

CITY OF ORTING
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 7, 2022, 2:30 p.m.

Councilmember Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Elected Officials: Present, Councilmembers Bradshaw and Councilmember Williams

City Employees: Present, City Administrator Scott Larson, Public Works Director Greg Reed, Building Official Tim Lincoln, and Public Works Administrative Assistant Laura Hinds, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Alison Williams PW Records Clerk, and John Bielka Capital Pro Manager.

Professional Representatives: Consultant Engineer JC Hungerford

Guests or Public Comment: Wendi Bowman & Brad Malone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CM Bradshaw motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022 for approval. CM Williams second the motion and it carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT & PRESENTATIONS:

Residents from Varner Ave SE, Mill St SE, Hardefeldt St SE, Factory St SE and Olive St SE have come together to request a traffic calming device for the intersection at Varner Ave SE & Olive St SE. A petition was filled out and appears to have met the requirements of the policy for traffic calming. An analysis will be the next step to see if a STOP sign meets the threshold for installation. A public meeting for 6pm on September 28th will be scheduled prior to the already scheduled Council meeting at 7pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Engineering – Update by JC Hungerford

- 1.1 Whitehawk Blvd Extension** – Consultant Engineer Hungerford updated the committee with submitting the revised biological assessment to WSDOT, reflecting the ‘tire dust’ impact study.
- 1.2 Kansas St SW Reconstruction** – Consultant Engineer Hungerford working on design with Public Works Director Reed and employees on design alternatives. Now confirming with WSDOT and PSRC grant funding to see if alternatives meet the grant requirements. John B and Scott L will be going door to door with flyers Sept. 16th to inform residents of the proposed project and that there will be a survey conducted on the 19th & 20th. Information is posted on City website as well.
- 1.3 Village Green Outfall** – Parametrix has reached out to an appraiser to get a proposal on the property. Information on that should be available soon.

- 1.4 **Kansas Outfall/Calistoga St W Stormwater Improvements** – Notice of Award granted by Council to Sound Pacific Construction. JC requested from contractor an accelerated schedule to see if project can be completed this year. September 15th is a date that if project cannot start by, then due to inclement weather changes, project may get pushed off to 2023, as a result of pipe delivery delays.
- 1.5 **2020 Lift Station Improvements** – Rainier Meadows Lift Station and Puyallup River lift station are complete.
- 1.6 **WRRF Upgrades –Parametrix delivered 90% to City on Aug 29th.** Greg and John are in the process of reviewing the plans. Also, John and JC are working on load applications for additional funding for the project. There's a public outreach process in the future about Class A Bio solids.
- 1.7 **Water System Chlorine Generator** – On site chlorine generators using salt and water is an option for redundancy in the event chlorine cannot get delivered. Parametrix completed an analysis to determine best solution for where and how much would be feasible for the City. They found the capital cost outweighs the benefit. The decision is to have one generator at Well #4 for redundancy.

2. **Administration – Scott Larson**

- 2.1 **Jones Levee Update** – No updates from Pierce County. Pending map review, design appears to take up to 90% of Calistoga Park parking lot.
- 2.2 **Traffic Calming Request** – See Public comments and Presentations above.
- 2.3 **Vegetation Management** – Some property owners whose property backs up to Rainier Lane SE are not meeting the requirements of vegetation management. Code Enforcement will address these properties.

3. **Public Works – Greg Reed**

- 3.1 **Sidewalk Bids - Update** – The apparent low bidder is Four Season Concrete Construction LLC will start the project in October.
- 3.2 **Fencing Bids** – One bid was received and contractor will start work in late October / early november. The City Hall portion of the bid was too high and the City will revisit this another time.
- 3.3 **Ballfields @ Gratzner Sports Complex** – Public Works MWs are working to get the fields prepped and over-seeding for soccer season.
- 3.4 **Maintenance Workers** – Fully Staffed now.
- 3.5 **WRRF Effluent Results** – Greg acknowledged WRRF Supervisor Steve Daskam for how great of a job he's doing at the plant and the plant recently received an award for no-violations for last 12 months from DOE. Steve is also actively researching information from other plants for best approach and what would be in the City's best interest.

- 3.6 **Ad for Eng. Tech** – Job Description in review – Advertising for this position soon.
- 3.7 **NPDES Storm Worker** – Interviews and practices were conducted but none of the candidates scored well. Greg would like to re-advertise within the week.
- 3.8 **Crack Sealing** – Looking to rent a machine that’s more efficient and safer for future street maintenance.
- 3.9 **Tow-behind Knuckle Boom** – Will be sending for request for bid for this equipment next week.

4. **Finance – Gretchen Russo**

4.1 No comment-

5. **Councilmember Comments**

5.1 Sidewalks – Carbon River Landing – Some residents felt they were misinformed on whether or not they could keep the trees in their planting strips. Scott reached out to these residents and learned that the letters came from their respective HOAs and would need to reach out to them for more clarification. City codes requires homeowners/HOAs to maintain the strips for 3 years after which time the HOA needs to update their own by-laws, regardless the city has no say after this point.

Round Table:

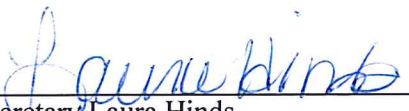
Per CM Bradshaw – Add sidewalk & lighting advisory vote discussion.

Meeting Summary: (for Study Session July 20th)

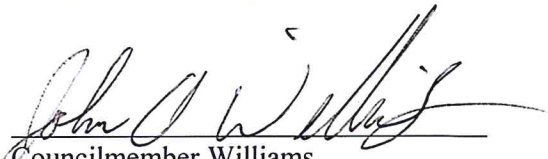
Public Comments & Presentations – Public meeting at 6:00 pm, September 28th for Traffic Calming Request & discussion.

Adjourn: CM Bradshaw motion to adjourn at 3:32 pm

Attest:


Secretary Laura Hinds


Councilmember Bradshaw


Councilmember Williams