

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
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
March 30th, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

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

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

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Tod Gunther, Chris Moore, John Williams, Gregg Bradshaw, Melodi Koenig.

Virtual: Deputy Mayor Hogan, Councilmember Don Tracy.

Staff present: Mayor Joshua Penner, City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, City Planner Emily Adams, Engineer JC Hungerford, Court Administrator Kim Kainoa.

1A. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments.

2. PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Penner laid out the rules and procedural steps for the hearing.

A. AB22-20 - Minimal Impacts to the City's Parks from the Whitehawk Boulevard Project (4(f) De minimis).

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:04pm.

Engineer JC Hungerford presented a power point presentation on the definition of section 4(f) de minimis and the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. He stated the City of Orting is in the public outreach process, and discussed impacts the project will have on parks. Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the environmental aspects of the project and gave a summary on the amount of land that will be impacted by the project.

Ms. Heather Stafford, President of the Whitehawk Homeowners Association and a resident of the Whitehawk neighborhood commented that she had questions on how the Whitehawk Boulevard Project will impact the kids walking to school and asked if there will be a pathway for kids to use as her kids walk to school every day. She also asked how the project will it affect the lahar drill and asked if there will be a safer way for the kids to evacuate now that there will be more traffic in the area.

Councilmember Williams asked what will happen with controlled crosswalks for crossings for kids getting to school. Engineer JC Hungerford stated that pedestrian crosswalks will be provided at intersections. He stated there will not be any signalized intersections, and that if the City does desire the flashing crosswalks, it can be explored and put into design.

Councilmember Bradshaw stated one of the concerns raised at by the Council last year was about controlled crossing signals used for crossing the street could create a traffic impact when being used, as it will stop traffic for everyone using the trail or crossing the street. He stated that a bridge was mentioned to use for crossings and that he believed and that he believed that Washington State Department of Transportation did not take the idea seriously. Engineer JC Hungerford stated that the design team is looking into these issues to minimize the shutdown of traffic flow.

Councilmember Koenig stated she is opposed to the bypass in its entirety. She stated that Whitehawk homeowners have stated their concerns with added traffic diverting down their neighborhood, increased traffic on other city streets while the construction of the Whitehawk Boulevard bypass is being completed, and the citizens of Whitehawk are also extremely concerned that the value of their homes will be decreased because they are no longer going to be located along a greenbelt but next to a major roadway. She stated she is concerned about the added costs for water mitigation and reengineering and asked how long until the wetlands will encroach on private property and asked what recourse homeowners have for property loss due to these unanticipated consequences.

Mayor Penner asked about the particulars of the letter that would be written supporting the project and asked that the letter will commit the City to. He stated that in order to support the project in any way, we would have to improve the conveyance of students in a lahar. He stated we would have to be able to improve our lahar evacuation. Engineer JC Hungerford stated the letter commits the City of Orting to the impact of the park, and that is it stating that there will not be any adverse impacts to the parks due to the Whitehawk Boulevard Project. He stated the de minimis is needed to move forward with the NEPA process.

Councilmember Moore stated that Whitehawk Boulevard was always intended to be a connector, and asked what has changed in the twenty years since the project started and the present time. Engineer JC Hungerford stated that major changes are a slight shift in the alignment, that the City had gone through corridor studies to look at connection points at the southern terminus, Washington State Department of Transportation has changed their stance on intersection controls from a signal to a roundabout and the City Council last year decided a roundabout was the preferred intersection control on the southside. He asked what happens when wetlands do migrate towards homes, if the added costs are indeed necessary, and Engineer JC Hungerford stated that old drain tiles in the area had not been maintained, and that wetland biologists delineate wetlands and that the wetland report was submitted to the City and to the Army Corps of Engineers and they all agreed with the report.

Deputy Mayor Hogan stated that he agrees with Councilmember Moore, and that the intent of the area was to always be a bypass.

Councilmember Koenig stated that there were previously ponds, herons, and beautiful backwoods areas in the Whitehawk neighborhood, and that a lot of the natural resources were destroyed with the completion of the levy and citizens are concerned with the addition of a road.

Mayor Penner closed the public hearing at 7:32pm.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter from the park/site manager supporting the project and stating the (4f) use is beneficial in nature and the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under 4(f). Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Council discussion followed.

Motion passed (6-1). Yay – Gunther, Moore, Tracy, Williams, Hogan, Bradshaw. Nay – Koenig.

B. AB22-24 – Supportive and Transitional Housing (E2SHB 1220).

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:36pm.

City Planner Emily Adams briefed that Staff is requesting Council approve a 6-month extension on the interim regulations for supportive and transitional housing, as allowed per the adopted ordinance, as permanent regulations are currently under review with the planning commission and will not be adopted before the interim regulations expire. This will extend the current adopted regulations for 6 months.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked if emergency housing was defined by the state in the state house bill. City Planner Emily Adams stated that the permanent regulations would more clearly define a timeline for temporary housing.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:41pm.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adopt ordinance no. 2022-1093, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to interim zoning controls pertaining to permanent supportive housing and transitional housing for a period of six months in response to E2SHB 1220; providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.

Motion passed (7-0).

3. PRESENTATION–CITY OF ORTING COURT AND RECOVERY CAFÉ ORTING VALLEY.

Court Administrator Kim Kainoa briefed that the Court has been mostly operating on a virtual basis since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and that it has put a strain on those that are scheduled to attend court. She stated that the Recovery Café has been working with the City of Orting Court, and that this is an invaluable partnership. Recovery Café Director Rena Thompson briefed that Recovery Café is working to bridge the gap by working with the Orting Court to build a stronger community of care through collaboration, resources, support, and education. She stated Recovery Café and the City of Orting Court is working with individuals that demonstrate that they are working to better themselves and to offer them support and services to keep them out of jail. She also briefed on the services that are offered at the café: recovery circles, community service opportunities, education classes, meals and coffee, individual recovery coaching, resources, referrals, and they are also now serving the youth of Orting.

Recovery Café Program Director Tony Kagochi briefed on the Recovery Navigator Program and that the program is designed to offer services instead of jail time. He stated that they offer case management, housing support, court support, connecting to resources, substance use disorders and mental health support, purchasing basic needs, community support and education, on-going check ins, and transportation.

Councilmember Bradshaw thanked the Recovery Café and stated their services are a benefit to the community.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.
- B. Meeting Minutes of February 23rd, 2022 and March 9th, 2022.
- C. **AB22-23** – Park Impact Fees.
- D. **AB22-22** – 2020 Lift Station Improvements Construction Management Supplement 1.
- E. **AB22-21** – SMAP Phase 2 Supplement 1.
- F. **AB22-25** – ARPA Fund Allocation.
- G. Separation Agreement.

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

Motion passed (7-0).

5. AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. **AB22-26** – Appointment of Dan Swanson to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Penner briefed that Dan Swanson has been residing in the City of Orting for four and a half years, highlighted his previous experience and spoke on his volunteerism in the City of Orting. He stated that he has the utmost confidence in the ability of Dan Swanson to serve on the planning commission.

Dan Swanson stated that he is a lifetime resident of Washington state, and that he wants to give back to the community. He stated he would like to mentor people, and that he is excited for the opportunity to serve.

Councilmember Koenig made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Dan Swanson to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Motion passed (7-0).

- B. **AB22-17** – Council Rules – Remote Attendance DRAFT Language.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the council rules of procedure, and that the language in the document has been changed to allow for remote participation and attendance for meetings.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve the changes to the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for remote attendance at City Council meetings. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.

Motion passed (7-0).

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

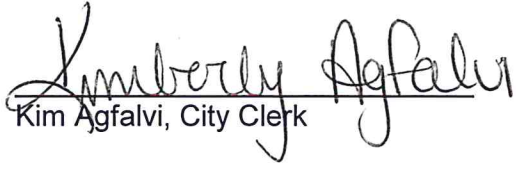
7. ADJOURNMENT.

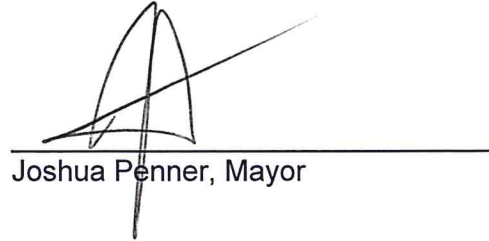
Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Gunther.

Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

ATTEST:


Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk


Joshua Penner, Mayor