

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Paschall at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Councilmember Billy Irvin, Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Vice Mayor Bruce Roundy (teleconference from various locations), and Mayor Jim Paschall (at Carnegie Center)

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Chief of Police Vlach, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, Fire Chief Justin Chaney, City Attorney Greg Einhorn and City Manager Pete Carr (teleconferenced from various locations), City Clerk Janet Wackerman and Accounting Manager Rebecca Pendergrass (at Carnegie Center)

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, thanked the City for fixing Sixth Street and the downtown alleys.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for July 20, 2020.
- C. Receive and file Library Commission minutes for January 13 & March 9, 2020.

Action: Vice Mayor Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Options for open air dining space – Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr presented concepts and options for Council consideration of a shared-responsibility open-air dining area. Three options were offered: placing a tent on the west side of the City's Fifth Street parking lot; placing a tent on the south side of the parking lot or closing Fifth Street from the parking lot entrance to Walker Street. Signage would be installed stating the area is alcohol free, no smoking or loitering allowed. Restaurant staff would provide the clearing of the tables. A hand washing station could be considered. City Manager Carr suggested the area could be designated "Fifth Street Commons."

Council member Hoffman spoke in favor of option A or B and staying away from blocking Fifth Street.

Council member Irvin stated he was in favor of option A or B also but preferred B. He recommended that some form of sanitation is offered.

Council member Edwards stated she did not agree with closing off Fifth Street because of the non-restaurant businesses in the area and favored option A or B.

Vice-Mayor Roundy stated he agreed with everyone but prefers option B. He also recommended hand sanitizers be available. He added that this could help businesses.

Mayor Paschall stated there needs to be something to help businesses and a tent should be purchased that does not need to be taken down every evening.

Council member Edwards asked who would be keeping up the area. Mayor Paschall and Vice-Mayor Roundy both stated the restaurants would be responsible. City Manager Carr stated the restaurants are going to make sure the area is picked up.

Vice-Mayor Roundy stated he liked the idea of starting small.

Mr. Denton stated if the area becomes a hazard, it can be removed. He added the City couldn't do much harm in trying.

John McDermott stated the tents would be hard for social distancing and also requested to not block Fifth Street for fire department vehicles.

City Manager Carr stated three restaurants in the area are supportive and one has concerns with alcohol use and homeless using the area.

Vice-Mayor Roundy asked City Attorney Einhorn for comment. Mr. Einhorn stated the City's insurance provider, Golden State Risk Management Authority, should be asked if the use is okay for the City property. City Manager Carr asked GSRMA and they stated city already has liability and liability insurance on this property, so the use is acceptable.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to direct City staff to purchase and install a pop-up tent on the south side of the Fifth Street parking lot. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Edwards, Hoffman, Irvin, Vice-Mayor Roundy and Mayor Paschall

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

B. Designate voting delegate for League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held Oct. 7-9, 2020, Long Beach, CA – Pete Carr, City Manager

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Irvin to designate Vice Mayor Roundy as a voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo and Councilmember Irvin as alternate. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Edwards, Irvin, Hoffman, Vice-Mayor Roundy and Mayor Paschall

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

C. Update on reopening the local economy and City operations — Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr stated there have been 2350 lab tests conducted to date with six hospitalizations and 33 in self-isolation. The City's Recreation Department has been the most impacted; there will be no Fall youth programs. It intends to start programs again in January. There will be some impact for employees that have school age children. City Hall remains closed to the public while non-essential offices are closed by Governor's orders. The city's on-line payment service has not seen an increase in usage. City Librarian Jody Meza has purchased an UV wand to disinfect library materials. Orland Otters have ended their season. Pool lifeguards are recording names of patrons using the pool for rec and lap swimming. Mayor Paschall asked if the library was taking temperatures of patrons. City Clerk Wackerman stated only staff members were having their temperatures taken.

Council members expressed their dismay about large group gatherings still being held in the community. Vice-Mayor Roundy asked City Attorney Einhorn or Chief Vlach their opinions on the matter and whether the enforcement comes from the State or County. City Manager Carr stated he and Chief Vlach believe it is important for the city to be in alignment with the County, District Attorney and Sheriff and not disjointed. At this point, all agencies are working on educating the public. City Attorney Einhorn stated there is no legal authority for the police to enforce the gatherings on private property. Council member Irvin stated he recently found thirty kids at the Lely basketball court and asked how that is allowed. City Manager Carr stated the signs that had been up prior to Phase 3 will be installed again to remind park users about social distancing.

Mr. Denton commented that since the Governor mandated wearing masks, he has seen more mask wearing. He also sees store clerks wearing them.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Hoffman:

- City conducted a mask/sanitizer give away for local businesses at the I-5 Café;
- Orland Chamber is looking for an administrative technician.

Councilmember Edwards:

- Attended the Waste Management JPA meeting but no action was taken due to the lack of a quorum. Waste Management Inc. continues to negotiate rates and terms with the County. County reports transfer station loads have lessened but the amount per load has increased.

Vice Mayor Roundy:

- LAFCO and Transportation Commission meetings were cancelled; Construction of Tehama Street should come to a close soon; Sixth Street project looks good.
- Water Authority will go forward with a Groundwater Sustainability Plan that will think in terms of the greater good.

Mayor Paschall had no reports at this time.

Councilmember Hoffman asked Public Works Director Vonasek if there will be a left turn lane on Sixth Street at Trinity Street. Director Vonasek stated since that was not part of the design, it was not installed and pavement marking is now complete.

ADJOURN - 7:06 p.m.

Janet Wackerman, City Clerk

James Paschall Sr., Mayor