

## **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  
January 11th, 2023  
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 7:01pm. Councilmember Gunther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Councilmembers present:** Councilmembers Tod Gunther, Chris Moore, Don Tracy, Gregg Bradshaw, Melodi Koenig and Deputy Mayor Hogan.

**Absent:** Councilmember Williams.

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

*Deputy Mayor made a motion to excuse Councilmember Williams. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.*

*Motion passed (6-0).*

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

Councilmember Gunther made a motion that the re-appointment of Judge Curry be moved to item 4A. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.

*Motion passed (6-0).*

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

Matthew Marquez spoke and expressed his opposition to a potential Pierce County Airport.

Mr. Brad Malone approached the dais with paperwork to hand to the Mayor. Mr. Malone set the paperwork on the dais and Mayor Penner determined the meeting to be out of order. Mayor Penner recessed the meeting until order could be regained.

Mayor Penner reconvened the meeting once order was restored.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.
- B. Meeting Minutes of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

*Motion passed (6-0).*

*Americans with Disabilities Act – reasonable accommodations provided upon request (360) 893-2219  
Next Regular Meeting: January 25th, 2023 7:00pm*

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS.**

##### **A. AB22-03 – Reappointment of Judge John Curry.**

*Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023.1101, confirming the Mayoral appointment of John F. Curry to the position of Orting Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term to commence on January 1, 2023 and setting the annual compensation amounts. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.*

*Motion passed (6-0).*

Mayor Penner swore in Judge John Curry as the Orting Municipal Court Judge.

##### **B. AB23-01 – Council Committee Assignments.**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the selection process of Council Committees. He stated tonight is the first step and that Council will select a committee to discuss and recommend members to serve respectively on the Public Works, Public Safety, and Community and Government Affairs Committee.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmembers Bradshaw and Moore both volunteered to be on the committee to select members for committees and made a brief statement to Council as to why they would like to serve on the committee.

A roll call vote was called to determine whether Councilmember Moore or Bradshaw would serve on the committee.

*Councilmember Moore – 2 votes  
Councilmember Bradshaw – 4 votes*

Councilmember Bradshaw will work with the Deputy Mayor and Mayor Penner to recommend Council Committee selections.

##### **C. AB23-02 – Selection of Deputy Mayor**

Mayor Penner briefed on the position of Deputy Mayor and outlined the process for voting on a Deputy Mayor for the 2023 year. He briefed that he will not be making a tie maker vote this evening and that selection process would be moved to another day when seven councilmembers were present.

Council discussion followed.

Deputy Mayor Hogan called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Councilmember Gunther – self nomination.

Councilmember Moore – self nomination.

Councilmember Tracy – Deputy Mayor Hogan.

Councilmember Bradshaw – self nomination.

Deputy Mayor Hogan – no nomination.

Councilmember Koenig – no nomination.

Council discussion followed and nomination statements for those seeking the position of Deputy Mayor followed.

Mayor Penner called for a roll call vote of the Council on the nominations.

Bradshaw – Bradshaw

Gunther – Gunther

Hogan – Bradshaw

Koenig – Gunther

Moore – Moore

Tracy – Hogan

2 votes – Bradshaw

2 votes – Gunther

1 vote – Moore

1 vote – Hogan

Councilmembers Moore and Hogan were removed for consideration.

Mayor Penner called for roll call vote of the remaining Deputy Mayor candidates – Councilmembers Bradshaw and Gunther.

Tracy – Bradshaw

Moore – Bradshaw

Koenig – Gunther

Hogan – Bradshaw

Gunther – Gunther

Bradshaw – Bradshaw

4 votes – Bradshaw

2 votes – Gunther

Councilmember Bradshaw was appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2023 year.

Mayor Penner briefed that since Councilmember Bradshaw was elected Deputy Mayor for the 2023 year, the committee for the appointing Councilmembers to Council Committees would now need another member since it is comprised of the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor, and a Councilmember. Councilmember Moore was selected to serve on the committee.

#### **D. AB23-08 – Planning Commission Appointments.**

Mayor Penner asked that the item of planning commission appointments be pulled from the agenda and stated that he will re-present the appointments at the next Council meeting.

Council discussion followed.

#### **Selection of Deputy Mayor Clarification**

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi asked Attorney Charlotte Archer a qualifying question about the selection of Deputy Mayor. Attorney Archer stated that there does need to be a motion made to confirm the selection of Deputy Mayor for the 2023 year.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve Councilmember Bradshaw as the Deputy Mayor for 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.

Motion passed (6-0).

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

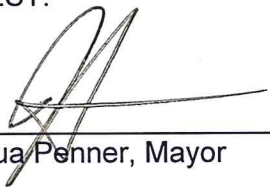
City Attorney Charlotte Archer briefed that the meeting would be recessed to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.(1)(i) to discuss pending or threatened litigation when public discussion of the item could have adverse legal or financial consequence for the agency to begin at 7:50pm for thirty minutes with no action to follow.


7:50pm executive session began.  
8:20pm executive session extended for 61 minutes.  
Executive session ended at 9:21pm.

**5. ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Joshua Penner, Mayor

  
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Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk