

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. John Kelly
3. Tony Belot
4. John Williams
5. Gregg Bradshaw
6. Greg Hogan
7. Scott Drennen



ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting, Orting, WA
August 12th, 2020
7 p.m.

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

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

**The City utilized remote attendance for Councilmembers and City employees. Please note: OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space was suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting was however, available for the public, by a call in number.*

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and Councilmember Bradshaw led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, John Williams, Scott Drennen, Tony Belot and Gregg Bradshaw.

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer/Assistant City Administrator, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Chris Gard, Chief of Police, Emily Adams, City Planner.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to Add AB20-64, Cares Funds allocation discussion, under Old business 5B. Second by Councilmember Williams. Motion passed (7 -0)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. HEARING

A. AB20-63- An Ordinance of The City of Orting, Washington, Relating to Lot Coverage Requirements; Amending Orting Municipal Code Sections 9-5a-4, 13-5-1, And 13-2.

Mayor Penner opened the hearing on lot coverage code amendments, at 7:05pm read the rules for the Public hearing, and then asked Emily Adams to give her staff report.

2020 LID code amendments included an update of the coverage definition in OMC 13-2 relating to hard surface and impervious surface definitions which created issues for citizens regarding the maximum coverage allowed in zones. Previously only structures were counted towards maximum coverage, now all structures, impervious, and hard surfaces are counted towards a lot's maximum coverage. The proposed regulation amendments are consistent with the comprehensive plan by ensuring citizens are not unduly limited in how they wish to develop their land. A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on July 6, 2020. Two written comments were received prior to the hearing and read into the record, both were in support of the amendments. At the hearing, seven citizens spoke in support of increasing the coverage maximums. Ms. Adams recommended approval of the ordinance and amendments as presented. Mayor Penner asked for any public comments.

Public Comments
Cheryl White

Ms. White lives in Majestic View Estates, and is in favor of the proposed amendments. She stated that currently the code does not allow her to add a deck or beautify her yard. She stressed that the passage of these amendments is very important to her personally and many residents in the City.

Mayor Penner asked for council comments or questions. Council discussion followed with most of the Councilmembers indicating that they felt the current code was unnecessarily restrictive. The proposed amendments bring the City back to where it was plus gives a little extra to accommodate eaves.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:20pm and asked if there would be a motion entertained.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve ordinance No. 2020-1063 An Ordinance of The City of Orting, Washington, Relating to Lot Coverage Requirements; Amending Orting Municipal Code Sections 9-5a-4,13-5-1, And 13-2; Providing Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date. Second by Councilmember Belot.

Discussion followed and Councilmember Kelly stated that he wished to have more time to analyze the amendments at a study session. He took issue with the maximum hard surface development standards that were listed in Section 3- OMC 13.5.1 Table 1. He felt the percentages should be increased by an additional 10% for the RC, RU, and RMF zones. This would change RC zone to 50%, RU zone to 65%, and RMF zone to 75%. Both Engineer Hungerford and Attorney Archer were asked if this would create any conflicts and neither felt it would be an issue.

Councilmember Kelly made an amendment to the motion to increase the proposed maximum hard surface coverage in the RC, RU, and RMF zones by an additional 10% in each residential zone. Second by Councilmember Bradshaw. Amended Motion passed by Roll call vote (6-1). Nay vote- Councilmember Williams. Motion as amended passed by a roll call vote (6-1). Nay vote- Councilmember Williams.

4. CONSENT AGENDA- (Any Consent items pulled for discussion?)

- A. Study Session Meeting Minutes of July 15th, 2020.
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 29th, 2020.
- C. Payroll and Claims Warrants.

Councilmember Kelly made a Motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (7-0).

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. AB20-61- Gambling Tax Penalty Relief And Due Date Extension.

Assistant City Administrator/Treasurer Larson briefed on the proposed ordinance. He explained that the City received a request from a business that pays gambling taxes, asking to extend the due date to make the payment. The request was made because the Governor's Stay Home Proclamation caused the business not to be able to operate normally, or perform regular duties in the same way. The State extended the deadline to pay first quarter gambling taxes and there was some confusion with the business as to whether or not that extended their obligation to the city. Based on these factors and feedback from Council the proposed Ordinance was drafted extending the deadline to pay both first and second quarter gambling taxes until August 28th.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-1064, An Ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, Providing Temporary Relief From OMC 4-5-3, Relating To The Quarterly Computation And Remittance Of Gambling Taxes, Extending The Payment Due Date until August 28th, 2020, Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date. Second by Councilmember Belot. Motion passed (7-0).

B. AB20-64- CARES Funds Allocation Discussion

Councilmember Gunther briefed that the ADHOC Committee met and recommended the following:

- \$60k to be allocated to small business grants and PPE reimbursement.
- \$30k allocated to restaurant vouchers which will be distributed to clients of the Food Bank and the Senior Center
- \$20k allocated to youth assistance. This could include assistance with childcare or some sort of educational assistance.
- \$20k for low income assistance.
- \$20k for organizations in our community that provide food assistance
- \$5k for behavioral health services. This could be money allocated to an organization that provides these services or working with an organization that can provide behavioral health services.

Action: Councilmembers will think about the specifics of dispersing the funds and bring ideas back to the study session meeting on the 19th.

6. COVID19 DISCUSSION

No updates as there have not been any policy changes.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Belot made a motion to adjourn. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan.
Motion passed (7 -0)*

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 8:24pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor