

**MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Hoffman at 6:29 p.m.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present:	Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Billy Irvin, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Tolley and Mayor Dennis Hoffman
Councilmembers absent:	None
Staff present	City Manager, Peter Carr; City Clerk, Janet Wackerman, Deputy City Clerk, Jennifer Schmitke; City Attorney, Greg Einhorn (arrived at 6:39pm); Police Chief Joe Vlach

**ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Citizen Comments: None**

**CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Hoffman presented the following City Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2022:

**City Selection Committee –**

**Mayor**

**County Committees:**

Joint City/County EDC –

Bruce T. Roundy and Jeffrey A. Tolley

LAFCO –

Bruce T. Roundy. Alternate, Dennis Hoffman

Transit Committee –

Bruce T. Roundy

Alternate, Dennis Hoffman

Transportation Commission –

Bruce T. Roundy

Alternate, Dennis Hoffman

Waste Management Regional Agency –

Dennis Hoffman

Alternate, Billy Irvin

Air Pollution Control District –

Mayor

Alternate, Vice Mayor

Airport Land Use Commission –

Dennis Hoffman

Ambulance Task Force Committee –

Billy Irvin

Alternate, Bruce T. Roundy

Fire Department Liaison –

Chris Dobbs

Alternate, Billy Irvin

Glenn County Groundwater Sustainability Agency –

Bruce T. Roundy

Alternates, Pete Carr and Ed Vonasek

Golden State RMA –

To be determined at later date

Cal Cities (formerly League of California Cities)

Bruce T. Roundy

Orland Area Chamber of Commerce –

Dennis Hoffman

Alternate, Jeff A. Tolley

Orland Unit Water Users' Association –

Chris Dobbs

Code Enforcement Hearing Officer –

Billy Irvin

Alternate, Jeffery A. Tolley

**Advisory to City Commissions:**

Arts –	Bruce T. Roundy. Alternate, Dennis Hoffman
Economic Development (EDC) –	Jeffrey A. Tolley. Alternate, Bruce T. Roundy
Library –	Chris Dobbs. Alternate, Dennis Hoffman
Parks & Recreation –	Bruce T. Roundy. Alternate, Jeffrey A. Tolley
Planning –	Dennis Hoffman. Alternate, Jeffrey A. Tolley
Public Works & Safety -	Chris Dobbs. Alternate, Billy Irvin

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for November 16, 2021
- C. Receive and file Recreation Commission minutes of April 28, 2021
- D. Department of Housing & Community Development’s Request for Revised Resolution.

Councilmember Irvin made a motion to approve consent items B-D and Vice Mayor Tolley seconded.

Action: Vice Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to approve the consent calendar except Warrant list. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilmember Irvin asked if the cement for the pickleball courts came in on budget, or over. City Manager Carr stated that the pickleball project is currently on budget overall. Vice Mayor Tolley asked about check number 05499, Bank of New York Mellon Trust for \$93,346.80. Mr. Carr explained that 10 years ago the City of Orland issued a pension obligation bond just for the PERS employer side fund. The City issued two 10-year bonds to get the amount paid off; one was paid off in 2019 and this fiscal year the City will make the final payment for this bond.

Action: Councilmember Irvin moved to approve Warrant list, seconded by Chris Hobbs. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0-0.

**PRESENTATION – LIBRARY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REVIEW-JODY MEZA, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Library Director Meza presented a slide show on the status of the library for the 2020/2021 year. Ms. Meza showed a picture of the front entrance of the library and stated that the Library has been funded to get touch free doors through the Covid funding and hopes that this will be completed within the next few months The Friends of the Library have generously offered to also pay for cosmetic upgrades once the new doors are installed.

Ms. Meza stated books are just the tip of the iceberg that the library has to offer, the library is a hub that closes the opportunity gap by connecting people to essential resources and services 24/7. Ms. Meza stated that the library is lucky enough to have the support from community and partnerships with local donors, Friends of the Library, Orland Rotary, Orland Women’s Improvement Club and Glenn County Farm Bureau.

Ms. Meza stated the library has been able to receive \$10,421.00 in Zip Books (625 books and audiobooks), \$10,380.00 in First 5 Children’s services, \$7,000.00 worth of Chromebooks and WIFI hotspots, \$5,043.00 in Library Broadband Connectivity support, \$5,000.00 in Crisis materials and mental health grant and \$1,000.00 in Summer reading programs.

The library has seen an increase in patrons due to other libraries closing within the County. The total library users are 10,799, out of this number 5,399 are within the City and 4,967 are in the County, 433 are non-residents. Due to the pandemic library door count(visits), circulation, computer use, and program attendance are all down. Digital Circulation (downloads of e-books and audiobooks) was not affected. Ms. Meza stated that even though the numbers look sad it isn’t bad at all compared to other libraries and considering the library had limited hours, senior hours in mornings, and the computers

were limited due to social distancing. Ms. Meza mentioned the children's services numbers were down more because there wasn't a children's librarian for 10 months. The library offered story time to go kits and grab and go activities in place of children's programs in the library. Ms. Meza talked about how the new children's librarian has brought back Lego Club and introduced new activities such as Playtopia, that focuses on stem projects, science, technology, engineering, and math as well as traditional literacy.

Ms. Meza stated that there hasn't been much of a change to the library collection the past year; around 7,000 eBooks and 5,000 audio books have been added with help from the State Library funding.

Ms. Meza shared that staffing levels have gone down but open hours have gone up and they are maintaining well.

Councilmember Dobbs thanked Ms. Meza for doing a great job with the library and stated the City is lucky to have her on staff.

