

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

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

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: City Attorney Greg Einhorn and City Manager Pete Carr

Citizen Comments:

None

Adjourned to closed session at 6:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: Greg Einhorn, City Attorney
Bruce Roundy, Mayor
Charles Gee, Councilmember

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE,
DISMISSAL OR RELEASE

Pursuant to Government Code Section: 54957

Position: City Manager

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to staff on both items.

Roll Call:

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

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Chief of Police J. C. Tolle, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, Building Official Jeff Powell, Fire Chief Bart Caster, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Jack Sales, International Dark Sky Association, provided Council with information regarding the protection of our night time environment, known as light pollution, and its effects on one's health. Mr. Sales stated he has had the opportunity to enjoy the dark skies of Black Butte Lake.

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, gave an update on the Eva Drive well.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for April 18, 2016.
- C. Receive and file Arts Commission minutes for March 17, 2016.
- D. Receive and file Planning Commission minutes for February 18, 2016.

Action: Vice Mayor Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mayor Roundy, Vice Mayor Hoffman, Councilmembers Gee, Edwards and Paschall
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Mr. Thomas gave an update on unmet transit needs in the County. Mr. Thomas stated the County is working with Caltrans to provide ADA improvements and bus friendly shelters along State Rt. 32. Ridership is down with Glenn County Transit; however new buses will be joining the fleet in August with comfortable seating & charging stations. Mr. Thomas stated they hope to add Wi-Fi in the future as another added amenity for the majority of students that use the bus.

The public hearing was opened for comments at 7:16 p.m. No comments were received, the public hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hoffman asked if a bus turnout had been considered at the Senior Nutrition Center site. Mr. Thomas stated it has been discussed and recommend the City consider it in their streetscape plan. Councilmember Edwards asked if the City can arrange to have a bus stop at Nova Plaza. Mr. Thomas stated it could be considered.

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion introduce first reading by title only and passage of first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-XX entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLAND ADDING CHAPTER 3.10 TO THE ORLAND MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING A 0.5% TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION UPON ADOPTION BY THE VOTERS".

City Manager Carr brought forward the first reading of a proposed measure to increase the local sales tax by 0.5 % . Previous discussion by Council directed staff to place the sales and use tax measure on the November 8th general election ballot. It would increase from the current State-minimum 7.5% to 8.0%, with the entire additional .5% remaining in Orland. City Manager Carr stated the measure would be a general tax and is understood that at least the first \$300,000 of revenue from the new tax would be dedicated to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department's budget as new revenue. Any revenue above would be used for public safety capital equipment needs for fire, police and public works department. Mr. Carr stated a half cent sales tax is expected to generate \$500,000 based on recent tax revenues. Council agreed the City would publish an annual report showing how much revenue was received from the tax and how funds were spent. Councilmember Edwards suggested sunsetting the half cent sales tax to a specific time period (i.e. ten years)and revisit the issue to consider increasing if need be or consider a property tax . Councilmember Gee stated a property tax increase would hit homeowners harder and felt a sales tax increase would be fairer instead. Councilmember Paschall stated a half cent sales tax is adequate at this time and would support the department's needs. Vice Mayor Hoffman stated a steady source of revenue needs to be established for the fire department. Mayor Roundy agreed with Councilmember Paschall and Gee's comments.

