

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Roundy at 5:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:	Councilmembers Billy Irvin, Dennis Hoffman, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Tolley and Mayor Bruce T. Roundy
Councilmembers absent:	None
Staff present via teleconference:	City Attorney Greg Einhorn
Staff present:	City Manager Pete Carr

Mayor Roundy asked for public comments. With none received, the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session.

Closed session was held regarding public employee appointment, employment evaluation of performance, dismissal or release pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, City Manager. Also, conference with labor negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, unrepresented employee: City Manager and designated negotiator: City Attorney

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION – 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present via teleconference:	Councilmembers Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Tolley and Mayor Bruce T. Roundy
Councilmembers absent:	None
Staff present via teleconference:	City Manager Pete Carr, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Planner Scott Friend, City Engineer Paul Rabo, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Janet Wackerman

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Roundy stated direction was given to the designated negotiator.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments: None

Mayor Roundy announced that due to the training schedule for the fire department, Item 9.C. will be considered at this time.

C. Replacement of Engine 27 (Discussion/Direction) – Justin Chaney, Fire Chief

Chief Chaney stated he is requesting City Council’s approval to start the process of specing, bidding and building the replacement for Engine 25 through Golden State Fire Apparatus. This new engine will eliminate the need for a rescue truck. He added that build time for this engine will take approximately fifteen months and payments would commence in FY 22/23.

(Councilmember Irvin logged on)

Chief Chaney stated this will be the last equipment purchase for the department until 2031.

Action:	Vice Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to proceed with the specing, bidding and building of engine 27, to replace engine 25. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:
AYES:	Vice Mayor Tolley, Councilmembers Hoffman, Irvin and Dobbs, Mayor Roundy
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Mayor Roundy congratulated Chief Chaney and his department for the improvement of the City’s ISO fire protection rating going from 4 to 3.

PRESENTATION: Orland Chamber of Commerce – Frank Ferreira and Carolyn Pendergrass

Mr. Ferreira and Ms. Pendergrass thanked the City Councilmembers that have been attending their ribbon cutting events. They came before the Council to request additional funding from the City. The additional funds would be used to increase staff hours so the Chamber could expand services for local businesses. They would also like to increase the number of Board of Directors.

Council recommended they work with the City Manager on a specific amount they would need and a list of expenditures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for April 5, 2021.
- C. Receive and file Public Works & Safety Commission minutes for February 9, 2021.
- D. Approval of engagement with Capitol PFG for Advising Services related to pension cost management.
- E. Third Quarter Update on FY 20-21 Projects and Objectives.
- F. Resolution 2021-05 - Designation of City Health Officer.
- G. Consultant Selection to Prepare City's State Mandated 6th Cycle Housing Element

Action: Councilmember Dobbs moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Dobbs, Vice Mayor Tolley, Councilmembers Hoffman and Irvin, Mayor Roundy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Options for Use of Covid-19 Relief Funding (Discussion/Direction) – Peter Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr stated Councilmembers need to determine their intended use of Covid relief funds. He proposed grants to small businesses, touch-free doors to library, police, City Hall and recreation center and a covered area for the children's library services area could be funded from the CV2 and CV3 program. Suggestions for ARPA funding ranged from backfilling General Fund and Measure A, funding a façade improvement program, streetscapes, repairs to city facilities, evidence barn improvements, business advertising tower and a City welcome sign.

Councilmember Hoffman asked if crime had risen since COVID. Mr. Carr stated there was not a significant increase in crime but there has been an increase in mental health and domestic violence calls. Councilmember Hoffman stated an evidence locker is needed.

Vice Mayor Tolley stated businesses have been hit the greatest and hold priority for funding.

Councilmember Dobbs stated the touch-free doors will allow City Hall and other city facilities to remain open if the community needs to shut down again.

Mayor Roundy asked if utility bills could be paid from these funds. Mr. Carr stated there is another conduit for utility bill and rent relief.

Councilmember Irvin stated he did not have any suggestions to add to the presented list but recommended putting the touch free doors at the recreation center and library.

Steve Nordbye asked if paying off the 5th Street parking lot qualified. Mr. Carr stated ARPA funds may be able to be used. Upon consensus of the Council, paying off the parking lot will be placed on the list.

Mr. Carr will bring this item to the next City Council meeting for councilmember review.

D. Policy for Developing Areas Adjacent to Irrigation Canals (Discussion/Direction) – Scott Friend, City Planner

Mr. Carr stated city has attempted to balance the desire of property owners in the City to divide and develop their private property with the needs of the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the Orland Unit Water Users Association (OUWUA). At present the city utilizes a policy adopted in August 1990 by the City Council and endorsed by both USBR and OUWUA. However, the policy has not produced undergrounding of canals but has been an impediment to residential development.

Mr. Friend stated Staff does not make any formal recommendations on this matter but seeks to engage Councilmembers in a discussion on the existing policy. He added that staff is continually questioned by developers about the need for the policy and the need for the placement of canals and laterals underground.

Rick Massa, OUWUA Manager, stated the reason for the 1990 policy was for safety. He also added that not covering ditches continuously was creating a maintenance problem for OUWUA.

Mr. Friend stated the city needs to be a partner with OUWUA but there needs to be a balance to housing and safety. The policy of undergrounding may not work for the present.

Councilmember Dobbs stated he would like to mitigate safety hazards with fencing and undergrounding to help with future incidents.

Mayor Roundy stated that going forward, the policy could be changed so there are more options for developers when building adjacent to OUWUA facilities. Vice Mayor Tolley stated he would like to review the September 21, 2015 Staff report regarding seeking alternatives to undergrounding.

Mr. Rabo stated he can look over the options with Mr. Massa and investigate costs for alternate routes for OUWUA laterals.

Staff was directed to bring this matter back for further discussion on potential policy changes.

B. FY 22 Budget: General Fund Revenues, Impact Fees and Staffing (Discussion/Direction) – Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr presented an estimate of anticipated revenues for the General Fund and Measure A, and provided fund balances for developer impact fees and staffing needs projections. There were no additions or deletions suggested.

E. Verbal update on Covid-19's impact on the local economy and City operations (Discussion/Direction) – Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr reported there are currently 2 new cases, 12 self-isolations and one hospitalization. Glenn County is presently in the red tier. Twenty percent of the county is fully vaccinated. Businesses are holding events.

There are no city employees off work due to COVID. The Recreation Director is getting the pool ready for the 2021 season.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Attended Shop & Hop, found it awesome and hopes it keeps going.

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Attended the Glenn County Transit and Transportation meeting

Councilmember Irvin:

- Nothing to report.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Roundy:

- Attended the Glenn County Transit and Transportation meeting.
- He will be participating in League of Cities, LAFCO and Water Authority meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Janet Wackerman, City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor