

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
Study Session Meeting Minutes
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
July 20th, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Chair

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Councilmember Koenig led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

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

Staff present: Mayor Joshua Penner, City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, City Planner Carmen Smith, Public Works Director Greg Reed, Engineer JC Hungerford, Acting Police Chief Devon Gabreluk, Capital Projects Manager John Bielka.

2. STAFF REPORTS.

City Clerk

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed on the following:

- Updated on completion of Professional Development Session II for clerk school.
- Updated on Youth Outdoor Adventure Program, Summer day camp, and upcoming activities.

Finance

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on the following:

- Briefed on filling in with the Youth Outdoor Adventure program.
- Briefed that Dave Trageser from DA Davidson will be giving a presentation at the next Council meeting bonds.

Police

Acting police Chief Devon Gabreluk briefed on the following:

- 4th of July update. There were some minor calls, and a call for mutual aid from a neighboring jurisdiction that requested drone service.
- Staffing update – Joe Palombi had been hired to fill the position of Community Services Officer. He has been meeting with the Orting senior center and has an increased presence at the Haven Teen Center. Some events he has held have been coffee and donuts with a cop and working with the Recovery Café to provide services for those that need access to services. The department has hired Garret Bond as a lateral from Pierce County. Open positions that still need to be filled is Police Chief and one officer position.
- National night out will be held on August 2nd. Officers will be visiting neighborhoods and handing out popsicles.
- The Police Department will be participating in the Touch a Truck event on July 29th, 2022.
- Cadet Jady Gibbs will graduate from the Police Academy on September 9th.

Planner

City Administrator introduced the Council to Carmen Smith, new contract City Planner from AHBL. Planner Carmen Smith briefed on the following:

- Update on Comprehensive Plan Amendments that were received for this year. She stated one is a text amendment for the Capital Facilities Chapter to incorporate new language from the newly adopted Parks, Trails, and Open Space plan and the second one is a rezone submitted by the Orting School District to rezone a couple of parcels from Mixed Use Town Center North (MUTCN) to public facilities.

Engineering

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the following:

- Farmers market outreach for waste water treatment plan update and the project is at 90% design.

Public Works

Public Works Director Greg Reed briefed on the following:

- Update on 18 in actuator valve that failed and ordered new 16 in valve.
- Basin 3 check valve failed and a new one has been installed.
- New signs have gone up for WRRF.
- Walk through on pump stations and it is coming to completion. Only minor items need to be completed.
- Intern has been hired and is working out well.
- Installing irrigation system at City Hall as well as drinking fountain, bike rack, and benches.
- Removal of 23 trees and rented large chipper.
- Need to fill stormwater position. Maintenance workers have been hired.
- Update on maintenance of ponds and bioswells.
- Update on repairs of service leaks.
- Thanked Council for vactor rental as it has helped immensely.
- Invited Councilmembers to tour facilities.

City Administrator

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- Working on Police Chief hiring and put together flyer and announcement. Position will be posted in August.
- Update on hiring of new project manager John Bielka and introduced him to the Council.
- Chronic nuisance property has been sold and a developer will be bringing forward a preliminary plat in the future. City received full judgement of about \$97,000.00.
- Updated on acting Chief Gabreluk and congratulated him for his work implementing training for his team in key components of policing.
- Invited Council to the Touch a Truck event on July 29th.

Mayor

Mayor Joshua Penner briefed on the following:

- Briefed that he was excited to see folks enjoying the parks and that events and activities are back.
- Update on Pierce County Regional Council Meeting and stated they will be discussing HB1220 being talked about in all councils across the state.
- Pierce County Emergency Management will be coming out to future council meeting.
- Reminder that budget season is coming up and is the most important thing we do each year.

3. AGENDA ITEMS.

A. AB22-42 – Supportive and Transitional Housing Amendments.

Planner Wayne Carlson from AHBL briefed on the history of HB1220 and explained the provisions of the bill. Planner Carmen Smith briefed on footnote 33, which changed the number of persons allowed in each bedroom in this type of housing to two per bedroom. She stated this was the only change from the last presentation to Council. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on August 10th, 2022 for public hearing.

B. AB22-68 – Orting Model.

Councilmember Gunther briefed that the CGA committee in partnership with Councilmember Moore is recommending that all Councilmembers voluntarily consider ways they can meet and educate themselves on the homeless. Several suggestions brought to the Council by Councilmember Gunther were to visit the Soldiers Home, the Orting Veterans Village, to download the Washington State Commerce article on homeless myths, and to talk to Community Services Officer Joe Palombi for information on his dealings with the homeless community. Councilmember Tracy stated that he would like to have Councilmember Gunther organize meetings or events for the group to volunteer at. Councilmember Moore stated that he had volunteered to take a ride with Councilmember Gunther and that they visited places where the homeless persons are known to gather, and they had not found evidence of any activity in those areas. He stated that he believes the City is not in crisis, we are attempting to fix a problem that we do not have, but that he that he does think the City would be better off to be proactive rather than reactive. Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner asked Councilmember Gunther what the ask of staff is for this to move forward. Councilmember Gunther stated there is nothing for staff to do, and that these are voluntary talking points. Mayor Penner volunteered to help Councilmember Gunther come up with a proclamation or resolution for the item.

Action: Work with Mayor Penner to make a proclamation.

C. AB22-69 – Street Condition Assessment and Maintenance Plan.

City Administrator Scott Larson stated he invited Lisa Reid, Engineer from SJC Alliance to make a presentation on a proposal to review streets and to help staff put together a financial plan to present to Council in the future. He stated that this item was one of the goals that Council established this year to review our streets and to address maintenance in the future. He stated the scope of work that is presented in the packet is both the street assessment and an ADA transition plan, but that the ADA transition plan would be budgeted in 2023. Ms. Reid stated the street condition and assessment scope of work is to go out and do an assessment of the streets. She stated that her hope is to use LiDAR or photogrammetric images of the roadways, and then will put together a philosophy plan of how they will approach the streets. She stated the intent would be avoid the worst first. She stated the goal would be to invest in preservation of the road ways through slurry seals, chip seals, and overlays, to avoid reconstructing the roadways. Ms. Reid briefed that the contract will be for 8 months which includes public outreach. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 as a consent agenda item with updated scope and budget.

D. AB22-62 – Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan Amendment – Park Planning.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that there are two items connected together, the Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan amendment and the Main Parks Master Plan. He briefed on the history of the Main Park Master Plan, and Council desire to address master park planning for a number of parks in the City. He recommended that Council come up with a plan for addressing master parks planning for

all parks in a phased approach over a number of years. He recommended moving the Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan Amendment back to the CGA committee to review and come up with a timeline for addressing mater parks planning for other City parks. Council discussion followed.

Action: Send Parks Trails and Open space plan to CGA Committee to come up with phasing plan for master planning for parks.

E. AB22-60 – Main Park Master Plan.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the Main Parks Master Plan and briefed that after review, staff and the Parks Advisory Board recommended MacLeod Reckord as the preferred firm for Parks Master Planning for the main City park. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 as a standalone item.

F. AB22-63 – National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Phase II Communities.

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed that the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a federal permit program that regulates the discharge of stormwater and wastewaters to waters of the state. He stated the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit was re-issued on August 1, 2019 and will be in effect until July 31, 2024. The City of Orting is required to update its stormwater regulations in response to the terms of the permit, and the proposed ordinance would adopt amendments to Orting Municipal Code 9-5A and 9-5B to remain in compliance.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 for public hearing.

G. AB22-66 – Water Consumption Goals.

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed that the City is required to update the customer goals for water consumption. As a result of meetings with the Public Works committee and engineering, the recommendation of is to decrease water use by one (1) gallon per capita per year over the next six (6) years.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 as a consent agenda item.

H. AB22-67 - Mid-Year Streets Projects Updates.

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed the Council on the status of the following projects: Whitehawk Boulevard Extension, Kansas Street SW design, and the Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge System – SR 162 crossing.

Action: Informational only.

I. AB22-54 – Port of Tacoma Bridge Grant Interlocal Agreement.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that the City of Orting has been awarded \$25,000.00 from the Port of Tacoma for a grant of funds for the Bridge. To accept the award, we have to agree to an interlocal agreement with the Port of Tacoma.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 as a consent agenda item.

J. AB22-65 – School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the interlocal agreement for the City of Orting and the Orting School District for a School Resource Officer for Orting schools. He stated one small change added was to include participation in the school's threat assessment process and an increase of the fee to \$107,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 as a consent agenda item.

K. AB22-64 – Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Bids.

Public Works director Greg Reed briefed on bids received for sidewalk removal and replacement bids. He stated the scope of work would be removal of sidewalk sections with installed concrete and replaced with concrete to current standards.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 as a consent agenda item.

L. AB22-61 – Summerfest Sponsorship.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the application received from Abundant Life Church for Orting Summerfest. He stated the event will be smaller than prior years, and that he would like the item to be a standalone item at the next meeting, as there will need to be an executive session on the sponsorship before Council action.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on July 27th, 2022 as a standalone item.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No executive session.

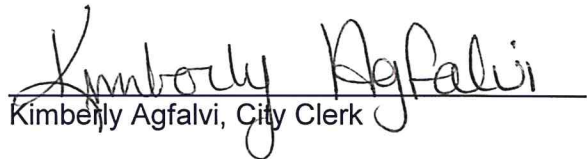
5. ADJOURNMENT.

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk