

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Roundy at 5:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present via teleconference: Councilmembers Billy Irvin, Dennis Hoffman, Chris Dobbs (*arrived 5:34PM*), Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Tolley and Mayor Bruce T. Roundy

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present via teleconference: City Attorney Greg Einhorn and 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 real property negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Property: 400 Mill Street, regarding significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section: 54956.9 (d) (2); two potential cases and public employee appointment, employment evaluation of performance, dismissal or release pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, City Manager.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 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: Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, City Planner Scott Friend, City Manager Pete Carr, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Engineer Paul Rabo and City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Janet Wackerman

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Roundy reported direction was given to Staff regarding three items. The fourth item re: City Manager was continued to April 5.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments: Byron Denton, resident, stated he was glad for the recent rain.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for March 1, 2021.
- C. Receive and file Economic Development Commission minutes of January 12, 2021.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Waste Management regarding AB1383, Recycling Regulation Compliance

Diana Ramirez, Public Sector Manager for Waste Management, provided an overview on reducing short-lived climate pollutants in California. Waste Management will begin a “no charge” campaign starting March 29 and ending May 3, using smart technology in their trucks to determine compliance with AB1383. Ms. Ramirez stated rural communities can request a waiver for some of the regulations. Full compliance will begin January 1, 2022.

B. Green Waste Facility Update (Discussion/Direction) – Ed Vonasek, Public Works Director

Mr. Vonasek updated Councilmembers on the status of the City’s green waste operations. After three months, the operator at the facility reports customers with small truck loads have decreased since the price increase. No decrease in commercial customers has occurred. Mr. Vonasek also reports burning within the city limits has increased. The biggest expense is for chipping the materials.

MaryJo Alonzo, resident, stated she is concerned with the increase in residential fees. She doesn’t think the operation should be cost neutral but fees for residential customers should be reduced. She suggested reducing costs to \$15 for residential customers.

Discussion was held and Councilmembers recommended prices for residential customers be adjusted to what they were prior to the December 2020 increase. They also requested a request for proposals be released to find a vendor to grind the green waste, and to report to City Council in June. Mr. Carr stated the rate schedule will be submitted to City Council at their next meeting.

C. Robbins Street (Discussion/Direction)– Ed Vonasek, Public Works Director/Paul Rabo, City Engineer

Mr. Vonasek provided history, costs and information on desirable improvements to Robbins Street. Based on costs for the recently completed Tehama Street, Mr. Rabo estimates constructing the street would cost approximately \$943K. He added there would be other costs to relocate utility poles, fire hydrants and obtaining right-of-way. Mr. Friend stated environmental and long-term operation and maintenance of the street needs to be considered also.

Councilmember Hoffman stated since there are only a couple of houses that presently front this street, the cost of improvements should be borne by a developer. He added there are other streets with greater traffic that should be considered for improvement.
(Councilmember Irvin signed off, 7:57 PM)

Scott Arbuckle, Janice Walker and Carol Hansen, residents residing or owning property on Robbins Street, stated they are opposed to improvements on this street.

Mr. Denton stated there are streets that need slurry sealed and should take care of what we have now.

Sam Llamas, an owner on Robbins Street thanked Vice Mayor Tolley for inquiring about the improvements and agrees it would be costly, but this kind of vision is good for the community. Vice Mayor Tolley acknowledged Mr. Llamas' opinion and suggested maybe 10-20 years down the road this street will be developed.

Mayor Roundy asked for a list of transportation projects city staff has developed so City Council is aware of what is anticipated for funding. He added Robbins Street could be put on a priority list.

D. 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 44 active cases and four hospitalizations. Approximately 5,000 inoculations have been provided in the County. Optum Serve site will be open for testing Monday thru Wednesday. CV-2 and 3 grants are intended for economic development and public services. The funding from the latest federal bill, \$1.4M allocation, can be used to offset lost revenue but cannot be used for pension costs.

The Hive will have a drive-thru event on April 10 and in conjunction with this, several local businesses are participating in a "Shop Hop."

There are no city employees off work due to COVID.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Nothing to report

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Economic Development Commission met and discussed the Amazon Distribution Center. He also challenged EDC to come up with a vision for Orland.
- Attended grand opening of the Salty Hereford.
- Studio Milan is using the City's Façade Improvement Program.
- A citizen told him they have noticed a lot more trash since COVID, especially "mask trash."

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Orland Volunteer Fire Department annual ticket drive ends March 20.

Mayor Roundy:

- Attended Resource Conservation District meeting. Would like to place on a future agenda discussion regarding working with them about arundo in Stony Creek.
- Attended the Water Authority meeting; Nature Conservancy wants to partner with them.
- He suggested the Planning Commission should also be included in Vice Mayor Tolley's challenge of coming up with a vision for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Janet Wackerman, City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor