

City of Orting
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
December 5th, 2022

Chair Kelly Cochran called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Co-Chair Craig led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call found Commissioners, Jeff Craig, Erika Bartholomew, Jennifer McKinney, and Dan Swanson in attendance. A quorum was present.

Commissioners Karen Wilson and Chris Rule were absent from the meeting. Co-Chair Craig made a motion to excuse Commissioner Wilson and Rule from the meeting. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTENDANCE:

City	Planning Commission Secretary Danielle Charchenko and City Administrator Scott Larson.
Professional Representatives	City Planner Carmen Smith.
Guests (including Virtual Log-in)	Orting School District Superintendent Ed Hatzenbeler.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Agenda Approval	Co-Chair Craig moved to adopt the agenda as written. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried.
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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes for November 7 th , 2022	Co-Chair Craig moved to approve the November 7 th , 2022 minutes with the correct spelling of City Administrator on page two. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried.
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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sign Code Amendments	<p>City Planner Carmen Smith briefed on the progression of Sign Code Amendments. She stated the main change to the sign code is the separation of regulations for canopy, wall, under canopy, projected, and freestanding signs. City Planner Carmen Smith stated these changes also include provisions for determining frontage of a building and updated definitions to reflect consistency with the City of Orting Municipal Code. Chair Cochran requested to remove the additional "to the" in the wording of Projecting Sign definition. She also noted there are two "J" sections and the second "J" should be changed to "K". Co-Chair Craig noted the draft ordinance states City Council will hold a public hearing in February 2022 and needs to be changed to February 2023.</p> <p>Chair Cochran laid out the rules for the public hearings.</p> <p>Chair Cochran opened the public hearing at 7:09pm.</p> <p>Chair Cochran closed the public hearing at 7:10pm.</p>
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Co-chair Craig made a motion to recommend adoption of the revised sign code ordinance to the City Council with the identified corrections made. Commissioner Bartholomew seconded the motion and it carried.

Comprehensive Plan
Amendments

City Planner Carmen Smith briefed that there are two comprehensive plan amendments for this year. She stated the first amendment request is a text amendment to the capital facilities chapter of the comprehensive plan to ensure consistency with the Parks, Trails, and Open Space (PTOS) Plan. City Planner Carmen Smith stated the text amendment also includes adopting the PTOS plan by reference as the City of Orting's parks and recreation chapter of the comprehensive plan. She stated during a separate commerce review the City was made aware that the City of Orting's current comprehensive plan does not have a parks and recreation chapter, which is an element required by the growth management act. City Planner Carmen Smith stated the second amendment request was made by the property owner of the Orting School District to have 510 Washington Ave N and 710 Washington Ave N rezoned from Multi Use-Town Center North to Public Facilities. She briefed that the reason for this request is to accommodate the increase in student enrollment as well as other Orting School District needs. Co-Chair Craig noted the draft ordinance states City Council will hold a study session meeting in January 2022 and hold a public hearing in February 2022 and needs to be changed to January 2023 and February 2023.

Orting School District Superintendent Ed Hatzenbeler elaborated on the reasoning for this request. He briefed on the current schools in the district and stated that there are four schools, one K-3 primary school, one K-5 elementary school, one middle school, and one high school. He noted that all schools are located in City limits. He briefed the schools in aggregate were built for a permanent capacity of 2,090 students and for the month of December the enrollment is over 2,700 students and increasing. Orting School District Superintendent Ed Hatzenbeler stated with the new neighborhood developments to the north and south of Orting the student enrollment is expected to double by 2030. He stated the Orting School District has been working with the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee to address the capacity restraints. He stated the committee and staff decided to firstly address the needs with existing facilities. Orting School District Superintendent Ed Hatzenbeler stated the main challenge was being out of space for growth and after purchasing 510 & 710 Washington Ave N properties the Orting School District was able to re-vision their future. Orting School District Superintendent Ed Hatzenbeler briefed the first phase will include building a new K-5 elementary school to replace the K-3 primary school, allowing the high school more room to expand. He stated the committee and staff would like to keep Orting School District a one high school district for as long as possible.

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Chair Cochran closed the public hearing at 7:20pm.

Co-chair Craig made a motion to recommend approval of the comprehensive plan amendments and rezone request to the City Council with the identified corrections made. Commissioner Swanson seconded the motion and it carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dumpster Code Violations

Signage Code Violations

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that when the City hires a Code Enforcement Officer dumpster and sign code violations will be addressed. He stated that City has received applications and anticipated hiring a Code Enforcement Officer in January 2023.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Planned Absences

None.

Report on Council Meetings

City Administrator Scott Larson gave a brief report and stated the 2023 budget has been passed, Police Chief Devon Gabreluk was sworn in, and the City has ended their state of emergency due to the COVID pandemic. City Administrator Scott Larson briefed the Commission on the three Main Parks Master Plan options that Macleod-Reckord has put together which incorporates feedback the City had received from public outreach. He briefed option A leaves the trail as is with no street scape improvements and turning Train Street into a plaza space with optional vehicle access park additions. He briefed option B shifts the trail alignment from being adjacent with Van Scoyoc Ave to Washington Ave, eliminates the gravel parking lot and shifts to angled parking on Van Scoyoc Ave, and also would turn Train Street into a plaza. He briefed option C is more comprehensive shifting the trail alignment toward Van Scoyoc Ave with parking on both sides of Van Scoyoc and would also turn Train Street in into a plaza. City Administrator Scott Larson stated Mayor Penner has requested input on the possible addition of one way streets around the park with Washington Ave northbound and Corrin Ave southbound. City Administrator Scott Larson stated the City will have a website available soon for the community to provide comments on park proposals. He stated the Parks Advisory Board will help provide feedback with the goal to be done in Spring 2023.

Agenda Setting

The Planning Commission requested to leave dumpsters and sign code violations under Old Business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjournment

Co-Chair Craig moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:



Kelly Cochran, Commission Chair



Danielle Charchenko, Planning Commission Secretary