

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
November 15th, 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 Williams led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Tod Gunther, Don Tracy, John Williams, Greg Hogan, and Melodi Koenig and deputy Mayor Bradshaw.

Absent: Councilmember Moore.

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Executive Assistant Danielle Charchenko, and Capital Projects Manager John Bielka.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Public Works - CM Williams & CM Moore.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- TBD Funding.
- Side sewer policy.

B. Public Safety - CM Gunther & CM Tracy.

- No updates.

C. Community and Government Affairs - CM Hogan & CM Koenig.

- Safe Parking – Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

3. STAFF REPORTS.

Capital Projects.

Capital Projects Manager John Bielka briefed on the following:

- Wastewater treatment plant update.
- FEMA grant for sanctuary hill.
- Kansas Street reconstruction grant.
- Chlorine generators.
- SCADA upgrades.
- Kansas Street scope and update on project.
- Sewer relining.
- Pedestrian Bridge.

City Clerk/Activities and Events.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed on the following:

- Next Request public records software.
- Home for the Holidays Tree Lighting event.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat.
- Cookies and Cocoa with Mrs. Claus
- Update on Fall activities.

Finance.

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on the following:

- Quarterly reports for third quarter of 2023.
- Springbrook software upgrade.

Police.

Police Chief Devon Gabreluk briefed on the following:

- Officer Brandon Mitchels graduation from Police Academy.
- Background software system to create an online portal for applicants and staff to utilize for hiring process.
- Hiring update.

Public Works.

Public Works Director Marshall Maurer briefed on the following:

- New meter installation.
- Water leak repairs.
- Hiring update.
- Cemetery irrigation update.
- Meeting with Pierce Conservation for removal of invasive species.
- Garland and holiday decorations.

Administration.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- DV advocate hiring update.
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Team meeting for Village Green Outfall grant.
- Meeting with Pierce County Mayors, City Managers and City Administrators on public safety priorities.
- Update on settlement on property located at 111 Calistoga St.

4. AGENDA ITEMS.

A. AB23-112 – Safe Parking – Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Anthony Kagochi, Director of Recovery Café of Orting Valley presented on a transitional/emergency parking initiative that he stated is a direct response to the abundant need for safe space to seek refuge and briefed on:

- Proposed that will be voted on by Pierce County for unincorporated areas to adopt permanent regulations authorizing safe parking sites for people experiencing homelessness.
- Presented examples of what safe parking looks like, briefed on qualifying individuals that will be able to utilize the services.
- Proposed Transition/Emergency parking rules and regulations.
- The vision for safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.
- Safety and security.

- Addressing business and community concerns.
- Statistics for the unhomed in Pierce County.
- Site plan for the proposed safe parking site.
- Committed funding.

Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on December 13th for public comment.

B. AB23-115 – Property Taxes.

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on proposed property taxes for 2024. She stated the current draft budget is based upon raising the City's property tax by \$21,386.13, which is an increase of 1.5% over the prior years and is partly due to new construction. She briefed that the City does need to pass a property tax resolution on or before November 30th, 2023.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on November 29th, 2023 as for a public hearing and vote.

C. AB23-102 – Old City Hall Appraisal.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that the Recovery Café of Orting Valley is interested in purchasing the old City Hall building located at 110 Train St S. Orting, WA 98360 and stated that the City would need to obtain an appraisal of the building and wanted an indication of Council interest on selling before committing staff time to the item.

Council discussion followed.

Action: Obtain an appraisal of the building and move item to CGA committee for consideration.

D. AB23-111 – Outside Committee Reports.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that the Mayor adding outside committee reports like the Flood Control Zone District, Growth Management Coordinating Committee, or Sound Transit meetings to the agenda to be briefed by members of the Council that participate in the committees.

Action: Update the Council rules of procedure to add a line to the study session agendas for a standing agenda item and report back on items that may related to City.

E. AB23-114 – Fish Passage Scope and Budget.

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the SR 162 Temporary waterline project (fish passage). He stated the project includes modification to Pioneer Avenue to address existing fish barriers and stated the project includes constructing a three-sided culvert lifting the grade of the existing roadway. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on November 29th, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

F. AB23-113 - 2024 Budget Discussion.

City Administrator Scott Larson stated this item is a continuation of budget discussion from last meeting. Councilmember Williams briefed on a budget amendment to freeze wages of non-represented employees for 2024 and would like Council to re-evaluate wages in 2025.

Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on November 29th, 2023 and standalone item.


5. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No Executive Session.

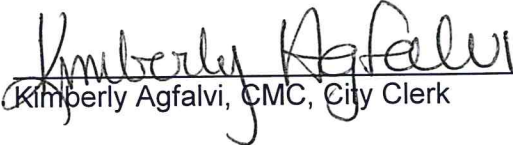
6. ADJOURNMENT.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kimberly Agfalvi, CMC, City Clerk