Public hearing opened for comments at 7:47 p.m. Mr. Denton stated a tax increase is needed and the public needs to be notified on the benefits of this tax. Rick Thomas, 134 E. Walker St., asked why the fire department's source of revenue is fixed at \$300,000 rather than a percentage, since sales tax revenue is always changing. Jerry Kraemer questioned if an agriculture purchase is exempt from the increase. Mardy Thomas stated it's a wise investment for the City to use the funding to meet the needs of the firefighters. Fire Chief Caster stated the fire department has long needed a stabilized funding source and a way to pay for staffing in the future. Chief Caster said the fire department would like the City to move forward with the sales tax increase. With no further comments, the public hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2016-XX by title: add Chapter 3.10 to the Orland Municipal Code regarding a (0.5%)Transactions and Use Tax to be administered by the State Board of Equalization upon adoption by the Voters. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Joser Rosales, Vice Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, brought forward the proposed new entrance sign on the east side of town which is a replica of the entrance sign located on the west side of town. The proposed location is on the north side of State Route 32 at the east end of Providence school property. Glenn County Office of Education has also offered a landscape site at the northwest corner of State Route 32 and M ½. The Public Works department and the Arts Commission were consulted and estimate the costs of construction at \$20,000 (sign and prep work). Rick Thomas, former EDC Chairman, stated there should be funds leftover from a prior monument sign project that was never completed. Council discussed getting an agreement with the property owner and to proceed with City project. Councilmember Gee advised the project could be incorporated into next year's budget. Mr. Denton stated the City should consider grass turf to help with drought issues.

Mayor Roundy presented a request from the Arts Commission for an electrical upgrade in the Art Center. Mayor Roundy stated the art gallery upgrades would include new display lighting and a new transformer. Arts Commissioner Steve Elliott and his father would donate a large part of labor. Council questioned the terms of their lease, as this is a large expenditure for the building. The expenditure would cost up to \$3500 expended from the Public Arts Fund.

- Action: Councilmember Paschall moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to authorize the Arts Commission to engage Rancho Electric in a service contract for electrical upgrades as proposed, not to exceed \$3500. The motion carried by the following voice vote:
- AYES: Mayor Roundy, Vice Mayor Hoffman, Councilmembers Gee, Edwards and Paschall
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

Public Works Director Vonasek brought forward a request for stop signs at Fairview and South Street. The signage issue was brought forth by Orland Unified School District Transportation Supervisor Mark Smith. The uncontrolled intersection has become increasingly unsafe for children attending Fairview School and during events such as the Glenn County Fair and weekly flea market. Letters were submitted by school officials recommending the four-way stop. Chief of Police Tolle also agreed to the recommendation. Council directed staff to proceed with project and install the stop signs.

City Manager Carr and City Attorney Einhorn brought forward an update on the City's Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) status. Mr. Carr advised the City declared itself a GSA in June 2015 and notified the State Department of Water Resources with boundaries including the Orland Planning area. Glenn County Counsel has questioned the procedural steps the City used, since the planning area Orland named originally was incorrectly described as the Corning Subbasin instead of the Colusa Subbasin. Nevertheless, it is the still same geographical location of the Orland Planning area. County counsel also claims the City's legal noticing procedure was short one day from time of public hearing. Council discussed and directed staff to move forward with redoing the procedural steps to declaring itself a GSA in the Colusa Subbasin.

City Manager Carr brought forward a proposed budget for Water and Sewer Funds for FY 2016-17. Mr. Carr stated the declaration of drought will continue through at least October; with staff continuing conservation measures similar to 2015 which may be reduced per the Department of Water Resources. This year will be the addition of a new well and incorporation of the sewer pond aerator project into the capital equipment budget. Mr. Carr stated there is a planned rate adjustment for July 2016. Mr. Carr stated based on the amount of deferred expenses that need to be addressed, the City cannot wait for the revenue to materialize and should finance capital purchases over time. Council directed staff to move forward.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Gee requested Council to consider a draft letter to Glenn County Board of Supervisor's regarding the KVB, Inc. Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The consensus of Council is to send a letter to the board in support of the KVB, Inc. project.

Councilmember Paschall had no reports at this time.

Vice Mayor Hoffman reported on the following:

- Attended the Planning Commission meeting; issued a Conditional Use Permit.

Councilmember Edwards reported on the following:

- Attended Glenn County Office of Education meeting; board fully endorsed the purchase of Nova Plaza for office space; concern was expressed over the amount of parking and was informed a CEQA had been done prior;
- Attended the Friends of the Glenn County Fair dinner fundraiser;
- Attended the Farm Bureau tour at Carriere Farms; very informative.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

_____ Clerk

_____ Mayor