Vice Mayor Tolley asked what the Council could do for the library. Ms. Meza stated that Council gets feedback from the community that she would like to hear about. She also mentioned that Councilmembers are connected to other groups and agencies that the library can connect with, and she would appreciate any help to get groups that are not associated with the library to start getting involved. Ms. Meza also stated she would find out why people do not use the library and see if there is a way to get them back into the library.

Councilmember Irvin asked Ms. Meza about compensation for the library director position. Councilmember Roundy thanked Councilmember Irvin for bringing up the topic and stated that the issue of salaries should be brought up at the next upcoming negotiations meeting.

Mayor Hoffman asked Ms. Meza if she felt like she may need to hire positions that have been cut back on recently. Ms. Meza stated that the library is currently doing good, if someone is out and it cannot be covered by current staff, they call in substitutes to fill in and it is working very well.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### **A. Flavored Tobacco Follow-Up – City Attorney Greg Einhorn**

City Attorney Greg Einhorn reminded Council that on November 2, 2021, Esther Craig, Project Director for the Glenn County Alliance for Prevention (GCAP), together with a student team, presented information regarding flavored tobacco products and, specifically, the nicotine-additive effects thereof upon children.

The Council asked that the City Attorney review the model ordinance and the ordinance adopted by the City of Oroville for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Einhorn stated that the ordinances define flavored tobacco products broadly and they ban it. Both example ordinances enforce sales of flavored tobacco through the business licenses. The City of Orlando does not have a tobacco license regulatory scheme, so the City would have to not only create an ordinance but also create an enforcement mechanism that would require regulations on tobacco sales. Mr. Einhorn stated at this time the City does not have funding for the enforcement. The issue is whether council would like to move forward and create an enforcement mechanism and a regulation mechanism.

Mr. Einhorn stated the ban of retail sales of flavored tobacco products will be subject to voter approval or disapproval in November 2022 giving the entire state the opportunity to vote on the matter.

Mr. Einhorn stated that Council will need to develop the tobacco sale regulation as well as a tobacco sales enforcement regulation for the City but if the bill is slated for the November election is passed, it could cancel out all the work the City has done to create the tobacco sales regulation and enforcement plan.

Mayor Hoffman asked if the bill is passed by the state will the state take over on the enforcement. Mr. Einhorn affirmed that the state would take over all regulations and enforcement of tobacco sales.

Councilmember Dobbs asked Chief Vlach if there is a taskforce in Glenn County that deals with underage tobacco sales. Chief Vlach stated that currently the County is looking into grant funding to get a task force set up.

City Clerk Wackerman stated that she received an email from Sharon Lazorko, Orland resident, in support of banning flavored tobacco, and Mayor Hoffman asked that she read the letter aloud.

Mayor Hoffman opened the discussion to public at 7:45 pm. A member from Friday Night Live thanked Council for bringing the Tobacco topic back and gave Council a few handouts to go over. Carolina Diaz updated Council on a question she was asked last time about the proximity of retailers to schools.

Upon discussion with Mr. Einhorn Council decided that it would be best to wait until the November 2022 election and see if the bill passes before making a decision.

## **B. Verbal Update on Drought Conditions**

City Manager Carr reported as of December 7, 2021, a total of 289 wells have been registered as distressed. Of those wells 187 are dry. There has been a huge increase in interest in connecting to City water, well over 150 people have submitted interest forms. Mr. Carr stated that the cut off to fill out the expression of interest form is December 31, 2021. The estimate to connect was initially around 100 and at present there are almost 200 on the list currently. Once the December 31 deadline has passed the city will know who needs to connect to City water and the engineer will work with DWR to create the mapping area where the main lines will reach the most people.

City Manager Carr stated that North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) sent out mailers Friday December 3 to homes within a mile and a half radius of the City.

Mr. Carr stated that NVCF is ramping up on the bulk water program, 60 homes are getting bottled water delivered, 39 homes have signed up for water tanks and pumps.

City's bulk distribution is still one day a week assisting about 3-4 people a day and seems to be scaling back now that NVCF is ramping up with water deliveries. City staff is trying to connect with these people to find out if they know about the services that NVCF is offering.

Mr. Carr also reported that the City's municipal wells' production for November is one of the lowest production levels on record, indicating reduce water consumption. Mr. Carr stated that the City's well levels are stable, and the City is not in a crisis.

Councilmember Roundy asked council for input on the minimum threshold for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that the Council finds acceptable, he will be voting at the Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Board meeting. Council discussed the issue and gave Mr. Roundy direction to not vote to approve the GSP due to lack of confidence the plan adequately protects groundwater for the domestic wells.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Councilmember Roundy:

- Attended the Honeybee Discovery Center December 3rd;
- Attended the Orland Volunteer Fire Department's awards dinner;
- Attended the Orland Art Gallery show;
- Will attend the Glenn County Water Authority meeting December 14th;
- Will attend the Transportation and Transit meeting December 15th.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Wanted to know the date for the next Green Waste Site update.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Attended the Orland Volunteer Fire Department awards dinner December 14th;
- Will attend the Public Work Safety Commission December 14th.

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Attended the Orland Volunteer Fire Department awards dinner meeting December 14th ;
- Attended Rolling Hills Casino's new brewery opening
- Attended Glenn County Farm Bureau meeting in November

Mayor Hoffman:

- Santa will be at the Library December 15th;
- Attended Tree Lighting downtown November 27th;
- Attend the Transportation and Transit meeting;
- Attended the Shop Hop downtown;
- Attended December 3<sup>rd</sup> Honeybee Discovery Center.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.**

Jennifer Schmitke, Deputy City Clerk

Dennis Hoffman, Mayor