

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL, Monday April 20, 2015 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

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

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

Citizen Comments:

None

APPOINTMENT

Appointment of designated representative(s) as Agency Labor Negotiator(s).

ACTION: Vice Mayor Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roundy to appoint Councilmembers Charles Gee and Bruce Roundy and City Attorney Greg Einhorn as agency labor negotiators. 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

Adjourned to closed session at 7:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)

Sailsbery v. City of Orland

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator(s): To be determined.

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

Adjourned to open session at 7:26 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Councilmembers Gee and Roundy and City Attorney Einhorn were appointed to act as agency labor negotiators.

Direction given on litigation matter.

Meeting reconvened to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

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

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, stated it takes all employees to help run the City and to consider all of them during labor negotiations.

Proclamation:

Mayor Paschall presented Chief of Police Tolle with a proclamation declaring May 10–16, 2015 as “National Police Week” with special recognition of May 3-4, 2015, as “California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremonies” and May 15, 2015 as “National Peace Officer Memorial Day”.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Receive and file Economic Development Commission minutes for March 10, 2015.
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-05 in Support of California Safe Digging Month.
- D. Approve schedule for park irrigation and splash pad operations.
- E. Approve lease/purchase agreement for bucket truck.

Byron Denton requested Items D & E removed from the consent calendar for discussion.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Roundy to approve items A, B, and C as presented and remove items D & E from 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

Council advised Mr. Denton that splash pad hours of operation are as follows: open Saturday and Sundays (and major holidays) from 1-5 pm and Wednesdays from 4-7 pm. Mr. Carr advised this is an 85% reduction from last July's operation. Mr. Carr stated there may be further adjustments, depending on weather conditions.

Council advised the bucket truck is on a lease term for 7 years at \$17,244 per year, then purchase at a \$1.00.

ACTION: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve items D & E on 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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

City Attorney:

City Attorney Einhorn requested Council to direct staff to consider methods to use in General Election to assist with funding for Public Safety/Fire departments. Mr. Einhorn advised a special parcel tax can be devoted to police and fire; this option would require a 2/3 majority vote for special purposes, majority vote for unrestricted purposes. Council also discussed raising local sales tax. This measure would be subject to a 50% voter approval. Councilmember Roundy advised most cities use a sales tax to increase revenue. Council discussed there are definite needs in the City. Vice Mayor Edwards suggested a 1% sales tax increase for a specific need and definite period of time. Councilmember Gee suggested to wait until the end of the fiscal year before considering a preferred method. Councilmember Hoffman felt the City should be careful about increasing sales tax as it may drive people to shop out of town. Mayor Paschall and Councilmember Gee asked what the costs will be and what is the potential dollars that can be raised. Council agreed public education and outreach will be important. It was noted that Council could also consider setting up a property tax district (i.e. Recreation and Park district) to free up general fund monies or increase the Transient Occupancy Tax from 10% to 11% or 12%, as this would only affect visitors. Council

agreed to consider a method at a later date when more data is available, and that any tax vote would be in 2016.

City Manager:

City Manager Carr requested Council to consider designating a proposed City representative to the Water Advisory Committee (WAC), as a position has become available. This is an opportunity for Orland to be considered to represent our needs and concerns at the WAC table.

ACTION: Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to designate Councilmember Dennis Hoffman as City representative to the WAC board.

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 information regarding the process to consider establishing the City of Orland as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Mr. Carr advised staff is considering the geographic boundary of the Orland Planning Area which would include the airport that is served by Orland municipal water, as well as non-City water service customers located outside city limits and land north to Stony Creek. Council was in agreement to staff's recommendation.

City Manager Carr brought forward proposed municipal code changes to accommodate a streamlined processing of rooftop solar permits. The City already has a comprehensive checklist and process in place that meets the expedited process required by the State.

ACTION: Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to approve recommendation to set a public hearing for May 4, 2015 to introduce proposed ordinance expedite permitting procedures for small residential rooftop solar systems.

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 a recommendation from the Economic Development Commission regarding the States new Infrastructure Financing Tools. Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts can increase cash flow for projects a City may have (i.e. extend water/sewer services on westside, facade improvement or business lending, etc.). EDC considers this an opportunity to find a way to gain capital to invest in infrastructure to promote commercial development on the west side of town. The City could partner with the County if they choose. A consultant can provide a feasibility analysis to discuss anticipated costs and potential benefits. Council directed staff to set up a workshop regarding this issue.

City Manager Carr requested Council to review the staffing and organizational chart for FY 15-16. Mr. Carr advised the newly combined Public Works and Safety Commission was changed in the organizational chart, as well as the new Fire Chief's name. Mr. Carr stated one title change occurred this year (Building Official) and to consider the additional title change of Public Works Supervisor to Director of Public Works. Mr. Carr recommended in regards to unfunded positions, if funds do become available later in the year, top priority would be to fund the police position; secondly, the Public Works position; followed by Code Enforcement. Council discussed possibility of eliminating the Community Director position. City Attorney Einhorn advised the position still exists; it's functionally being done by the City Manager. Council agreed to staffs' recommended changes as presented.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Roundy reported on the following:

- Will be attending regional RCD meeting in Davis; Glenn County RCD remains healthy;
- Will attend Ethics and Harassment training Wednesday;
- Transit connection between Corning & Orland will begin to soon;
- Will attend Farm Bureau meeting at Sierra Nevada Cheese;
- LOCC Sacramento Valley Division meeting to be held May 8th in Sacramento; representatives of Southern California to discuss water issues.

Councilmember Hoffman had no reports at this time.

Councilmember Gee reported on the following:

- Attended OPD K9 Softball tournament;
- Advised of receiving solicitors' calls (Police Officers Association) requesting donations; Police Chief Tolle advised it is a scam.

Vice Mayor Edwards reported on the following:

- Attended grand re-opening ceremony for Edson's Reusables;
- Attended Glenn County Transportation meeting.

Mayor Paschall had no reports at this time.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

_____ Clerk

_____ Mayor