

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. Chris Moore
3. Don Tracy
4. Jeffery Sproul
5. Stanley Holland
6. Greg Hogan
7. Melodi Koenig



ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Meeting Minutes
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
May 15th, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Tod Gunther, Chair

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

Deputy Mayor Gunther called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Councilmember Sproul led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Don Tracy, Jeff Sproul, Greg Hogan (entered the meeting at 6:07pm), Melodi Koenig, and Deputy Mayor Tod Gunther.

Virtual: Councilmember Stanley Holland entered the meeting at 6:07pm and exited the meeting at 6:08pm.

Absent: Councilmember Chris Moore.

Executive: Mayor Penner.

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson, Public Works Director Marshall Maurer, Police Chief Devon Gabreluk, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Public Works Superintendent Ryan McBee, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Executive Assistant Danielle Charchenko.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Public Works - CM Moore & CM Koenig.

- TBD funding alternatives.

B. Public Safety- CM Tracy & CM Holland.

- Citizens that attended and voices concerns on speed on Eldredge Ave NW.
- Flock System Cameras.
- Police Cooperative Cities Interlocal Agreement.

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

- Sale of old City Hall building.
- Murrey's Franchise Agreement.

D. Safe Parking – Deputy Mayor Gunther.

- Deputy Mayor Gunther added safe parking to the committee update portion of the meeting. He addressed safe parking emails received and addressed concerns over alleged conflicts of interest for the issue with concerns to his employment. Council discussion followed.

3. STAFF REPORTS.

Police.

Police Chief Devon Gabreluk briefed on the following:

- Conditional offer of employment for Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Conditional offer of employment for a lateral police candidate.

- Hiring process for a new detective.
- New hire update for those in the background process.
- Arrive Alive event held at Orting High School.

Public Works.

Public Works Director Marshall Maurer briefed on the following:

- Torch downs – new cross walks are being painted in high traffic areas.
- Water system night flushing.
- New water meter installation.
- Invasive species mitigation.
- Water Resource Recovery Facility design update and construction update.
- Resignation of Public Works director Marshall Maurer.

Clerk.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed on the following:

- Educational opportunities – Finance Bootcamp, Small Works Roster training, and Washington Association of Public Records Officers Association Spring Conference.
- Spring activity update for Parks and Recreation.
- 4th of July in the Park event update.

Administration.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- Pedestrian Bridge contract.
- Grant funds – update on funds received from the state.
- Community Development Director hiring update.

Finance.

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on the following:

- 2023 year-end financials are almost complete.
- Beginning to work on 2025 budget.

Executive.

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) representative and alternate – move forward to next Council meeting with Mayor Penner as representative and Councilmember Hogan as alternate.
- Puget Sound Regional Council Vision 2050 award for Pedestrian Bridge.
- Association of Washington Cities (AWC) conference.

4. AGENDA ITEMS.

A. AB24-50 – Compensation Study – Administration.

Mayor Penner briefed Council on the compensation study that was completed by Cabot Dow Associates. Alexandra Sheeks from Cabot Dow Associates briefed and stated that non-represented staff wages were compared with comparable cities to include raw salary data and the cost of living represented salary figure in the study. Council discussion followed.

Action: City Administrator Larson will work on a compensation policy to be brought forward to a future CGA committee meeting and will bring 2024 recommended wage ranges to CGA committee for consideration.

B. AB24-49 – Building Code Updates – Public Works Committee.

Councilmember Koenig briefed the Council on the proposed building code and energy code updates. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

C. AB24-51 – Side Sewer Policy – Public Works Committee.

Councilmember Koenig briefed on the proposed side sewer policy and City Administrator Larson further elaborated that the policy would clarify the existing side sewer verbiage in City code and stated that the policy would improve and identify a standard delineation of responsibility, reduce future conflicts and confusion, and align with regional municipal best practices. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

D. AB24-37 – Police Cooperative Cities Interlocal Agreement – Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember Tracy briefed that the public safety committee would like to move the item forward to consent agenda. Police Chief Devon Gabreluk briefed that the proposed contract allows the City to share resources and investigation services for major law enforcement operations that may affect more than one law enforcement agency or necessitate joint cooperation or additional investigative resources. He briefed the proposed agreement is a renewal of an existing contract and adds the City of Steilacoom to the interlocal agreement. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

E. AB24-38 - FLOCK Camera Purchase – Public Safety Committee.

Police Chief Devon Gabreluk briefed on the FLOCK Safety Camera functions and how it will assist police officers in their day to day jobs. He stated it is a license plate recognition software and will alert officers if there are vehicles in the area that are of interest. He briefed that there is a public facing portal for citizens to use and that the software does not have facial recognition capabilities. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

F. AB24-42 – Council Goals Update – CGA Committee, Public Works Committee, and Public Safety Committee.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that goals were discussed at May committee meetings and that goals would continue to be refined by the respective committees at their June meetings. He briefed that he will send out an economic development goals committee meeting invite to Councilmembers Koenig, Hogan and Sproul. City Administrator Larson also briefed on the Integrated City Nexus Software Dashboard and Council decided to move this goal to 2025. Council discussion followed.

Action: Informational item only.

G. AB24-39 - Red Hat Days Sponsorship- CGA Committee.

Councilmember Hogan briefed that the application for sponsorship was received timely, that the representatives from the Red Hat Days Committee attended the meeting and recommended the item move to the May 29th, 2024 meeting as a consent agenda item. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

H. AB24-40 - Orting Rock Festival Sponsorship - CGA Committee.

Councilmember Hogan briefed that the application for sponsorship was received timely, that the representatives from the Orting Rock Festival attended the meeting and recommended the item move to the May 29th, 2024 meeting as a consent agenda item. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

I. AB24-41 - Summerfest Sponsorship - CGA Committee.

Councilmember Hogan briefed that the application for sponsorship was received timely, that the representatives from Orting Summerfest attended the meeting and recommended the item move to the May 29th, 2024 meeting as a consent agenda item. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

J. AB24-43 - Written Public Comments - CGA Committee.

Councilmember Hogan briefed on proposed amendments to the Council Rules of Procedure to clarify procedure on written public comments. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on May 29th, 2024 as a consent agenda item.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No executive session.

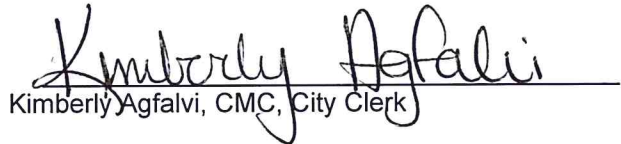
6. ADJOURNMENT.

Deputy Mayor Gunther adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kimberly Agfalvi, CMC, City Clerk