

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

Study Session Minutes

Virtual, Orting, WA
September 16th, 2020
6pm

Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Chair

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Gunther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Other Elected Officials Present: Mayor Joshua Penner.

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer/Assistant City Administrator, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Greg Reed, Public Works Director, Chris Gard, Chief of Police, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney.

2. PARKS BOARD

A. AB20-71-ADA Level III Spinner.

Mark Bethune briefed that the City received new bids on the Level II Spinner and they have an area in the Park to put it. It is in the 2020 budget and they would like to install the spinner in October. Jason Linkem from the Park Board was present and he let the Council know that the Board researched all the locations in the City and came to a consensus that the Main Park was the best location. They also interviewed the Vendor and recommend approval of the spinner. The CGA Committee also recommends approval. The Public Works Department will do the site prep. **Action:** Move to the consent agenda for the September 30th meeting.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works

Councilmember Drennen briefed on the topics of discussion at the last Committee meeting, they were the following:

- o The Carbon River Levee Setback- will create a resolution to preserve trail alignment and seek other measures to mitigate flood hazards;
- o Solids Upgrade;
- o SR 162 Overpass- Will go to RCO Board to apply for a grant;
- o Puyallup River Lift Station- Decline bids and will go back out in the spring for bids.

Public Safety

No Meeting.

Community and Government Affairs

Councilmember Gunther briefed that the Committee has items on the agenda. Items not on the agenda that will be coming forward in the future are:

- o New Drone Park- Parks Board working on this;
- o Non Profit request from Non Profits to provide housing for homeless on freezing cold nights;
- o Disability language in the Park Plan- Planner working on this.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Engineering

No Report.

Planning

Emily Adams briefed on the 2nd open house scheduled for September 28th, 2020. The open house is on the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Public Works

Greg Reed Public Works Director briefed on tasks that Public Works has been performing:

- o Crack Sealing;
- o Storm water Assessments;
- o The Budget;
- o Work on water and sewer sites;
- o WWTP maintenance.

City Clerk

Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, briefed that the City hired a records specialist who is currently scanning records gearing up for the move to the new City Hall. She worked with the Finance Director to schedule upcoming budget agenda items. Work is ongoing on the new City website, and Contracts are being reviewed and updated by department as needed. The Budget retreat has been proposed for October 24th.

Court Clerk

No Report.

Police

Chris Gard, Chief of Police briefed on the new lateral hire, accreditation and the time he spent with OFVR during the recent fires in the Bonney Lake, Sumner area.

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director

Scott Larson, Finance Director/ Assistant City Administrator briefed that he is concentrating on the Budget. He is also working with his staff to organize and log and eliminate as many records as possible prior to the move to the new City Hall.

City Administrator

Mark Bethune, City Administrator briefed on the progress at the new City Hall. The project is 99% complete.

Mayor Penner

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- o Tours of the new City hall can be scheduled after October 5th
- o The recent Fires and their impact to communications
- o City Administrator has agreed to stay on until November 30th, 2020
- o Engagement with the City's lobbyist, Joe DePinto

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Study Session Meeting Minutes of August 19th, 2020.
- B. Payroll and Claims Warrants.

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

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. AB20-72-Discussion- 20 Year Population Allocation.

Emily Adams briefed that this is a process that is required by the Growth Management Act. Pierce County has initiated the population allocation process to set the 2044 population targets that will be used by cities in Pierce County for the next 8-year periodic comprehensive plan update (Orting's is due in 2024). She attended the first meeting in August and at the conclusion Each City is returning to the next meeting with a proposed number that represents the City's anticipated population growth over the next 20 years. **Action:** None at this time.

B. AB20-69-2021 Grant Requests.

Councilmember Gunther briefed that the Grants had all been reviewed at the CGA Committee on September 1st, 2020. The applications came in from the following:

- Chamber of Commerce/Orting Community Float- Asked for \$15,000- CGA recommended \$5,000. Last year they received \$1,500.
- Farmers Market- Asked for \$4,500. Last year granted \$3,000- CGA recommended \$3,000
- Food Bank- Last year granted \$3,000- asked 3k- cga 3k
- Opportunity Center, DBA The Haven- last 7,500- asked 10k- cga 9k
- Senior Center- 15k last- asked 10K- cga- 10k
- Tacoma/Orting Recovery Café- 10k last year- asked 15k- cga 10K

All applicants other than the Chamber are within the policy for the allowable grant amount. The idea of possibly using cares funds and rolling that in with these grant funds was discussed, but the agencies would have to show a COVID loss. **Action:** No action at this time as the amounts will be determined during budget talks.

C. AB20-76-CARES Grant Funds Update.

There are two grants processes this year, our normal grant process, and now this year the CARES grants. Scott Larson briefed that staff have been receiving applications for both the business and non-profit grants. Staff will provide an updated list of the applicants to Council based on applications received through September 15th. The possibility of sending a flyer out in the utility bill was discussed. Mayor Penner would prefer to do a separate mailing. The cost may be approximately \$.75 per mailing. The possibility of combining this with the regular grants is a possibility. **No action needed at this time.**

D. AB20-73- Resolution No 2020-30, Declaring Personal Property of the City Surplus and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of it in a Commercial Reasonable Manner.

Mark Bethune briefed that a lot of the furniture at the old City hall is laminate and would not stay in tack with a move. He plans on contacting used furniture stores to see if they will bid on the entire lot. The items have no commercial value and are, in many cases, unusable. The City desires to declare these items as surplus. The proposed resolution declares those items surplus and authorizes their disposal. **Action:** Move forward to the consent agenda.

E. AB20-74 Emergency Evacuation Bridge- Amendment #1 Scope and Budget

Councilmember Drennen briefed on this agenda item. He stated that this is a request from Parametrix for \$142,245 which is over cost from the original scope and budget. When Parametrix took over there were additional cost that were not anticipated. There were multiple engineer firms that had worked on the project. BergerABAM did the original 30% design work and then it was reviewed by Pierce County. As they got in to the details the original design had been engineered in early 2000, and when Parametrix took it over the standards had changed, and as a result they had to do a significant re-design. This is why the cost is greater. The cost to Parametrix to complete this is actually more than the requested amount. **Action:** Move forward to the consent agenda.

F. Discussion- City Reader Board.

Councilmember Gunther briefed on three designs which are in keeping with the flavor of Orting. This is no longer in violation of the sign code as government signage is exempt. There are concerns about vandalism so height may be an issue. This will be put in the budget for 2021 at an anticipated cost of \$20,000. **No Action at this time.**

G. Discussion- City Engagement Ring.

Councilmember Gunther briefed on his desire to have a giant sculpture of an engagement ring on the Puyallup River, near Bernie's Rock. He provided two photos. His belief is that suitors from around the region might come to Orting to propose to their partner under that ring with its beautiful backdrop of Mt Rainier. He hopes this might make Orting become known as one of the most romantic destinations in Washington. He received a quote from a distinguished metal sculptor for a ring like the attached photos for between \$25,000 and \$35,000. **Action:** Discuss at budget meetings.

H. AB20-75- Council Rule Changes-Selection of Deputy Mayor, 8.5 and 3.9B, & 4.1 Order of Business & Agenda.

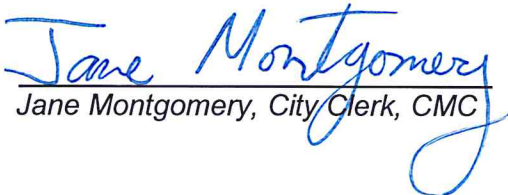
Councilmember Gunther proposed making changes to the Deputy Mayor process and would also like to add a Council comment time at the end of the meeting. This was discussed at the CGA Committee on September 1st and comes with their recommendation. **Action:** Take back to CGA Committee for further review and a complete process.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 10:08pm

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joshua Penner, Mayor