gunther, Councilmember Bradshaw, and Deputy Mayor Hogan. He then asked for a statement from each councilmember in alphabetical order, starting with Councilmember Bradshaw.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a statement regarding his candidacy for Deputy Mayor. He stated he has served on one committee, Public Works Committee and had been on the Council for two years. He stated is he is elected into the position, he would like to fill the shoes of Deputy Mayor to the best of his ability and expeditiously move the Council through study sessions.

Councilmember Gunther made a statement regarding his candidacy for Deputy Mayor. He thanked Deputy Mayor Hogan for his services the past term. Councilmember Gunther stated he is a man of action, and that he had been through three elections and will continue to work hard for families. He stated he helped resurrect Bridge for Kids, helped the City to pass legislation for new playground equipment like a zip line and giant slide, work with the Veterans Village at the Soldiers Home to decrease homelessness around town, had helped pass an ordinance to help children with disabilities have equal access to city parks, introduced city code of conduct, has helped to bring back community policing to the town, and was awarded the Municipal Leadership Award through the Association of Washington Cities

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a statement regarding his candidacy for Deputy Mayor. He stated his passion for the community is evident, and he appreciates everything that he is able to do for the community. He stated he would be honored to be Deputy Mayor again.

Roll Call vote was taken.

- Councilmember Gunther – voted for Councilmember Gunther.
- Councilmember Moore – voted for Deputy Mayor Hogan.
- Councilmember Tracy – voted for Deputy Mayor Hogan.
- Councilmember Williams – voted for Councilmember Bradshaw.
- Councilmember Bradshaw – voted for Councilmember Bradshaw.
- Deputy Mayor Hogan – voted for Deputy Mayor Hogan.
- Councilmember Koenig voted for Deputy Mayor Hogan.

4 votes – Deputy Mayor Hogan, 2 votes – Councilmember Bradshaw, 1 vote Councilmember Gunther.

Deputy Mayor Hogan was elected as Deputy Mayor.

**D. AB22-03 – Council Committee selection for the year 2022.
Mayor Penner**

Deputy Mayor Hogan stated Councilmember Williams should be the at large member for committee assignments, and that he would like to have a meeting with the three participants, Mayor, Deputy Mayor Hogan, and Councilmember Williams. The three members would then report back at the January study session the proposed committees, and then committee assignments would be decided by vote at the last meeting of January.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi will reach out to the Council, and Council can send back their wish list for committees and get more information from the clerk on what the assignments are if needed.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.110. (1) (i).

City Attorney Charlotte Archer stated that there would be an Executive Session per RCW. 42.30.110 (1) (i), to discuss litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. She stated the session would last ten minutes with no action to follow.

Enter executive session for ten minutes beginning at 7:42pm, with no action to follow.

7:43pm executive session began.

7:53pm executive session extended for two minutes

7:55pm executive session ended and meeting returned to regular session.

Council discussion followed on future meetings, and in person meetings were the preferred consensus of the Council.

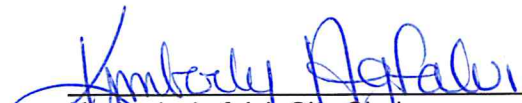
7. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.

Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 8:00pm.

ATTEST:



Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk



Joshua Penner, Mayor