

## **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  
November 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 Bradshaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Virtual:** Councilmember Melodi Koenig.

**Staff present:** City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Administrative Assistant Danielle Charchenko, Capital Projects Manager John Bielka, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Engineer JC Hungerford.

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

*Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to add the discussion of the Study Session meeting held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as item 6C on the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.*

*Motion passed (7-0).*

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

Chris McCalib owner of Treatment Equipment Company commented on concerns to his company's involvement with the City of Orting Biosolids project. Mr. McCalib stated his company is an equipment manufacturer that had worked on thousands of capital projects throughout the Pacific North West since 1969 and gave a brief history on Treatment Equipment Company. He stated Treatment Equipment Company had completed capital projects including fifteen dryer projects in Burlington, Snoqualmie, La Center, Seaside, Toppenish, Friday Harbor, Myrtle Creek, North Bend, Oak Harbor, Lakota, Sumner, Selah, Tulalip and Yelm and during this time he has had experience working with major consultants in the Northwest. Mr. McCalib briefed on his involvement with the City of Orting biosolid project and presented concerns he had regarding the project.

Alexis Ramos representing Bonney Lake Sumner Little League stated she wrote to Orting City Council requesting assistance to partner with Bonney Lake Sumner Little League since Orting students are part of their charter. She stated she lives in Orting and has two daughters who don't have any softball programs available for them in town. Ms. Ramos stated her goal is to bring baseball and softball to Orting in an organization that will allow Orting students to grow developmentally, athletically, and personally. She stated the organization is more than baseball and softball, this organization also has mentoring, volunteering, and gives back to their communities.

Ms. Ramos stated she would like to provide an opportunity for Orting students to grow from t-ball through high school baseball and softball. She stated her organization would like to start dividing their teams by school district so that those groups can stay together and that she would like to partner with Orting's Parks and Recreation department to utilize the fields in Orting to hold practices and games and that her organization is willing to help with the upkeep of the fields. She briefed that this partnership will bring revenue to the City and promote Orting students, parents, and teachers to become involved in the community. Ms. Ramos stated Orting students in the Bonney Lake Sumner Little League currently don't have available fields to practice on and need to travel to Sumner or Bonney Lake which can create an inconvenience for the parents.

### **3. SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHEIF.**

Judge Curry administered the oath of office to police chief Devon Gabreluk.

### **4. PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mayor Penner laid out the rules for the public hearings.

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:23pm.

#### **A. AB22-85 – 2023 Budget.**

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed the 2023 budget stating the budget being presented is the same as the budget presented on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with one minor change. Finance Director Gretchen Russo stated the 2023 Revenue Budget is estimated to be \$21.3 million and the expense budget is estimated to be \$39.8 million for all the funds. She stated the City also has a number of projects that are contingent on grant funding and if grants are not secured, the corresponding expenses will not occur. Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed the General Fund revenue is estimated to be \$4.024 million dollars and the estimated expense budget is \$4.024 million dollars, leaving the City with a balanced general fund budget. Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed the changes to the 2023 budget stating the previous 2023 budget listed \$15,400 for community grants, while this budget lists \$13,249 which is a reduction of \$2,151. She stated this reduction was done to be able to present Council a balanced budget while finding a different method for funding a total of \$37,128.21 for community grants. Finance Director Gretchen Russo stated she would like the Council to first focus on the approval of the 2023 budget and then shift the grant discussion to immediately follow once a specific expenditure total for grants is decided on. Finance Director Gretchen Russo stated the City can fund up to \$37,000 for community grants using council discretionary funds and/or current fund balance, as the City has received more sales tax revenue in 2022 than was anticipated. Finance Director Gretchen Russo stated she recommends the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-1099.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner closed the public hearing at 7:58pm.

***Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-1099, An ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington relating to the annual budget for fiscal year 2023; adopting the City of Orting 2023 budget and the job classification and pay range for employees; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hogan.***

Council discussion followed.



***Councilmember Williams made a motion for an amendment to the original motion and asked that job classifications and the wage schedule be removed from the budget as presented and be discussed and approved at a later date. Seconded by Councilmember Gunther.***

Mayor Penner called for a roll call vote on the motion to amend the original motion by removing job classifications and the wage schedule from the budget as presented.

***The amendment was defeated (3-4).  
Bradshaw, Hogan, Koenig, Tracy – Nay.  
Gunther, Moore, Williams – Yay.***

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner called for a roll call vote on the original motion, a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-1099, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington relating to the annual budget for fiscal year 2023; adopting the City of Orting 2023 budget and the job classification and pay range for employees; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

***The motion was approved (6-1).  
Bradshaw, Hogan, Koenig, Gunther, Moore, Tracy – Yay.  
Williams – Nay.***

Council discussion followed.

