

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

Special Meeting Minutes
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
March 20th, 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 7:00pm. Councilmember Koenig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Chris Moore, John Williams, Melodi Koenig and Deputy Mayor Bradshaw.

Virtual: Councilmember Gunther, Tracy and Deputy Mayor Bradshaw.

Staff present: Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, City Administrator Scott Larson, City Attorney Charlotte Archer.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

No requests were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Jeff Sproul, a resident of Orting and a PCO for 02111, commented and stated it is his belief constituents need to follow a balanced budget and stated that City of Orting residents are dealing with an increase in inflation. He asked Council to make budget adjustments as residents of the City are required to make adjustments to their budgets each day. He asked that Council look at budget decreases and not increase taxes for the citizens of Orting.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

A. AB23-30 – Resolution No. 2023-04; Imposing 0.1% sales and use tax for housing and related services per HB 1590.

Mayor Penner briefed on HB 1590 and stated that in 2020, the Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1590, which amended State law (RCW 82.14.530) to allow a sales and use tax increase of up to 0.1 percent imposed at either the city or county level. He briefed that there are policy and timing implications relating to either the City of Orting or Pierce County collecting and spending potential funds. Pierce County Council is expected to vote this week to enact the sales tax increase; this action would impose the tax throughout the county, including Orting, and the collection and expenditure of funds would be governed by Pierce County. He stated that if the City took action to impose the tax prior to Pierce County imposing the full tax, the City would collect and invest the full measure of the tax within the City of Orting and would retain control of the funds.

City Administrator Larson stated the City can use the proposed tax funds for affordable housing, mental health facilities, evaluation and treatment facilities, and other like items. He stated the City would give the Department of Revenue notice tonight or tomorrow morning if the increase in tax passes.

City Attorney Charlotte Archer briefed that the Department of Revenue will typically take at least a financial quarter for the tax revenue to begin to collected and that if Pierce County chooses to not take action and assess the proposed tax, the City of Orting can repeal the tax, at any time.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Hogan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, imposing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for housing and related services as authorized in RCW 82.14.530, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. Seconded by Koenig.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to amend the resolution to add a sunset clause that the resolution will be void in the event that Pierce County does not enact an ordinance establishing a sales tax within 10 days of today. Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner called for a vote on the amended motion, a motion to amend the resolution to add a sunset clause that the resolution will be void in the event that Pierce County does not enact an ordinance establishing a sales tax within 10 days of today.

Motion was defeated (2-5).

Aye - Moore, Williams. Nay – Gunther, Tracy, Bradshaw, Hogan, and Koenig.

Mayor Penner called for a roll call vote on the original motion, a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, imposing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for housing and related services as authorized in RCW 82.14.530, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.

Motion passed (6-1).

Aye – Gunther, Moore, Tracy, Bradshaw, Hogan, and Koenig. Nay – Williams.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

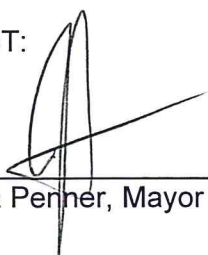
5. ADJOURNMENT.

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

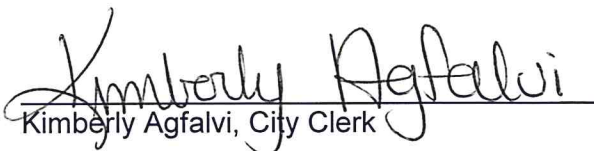
Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk