

## **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  
June 29th, 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 Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Virtual:** Deputy Mayor Hogan.

**Staff present:** Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Administrative Assistant Danielle Charchenko, City Administrator Scott Larson, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Engineer JC Hungerford.

### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

No requests were made.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. Chris Olsen stated that he is involved with Radio Controlled (RC) car clubs and that he is trying to get more community involvement in RC racing. He stated has been holding a monthly race series with battery operated trucks and that there is a place at the park that they have been utilizing, and he is asking for a dedicated RC space where kids can get involved in the RC community. He asked if the City would be willing to let the RC community utilize park space on a more consistent basis. Councilmember Williams asked if this would be a one-time event, or if it would be a series of events and Mr. Olsen stated that he would like to create a series of events that the community can get involved in. Councilmember Gunther asked if Mr. Olsen has any cities that he thinks are doing it right, and Mr. Olsen stated that Marysville had granted a small piece of land to the RC community, and he had not found any local areas that have a dedicated RC space. Councilmember Bradshaw asked about where they have been holding their monthly activities, and he stated that they have been utilizing the dirt jumps outside the skate park area in Orting. Mr. Olsen stated he would like to dig out the grass in a 100x50ft area to create an area that would be a dedicated RC track. Councilmember Bradshaw asked about maintenance for the dedicated track, and Mr. Olsen stated that he would be willing to take care of the track, and dig out the tracks and jumps as needed. Councilmember Moore stated that he had received a phone call from Mr. Olsen, asking for help facilitating a place where the RC community can come together, and where kids can participate in the activities. He stated that he had seen the events that Mr. Olsen had participated in, and they had been large events where people were coming into the community, which would benefit the City as a whole. Mayor Penner asked how long ago the City of Marysville granted the parcel to the RC community, and stated that staff will reach out to him once they have reached out to Marysville for more information, and to let him know what the next steps are for the project.

### 3. PUBLIC HEARING

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

#### A. AB22-58 – Emergency Ordinance 2022-1096 -Amending OMC 9-5A-9 Regarding Stormwater Regulations.

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:10pm.

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the proposal to amend OMC 9-5A-9 to adopt the 2019 Ecology Stormwater Manual for Western Washington. He stated this change is required for the City of Orting to remain in compliance with the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit which was adopted on August 1, 2019 and remains in effect until July 31, 2024.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:11pm.

***Motion: Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to adopt ordinance no. 2022-1096, and ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington relating to stormwater maintenance and management; amending Orting Municipal Code sections 9-5A-9; providing for severability; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.***

***Motion passed (7-0).***

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.
- B. AB22-56 - Sole Source Designation.
- C. AB22-46 - Chief Hiring Process.
- D. AB22-45 - Reader Board.
- E. AB22-47 - Low Income Home Water Assistance Program.
- F. AB22-49 - Seek Grant Additional Funds.
- G. AB22-38 - Tunnels to Towers Sponsorship.
- H. AB22-53 - Surplus of Equipment.
- I. AB22-51 - Vehicle Surplus.
- J. AB22-52 - Vehicle Purchase.

Councilmember Gunther stated he had a question about the AB22-45 – Reader Board, and asked that it be pulled from the consent agenda. Mayor Penner stated that it will be moved to item 5D.

***Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve consent agenda absent item D, AB22-45 – Reader Board. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.***

***Motion passed (7-0).***

### 5. NEW BUSINESS.

#### A. AB22-14 – Manufactured Home Code Amendments.

City Administrator Scott Larson asked that the item be deferred to the next meeting pending comments from the Department of Commerce. There were no comments from the Council, so the item was deferred to the next meeting.

## **B. AB22-57 – Shorten Study Session Meetings.**

Councilmember Bradshaw briefed that a year ago, Council decided to bring forth a review of what had happened at committee meetings for briefing during the study session, for transparency. He stated he was proposing to take that requirement out of study sessions to shorten the length of the meetings. He briefed that the committee meetings are open meetings, and that the public is invited to attend the committee meetings.

Councilmember Gunther stated that he over the years a number of things have come forward to try to shrink the time of the meetings but he would like to keep the committee briefings on the meeting agenda as is so those that are not able to attend are able to hear what is going on in the committees. Councilmember Williams stated that he can understand both shortening and keeping the briefings of committee reports, but that he is for removing the requirement from the study session agenda. Councilmember Tracy stated there seems to be a lot of duplication of information and that he is for removing the requirement of committee briefings. Councilmember Moore stated that he does see the benefit of hearing the information from committee meetings, as Councilmembers are not involved directly with all committees. He stated that the idea of it was to be able to hear the information multiple times and that he feels that there is some benefit to that. He also stated that he does see the redundancy of the information being addressed during Council committee briefings as it is discussed at other times in other meetings. He would like to keep the committee briefings in for transparency. Councilmember Koenig stated that she does think that most of the items being covered in the committee reports are covered in staff reports, and there is lot of redundancy happening in the committee reports. Deputy Mayor Hogan stated that the Council can educate citizens on the process of committee meetings and asked if staff would be able to stream committee meetings.

***Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion amend the City of Orting Council Rules of Procedure, removing item 4.1(7), commission reports and committee reports on titles of agenda bills moving to study session. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.***

Council discussion followed.

***Motion passed (6-1).  
Nay - Councilmember Gunther.***

## **C. AB22-60 – Main Parks Master Plan RFQ.**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the Main Parks Master plan. He stated that the Parks Advisory Board and staff recommended moving forward with the process with MacLeod Reckord, and what the process moving forward would like for the main parks master plan.

Connie Reckord and Dave Saxen from MacLeod Reckord made a brief presentation on their proposal for the Main Parks Master Plan for the City of Orting. Ms. Reckord briefed on the history of MacLeod Reckord and some of the projects that the firm had worked on in the past. She stated that MacLeod specializes in parks, trails, and urban design and briefed on the process for phases one through three for the proposed City of Orting Main Parks Master Plan.

Dave Saxen briefed on the vision of proposed City of Orting Main Parks Master Plan and what they have identified as current design issues with continuity, hierarchy, coherence, and issues with the foothills trail and ways that there could be value added to the main park. Ms. Reckord briefed on the next steps including finalizing the scope of work, the schedule, and a public engagement plan.

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***Next Regular Meeting: July 13th, 2022 7:00pm***

Mayor Penner stated that he does not think that anyone would disagree that the park is an essential and critical part of the City of Orting. He stated that since the park has been here, it has a long history of being built by people who care about the community. He stated the park is the center of recreation and events, with tie ins to commerce and businesses that could benefit with a twenty to thirty-year vision of improving the park.

Councilmember Williams stated that he is on board for master park planning, but he does want to see Calistoga Park included in the main park master plan and that he would like to see more Council input being brought into the plan. City Administrator Scott Larson stated that Calistoga Park is separate from the main parks in this scope of work, and there are some challenges that the City has no control over with Calistoga Park. He stated once the County gets some clarity for their projects that will begin in the Calistoga Park area, the City would be looking at that park for improvements in the near future. He stated that the current proposed park plan is for only the main park areas, and adding additional scope for the 2023 budget for Calistoga park would be a possibility.

Council discussion followed.

***Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with MacLeod Reckord for Main Parks Master Planning services in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hogan.***

Council discussion followed.

***Motion was defeated (2-5).  
Councilmembers Bradshaw, Hogan – Yay.  
Councilmembers Williams, Koenig, Gunther, Moore, Tracy – Nay.***

Mayor Penner suggested that Council for an ad hoc committee of Councilmembers to help define the scope of the project.

Councilmembers Moore volunteered to lead the ad hoc committee and Deputy Mayor Hogan volunteered to participate on it.

Councilmember Gunther stated that he would like to send the item to the next CGA committee meeting in July.

***Councilmember Gunther made a motion to send the item to the CGA Committee meeting in July. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.***

***Motion passed (7-0).***

#### **D. AB22-45 - Reader Board.**

Councilmember Gunther stated that he would like clarification on the whether the LED screens proposed would be crosshatched. City Administrator Larson asked for clarification on the term crosshatching. He did state that the screen would look pixelated up closely, but as you get a distance away, you would be able to see them clearly. He stated they are special screens designed to be seen from highways and roadways and that the type of information that would be seen on it would be block letters as prescribed by the City code.

Council discussion followed.

***Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Valley Sign for purchase and installation of a new digital reader board at the north entrance to Orting in the amount of \$51,870.92. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hogan.***

***Motion passed (6-1).  
Councilmember Gunther -Nay.***

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

No executive session.

**7. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

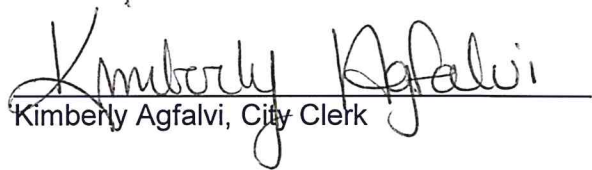
***Motion passed (7-0).***

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk