

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 Agenda
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
December 13th 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 Bradshaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Capital Projects Manager John Bielka, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, and Police Chief Devon Gabreluk.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

No requests were made.

Mayor Penner presented outgoing councilmembers Gregg Bradshaw and John Williams with street signs and recognized them for serving four years on the Orting City Council.

2. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

A. AB23-117 – Commission Appointments.

Mayor Penner briefed on his recommended appointments for the Planning Commission and the Civil Service commission.

Councilmember Hogan made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kelly Cochran, Jeff Craig, Chris Rule, and Erika Bartholomew to the Planning Commission and the Mayor's appointment of Charles Brass and Jason Arbogast to the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Gunther.

Motion passed (7-0).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ed Jezek commented about concerns of conflict of interest with local business, Inquisio AI.

Anthony Fusco commented about concerns with crosswalks and how to make them safer for school children using them.

James Breslin spoke on police staffing concerns.

4. PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Penner laid out the rules for the public hearing.

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:28pm.

A. AB23-121 – Safe Parking – Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed the proposal the City received regarding the safe parking sites proposed at Recovery Café of Orting Valley. Anthony Kagochi, Director of Services of Recovery Café of Orting Valley presented a power point presentation on the safe parking.

Tara Fanson spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

James Breslin spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Chris Quaife spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Hailee Saxton spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Jane Cooper spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Sabrina Rasmussen spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Lindsay Falz spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Aleesia Morales spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Pastor Samara Jenkins spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Brett Hancock spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Pierce County Councilmember Dave Morrell spoke about his experiences with safe parking as a partner that helped institute safe parking in unincorporated Pierce County.

Mike Peacock spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Mercedes Jones spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Jauna Guterrez spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Jenn Naswood spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Leah Moore spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Tony Ramsey spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Jeanne Pestinger – need to re-listen.

Connor Illian - spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Randi Brown spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Trina Kagochi spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Teri Graves spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Alyssa Christel spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Dr. Russ Peters spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Jaymee Blackbourn spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Robert Moore spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

David Goff spoke on concerns with safe parking and the safety of the community. He stated he was neither for or against the safe parking proposal.

Ashley Bruce spoke on concerns with safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Marissa Escobar spoke in support of safe parking at Recovery Café of Orting Valley.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner closed the public hearing at 9:34pm.

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting for a break for 8 minutes and the meeting reconvened at 9:42pm.

B. AB23-116 - 2024 Budget.

Mayor Penner laid out the rules for the public hearing.

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 9:52pm.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Koenig made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-1119, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington relating to the annual budget for fiscal year 2024; adopting the City of Orting 2024 budget; adopting the job classification and pay ranges for employees; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Seconded by Councilmember Hogan.

Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner closed the public hearing at 10:03pm.

5. CONSENT AGENDA.

A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.

B. Meeting Minutes of November 15th and November 29th, 2023

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

Motion passed (7-0).

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Next Regular Meeting: December 27th, 2023

6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. AB23-118 – 2023 Budget Amendment.

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on a 2023 budget amendment that included grant funding, vehicle replacements, city hall building repairs, facility deposits, development review expenses, cemetery funds, and Gratzner Park improvements.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Koenig made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1120, an Ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, amending Ordinance No. 2022-1099 and Ordinance No. 2023-1116, adopting the City of Orting 2023 Budget; providing for appropriation and expenditure of funds received in excess of estimated revenues; adopting various transfers; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Seconded by Councilmember Hogan.

Council discussion followed.

Motion passed (7-0).

B. AB23-91 – Murrey’s Franchise Agreement.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the proposed franchise agreement with Murrey’s disposal and briefed on proposed changes in rate increases and a proposed carbon fee. Steven Hopkins from Murrey’s Disposal spoke on the proposed carbon fee. Council discussion followed. This is an informational item only and no council was taken.

C. AB23-120 – Deputy Mayor Appointment.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw briefed on the need for a new Deputy Mayor appointment to complete the current term until a new Deputy Mayor is elected in 2024.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Councilmember Gunther – self nomination.

Councilmember Moore – none.

Councilmember Tracy – none.

Councilmember Williams – Councilmember Moore.

Councilmember Bradshaw – none.

Deputy Mayor Hogan – Councilmember Tracy.

Councilmember Koenig – Councilmember Hogan.

Councilmember Tracy and Hogan declined the nomination.

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

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

Koenig - Gunther

Gunther - Gunther

Moore - Moore

Tracy - Gunther

Williams – Moore

Hogan - Gunther
Bradshaw - Gunther

5 votes – Gunther
2 votes – Moore

Councilmember Gunther was appointment Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the 2023 year.

D. AB23-119 – Cancelling December Meetings.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw made a motion to cancel the study session scheduled on December 20, 2023 and regular business Council meeting scheduled on December 27, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Motion passed (7-0).

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No executive session.


8. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 10:41pm.

ATTEST:


Joshua Penner (Feb 1, 2024 16:47 PST)

Joshua Penner, Mayor


Kim Agfalvi (Feb 1, 2024 19:42 PST)

Kim Agfalvi, CMC, City Clerk










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