

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL, Monday May 4, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Closed Session was cancelled due to no information received from the employee organization.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator(s): Greg Einhorn, City Attorney
Charles Gee, Councilmember
Bruce Roundy, Councilmember

Employee Organization(s): United Public Employees of California Local #792
(Mid Management and General Units)
Unrepresented Employees (All others not in UPEC)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paschall called the meeting to order. Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Councilmembers present: Charles Gee, Dennis Hoffman, Bruce Roundy, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards, and Mayor Jim Paschall

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Chief of Police J.C. Tolle, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook, and City Manager Pete Carr

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, stated the City is fortunate with the knowledge of the Public Works department and to consider that during negotiations.

Presentation:

The update on the April 10, 2014 bus/truck accident by California Highway Patrol Commander Bruce Carpenter is postponed until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for April 6, 2015.
- C. Approve City Council minutes for April 20, 2015.
- D. Receive and file Arts Commission minutes for March 18, 2015.
- E. Approve request from Glenn County for support of 2015 California State Fair Exhibit.
- F. Approve amended employment agreement for Chief of Police.
- G. Approve \$1,000 contribution to 3CORE loan loss fund.

Vice Mayor Edwards requested Item G removed from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Roundy requested Item F removed from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Gee requested Item E removed from the consent calendar.

ACTION: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve Items A, B, C and D as presented and remove Items E, F and G from the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee, Hoffman and Roundy.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Carr stated Item E. is in regards to contributing \$1,000 in support to Glenn County for the State Fair Exhibit. No funding has been sought the last few years. City Manager Carr advised the City of Willows did contribute \$1,000 for the State Fair Exhibit. Councilmember Gee stated he did not see the value of the exhibit for the City. Vice Mayor Edwards advised the contractor for the exhibit (Salvagno's), does own a business in town and felt a \$1,000 contribution is reasonable. However, Vice Mayor Edwards stated she did not believe the exhibit brought in new business. Councilmembers Hoffman and Roundy stated the exhibit does showcase the City of Orland.

ACTION: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Roundy to approve Item E, a request from Glenn County for support of 2015 California State Fair Exhibit for \$1,000. The motion carried 4-1 by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Hoffman and Roundy.

NOES: Councilmember Gee

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Carr stated Item F. was regarding the employment contract for Chief of Police Tolle. The contract has been extended for three more years. No substantive changes were made; compensation increased by 2% each year. In the event, the Police Officers Association's contract is different, the Police Chief's contract will be considered at the appropriate time.

ACTION: Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to approve Item F, amended employment agreement for Chief of Police. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers, Gee, Hoffman and Roundy.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Carr brought forward Item G. regarding a \$1,000 contribution to 3CORE loan loss fund to enable lending to a local business. The City is not guaranteeing or incurring a liability for repayment of the loan, just enabling it by contributing to 3CORES's loan loss fund as a fee to the lender facilitating the loan.

ACTION: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to approve Item G, a \$1,000 contribution to 3CORE loan loss fund. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee, Hoffman and Roundy.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Conduct public hearing to receive public input regarding Unmet Transit Needs- Mardy Thomas, Glenn County Senior Planner

Mr. Thomas briefed Council on what defines unmet transit needs: transportation needs that provide the necessities of life (medical needs, grocery shopping, educational opportunities, employment) for the population of those that have no dependable and/or affordable access to these services. Mr. Thomas stated ridership has grown 323% since Glenn Ride's inception and continues to meet its required 10% fare box return. The Dial-a-Ride service is offered to those 60 years of age and older, permanently disabled or low income. Transportation is door-to-door to each requested destination. Glenn Transit also offers non-emergency medical transportation to qualifying residents.

Public Hearing opened for comments at 8:01 p.m. Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, asked if there was a fee for van wheel chair access. Mr. Thomas confirmed there is a fee. With no further comments, the Public Hearing closed at 8:03 p.m.

2. Conduct public hearing to introduce and consider first reading of Ordinance adding Section 15.06.025 to the Municipal Code relating to expedited permitting procedures for small residential rooftop solar systems.

City Manager Carr brought forward for introduction and first reading proposed ordinance which expedites permitting procedure for residential rooftop solar systems. The State is mandating a checklist and other requirements to bring our municipal code in compliance, and staff is already providing this.

Public Hearing opened at 8:07 p.m. With no comments received, the Public Hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

ACTION: Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to approve first reading of proposed ordinance. The motion carried by the following voice vote:
AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee, Hoffman and Roundy.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

City Manager:

City Manager Carr brought forward a request to consider new drought conservation measures. Mr. Carr advised the State Water Board is expected to issue new regulations soon. The new conservation target for Orland is 25%. Last year, the City declared Stage 1 of its Water Conservation & Shortage Contingency Plan. Staff recommends the City declare Stage 2 and restrict watering lawns to two or three days per week, restrict daylight watering of lawns, as well as providing a fee schedule to address fines for wasting water. The City has already reduced watering in the parks. Council discussed modifying the base allotment, adjusting the per gallon rate, restricting lawn irrigation to specific days and prohibiting daylight watering of lawns. Mr. Carr stated the City would send out information to educate the public on water conservation.

The consensus of Council is to direct staff to bring back a proposed ordinance that would restrict watering to three days a week, prohibit watering from 8 AM to 8 PM, and a moratorium on well drilling within the City limits. It was agreed to consider a fee schedule to provide fines for water wasting.

City Manager Carr and Finance Director Brock presented the first draft of the General Fund budget for FY15/16. Mr. Carr stated there is an anticipated 3 – 6 % increase in sales tax statewide; 3.5% is assumed in the budget at this time. Finance Director Brock advised the Fire department apparatus fund had \$35,000 set aside; however, it was brought to his attention to consider \$50,000 budgeted in this area. Health insurance costs are anticipated to increase about 6%. Labor costs and equipment costs are up; wages are expected to increase at 3.5%. Mr. Brock advised PERS costs will increase by \$60,000- \$70,000 this coming year, less than anticipated. The proposed draft preliminary budget show revenues are in excess of expenditures by \$18,361. A second draft of the budget will be brought back in June.

City Manager Carr brought forward a subcommittee request to award a contract to Semingson Architects, Inc. for design of Community Center/Recreation Center Annex and authorize the City Manager to execute contract. Mr. Carr stated the objective is to be “shovel-ready” to facilitate grant funding when such becomes available. Cost for the bid drawings is \$40,000 which will be expended from Community Center Development Impact Fee funds.

ACTION: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to award contract to Semingson Architects for design of Community Center. The motion carried 4-1 by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee and Hoffman.

NOES: Roundy

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

City Manager Carr advised staff is preparing a fair booth in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and hope to have Council help staff the booth.

Councilmember Roundy reported on the following:

- Attended Water Board meeting in Corning; very informative;
- Will be attending Sacramento Valley League meeting in Sacramento;
- Will be at the fair booth next week.

Councilmember Hoffman reported on the following:

- Attended Water Board meeting in Corning;
- Will be attending Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday;
- Will participate in fair parade;
- Commended Police and Fire departments on fundraising efforts for Ty Roenspie.

Vice Mayor Edwards reported on the following:

- Attended Water Board meeting in Corning.

Councilmember Gee reported on the following:

- No labor negotiation meeting scheduled yet at this time.

Mayor Paschall reported on the following:

- He would not be available to ride on parade float;
- Will be assisting at the fair booth;
- Thanked Finance Director for his work on the budget.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

_____Clerk

_____Mayor