

## **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**  
Study Session Meeting Minutes  
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA  
Zoom – Virtual  
September 20th, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

## **Deputy Mayor Gregg Bradshaw, Chair**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL.**

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Moore led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

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

**Staff present:** City Administrator Scott Larson, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Capital Projects Manager John Bielka, Public Works Director Marshall Maurer, Police Chief Devon Gabreluk, Court Administrator Kim Kainoa, and Municipal Court Judge John Curry.

### **2. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

#### **A. Public Works.**

Councilmember Moore briefed on the following topics:

- State transportation Improvement Plan.
- Village Green outfall.
- Kansas Street outfall.
- Update on wells.
- Risk assessment completed by TSI.
- Water Resource Recovery Facility update.
- Water system plan.

#### **B. Public Safety.**

- Monthly crime statistics.
- Pierce County Peer Support Team.
- 2024 legislative priorities.
- Hiring incentives.

#### **C. Community and Government Affairs.**

- All items discussed are on the study session agenda.

### **3. STAFF REPORTS.**

#### **Orting Municipal Court.**

Municipal Court Judge John Curry briefed on the following:

- Types of cases the City of Orting handles.

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- Revenue that is collected and how it is dispersed.
- Collection laws on unpaid fines or restitutions.
- Current laws and how the courts are affected.
- Current Blake law.
- Costs of running the Orting Municipal Court.

### **Capital Projects.**

Capital Project Manager John Bielka briefed on the following:

- WCIA Sidewalk grant.
- Kansas Street outfall update.
- Gratzer Park multiuse field update.
- New grant applications that have been submitted.
- Status update of previous grants that have been applied for.
- Future grant opportunities.
- Project updates for chlorine generators, sewer relining, water system plan scope and budget, Whitehawk Blvd. intersection design, and Title VI has been filed with WSDOT.

### **Public Works.**

Public Works Director Marshall Maurer briefed on the following:

- Excavator has been delivered and will be put into use immediately.
- Community Water Systems support contract extension update.
- Wastewater II Operator offer of employment has been extended to potential new employee.
- Meter replacement project to begin October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **City Clerk**

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed on the following:

- Fall conference update.

### **Activities & Events**

Executive Assistant Danielle Charchenko briefed on the following:

- Enrollment statistics for activities and classes offered this fall.
- Fall sports registration update.

### **Police**

Police Chief Devon Gabreluk briefed on the following:

- Fatality collision update.
- Traffic emphasis for school zones on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Hiring update.

### **Administrative**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- Notification that county received grant for Jones Levee.
- Budget retreat Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 begins at 9:00am.
- Audit has been completed for 2020 and 2021. Exit conference notifications have gone out.

#### **4. AGENDA ITEMS.**

##### **A. AB23-81 – Water Resource Recovery Facility Scope and Budget.**

Councilmember Williams briefed on the scope and budgets provided by Wilson Engineering and Parametrix for the design and construction of the Water Resource Recovery Facility. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a standalone agenda item.

##### **B. AB23-94 – Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Bids.**

Councilmember Williams briefed on the sidewalk bids received and stated that low bid winner was awarded to Asphalt Patch Systems. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

##### **C. AB23-96 – SCADA Scope and Budget.**

Councilmember Williams briefed on the proposed scope and budget from TSI for SCADA upgrades. He stated two bids were received, one from TSI and one from Parametrix and the Public Works Committee is recommending TSI to migrate existing software to a new server. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

##### **D. AB23-95 – Complete Streets Ordinance.**

Capital Projects Manager John Bielka briefed that a common requirement for grant funding is that a city have an adopted complete street ordinance as they receive credit on funding applications for having the same. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a standalone agenda item.

##### **E. AB23-97 – 2023 Budget Amendment.**

Councilmember Williams briefed on a proposed budget amendment for vector cost rentals for led pipe testing. The amendment also includes a staff position for the term limited GIS position to be extended to the end of 2023 and a recommendation to add a Deputy Works Director. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

##### **F. AB23-85 – Closing for Lunch.**

Councilmember Hogan stated that staff is recommending that the building close for lunch. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

##### **G. AB23-86 – Compensation Policy.**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that the compensation policy will state how wages are put together for non-rep employees. Staff will research wages for comparable cities and staff will put together an average of those wages into the Mayor's draft budget. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a standalone agenda item.

##### **H. AB23-87 – Fee Schedule.**

Councilmember Hogan briefed that staff is recommending fee schedule updates for 2024 and briefed on specific items that have been updated. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

**I. AB23-75 – Orting Pumpkin Festival Sponsorship.**

Councilmember Hogan briefed on the application received from the Orting Pumpkin Festival Sponsorship and stated the event organizers came to the CGA Committee in September to brief the committee.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

**J. AB23-90 – Suspending August Meetings.**

Councilmember Koenig proposed that council suspend their August meetings and committee meetings to allow for Council and staff to take vacations and to help prepare for budget season. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move back to CGA committee in October with an ordinance to suspend August meetings.

**K. AB23-92 – Legislative Priorities.**

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that the City pulls together legislative priorities that are reviewed by Council Committees and are adopted and priorities for the year. He stated the 2024 legislative priorities being discussed include allowing for additional felonies to be considered for vehicle pursuits, addressing property crime and vehicle theft, providing additional resources for CJTC academies, requesting funding from our legislators to assist with the design and relocation of two water utility facilities impacted by WSDOT fish passage projects on HWY 162, and WSDOT transportation policy conflict between the states requirement that the city grows and the need for support from WSDOT to accommodate that growth, and the significant increase in costs to participate in the WCIA risk pool. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Informational only.

**L. AB23-98 – Pierce Conservation District.**

Capital Projects Manager John Bielka stated that the City would like enter into an interlocal agreement with Pierce Conservation District to for invasive species and noxious weed removal.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

**M. AB23-99 – Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Funding.**

Capital Projects Manager John Bielka stated that the presented resolution would allow the City to apply for RCO grant funding for various projects. Council discussion followed.

**Action:** Move forward to regular business meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

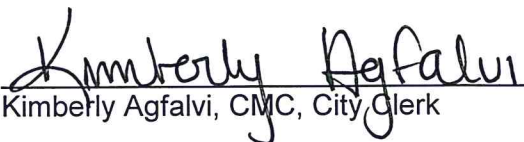
**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Joshua Penner, Mayor

  
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Kimberly Agfalvi, CMC, City Clerk