***Councilmember Moore made a motion to fully fund all presented grants including the Sumner Bonney Lake Little League grant request. No second was received. The motion failed.***

Council discussion followed.

***Councilmember Gunther made a motion to approve the grant requests listed in the budget with the advice of staff to fund the grants with 2022 and 2023 funds to maintain a balanced budget. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.***

Council discussion followed.

***Deputy Mayor Hogan made an amendment to the motion to remove the Orting Eagles grant request from the original motion. Seconded by Councilmember Tracy.***

***The amendment was approved (5-2).  
Bradshaw, Hogan, Gunther, Tracy, Williams – Yay.  
Koenig, Moore – Nay***

Mayor Penner called for a roll call vote on the original motion, a motion to approve the grant requests listed in the budget with the advice of staff to fund the grants with 2022 and 2023 funds to maintain a balanced budget.

***The amended motion was approved (7-0).***

***Councilmember Moore made a motion to accept the late grant request submitted by Bonney Lake Sumner Little League. Seconded by Councilmember Williams.***

Council discussion followed.

***The motion was defeated (1-6).***

***Moore – Aye***

***Bradshaw, Hogan, Koenig, Gunther, Tracy and Williams – Nay.***

Council discussion followed.

## **B. AB22-92 – 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2023-2028.**

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 8:45pm.

Capital Projects Manager John Bielka briefed the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2023-2028. He stated the City annually adopts a 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which is a comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing six calendar years. Capital Projects Manager John Bielka stated the Growth Management Act requires the City of Orting's Comprehensive Plan to include a transportation element that is consistent with the City's 6-year TIP. He stated currently there are three transportation projects the City expects to make progress on over the coming six years and that include the Whitehawk Boulevard Extension and related intersection controls, Kansas Street Reconstruction, Highway 162 Pedestrian Bridge, Street Preservation and Maintenance Projects and Non-Motorized Projects to include the ADA Compliance Program.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner closed the public hearing at 8:48pm.

***Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-29; a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, adopting the 2023-2028 6-year Transportation Improvement Program. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.***

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

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA.**

### **A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.**

***Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve consent agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.***

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

## **6. OLD BUSINESS.**

### **A. AB22-93 – Police Guild Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the Police Guild Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and stated the City and the Police Guild have a collective bargaining agreement that has a provision which provides for a contract opener in the event the June to June CPI-U for Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue exceeds 5.9% in 2022.



He briefed the CPI-U estimates the increase in prices that consumers are experiencing, and the index was 10.1% for the same period. City Administrator Scott Larson stated the City and Guild met and negotiated wages along with other mandatory subjects of bargaining and the final agreement provides an 8% increase over 2022 wages which represents a 4.5% increase over the original contract's 3.5% wage increase. He stated this increase over the originally negotiated amount represents a 2023 budget impact of approximately \$47 thousand. City Administrator Scott Larson stated the 2023 budget also provides for an increase in the headcount from the 2022 budget which impacts overall wage costs.

Council discussion followed.

***Councilmember Bradshaw made motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 27 providing an 8% increase in 2023 wages over 2022 and settling all other mandatory subjects of bargaining. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.***

Council discussion followed.

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

#### **B. AB22-91 - Termination of COVID-19 Proclamation of Emergency.**

***Councilmember Bradshaw made motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-28, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, terminating Proclamation of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seconded by Councilmember Williams.***

Council discussion followed.

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

#### **C. Discussion of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Study Session Meeting.**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that business will be complete for the year on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and that staff will bring forward a resolution to cancel the December study session on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and the regular business meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Councilmember Bradshaw requested the meeting recess to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss with legal counsel legal risks of a proposed action when public discussion of legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for five minutes with no action to follow.

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting to executive session to begin at 9:20pm.

9:20pm recessed to executive session for five minutes.

9:25pm executive session extended for 27minutes.

9:52pm executive session ended.

### **8. ADJOURNMENT.**

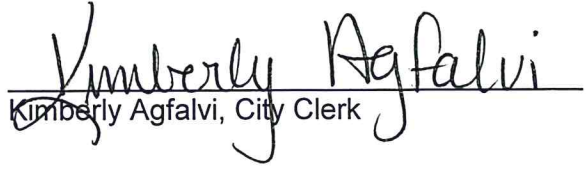
Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 9:52pm.

ATTEST:



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Joshua Penner, Mayor



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Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk