

WORKSHOP, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, Thursday  
April 14, 2011 6:00 p.m.

Workshop was called to order by Chairman Campbell. Workshop opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Charles Gee, Bruce Roundy and Dennis Hoffman

Councilmembers absent: Vice Mayor Wade Elliott and Mayor Jim Paschall

Commissioners present: Mike Yalow, Angus Saint-Evens, Randy Fortner and Vice Chairman Helen Duree and Chairman Gary Campbell

Staff present: Angie Crook and Paul H. Poczobut Jr.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Yoder and Sandie Hobbs, Councilmembers from the City of Willows, expressed their interest in economic development and partnering with the City of Orland during these difficult economic times. Council and Commissioners agreed working together is a great idea and to include the County in their collaboration.

#### WORKSHOP –

To discuss and clarify the City Council's expectations of the Economic Development Commission's responsibilities, goals and/or objectives.

Vice Chairman Duree request the Economic Development Commission (EDC) be given specifics tasks to be performed.

Chairman Campbell felt focus needs to be given to the I-5 corridor. Chairman Campbell asked Council what was their plan or vision for the City of Orland; big box store, small business or manufacturing.

Council and commissioners discussed sustaining and supporting our local business, as well as collaborating with the school district. Councilmember Roundy advised there is joint effort between the City and the school district to apply for a grant to develop a 10 acre park with educational components. Councilmember Roundy stated improvements to the local swimming pool should also be considered as it would bring larger events to the community.

It was agreed upon, that the City needs to meet with representatives from the County regarding possible uses of the airport and to encourage communication between the two entities. Council stated agricultural related business, open space and solar energy is viable to the entire community.

Councilmember Hoffman advised the City should be here to help remove any roadblocks and remain positive.

Councilmember Gee questioned changes to the 2010 Building Code that would allow for exemptions to small business in regards to ADA requirements.

Brandy Branzelle advised Council and Commissioners of a possible viable business using the byproducts from olive processing.

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Council and Commissioners discussed the importance of keeping lines of communication open with the County and Chamber of Commerce. All agreed in establishing an ad hoc committee with two members from each of the following: Willows City Council, Orland City Council, Glenn County Board of Supervisors and Orland Economic Development Commission and Willows Economic Development Commission. The following items were recognized as important to economic development in the City.

- Support and sustain local business
- Collaborate with the County of Glenn, City of Willows, Schools, Chamber and OBIA
- Agricultural related business
- Solar Energy
- Continue "branding" of town, region
- Beautify I-5 corridor
- Work with the County to form a County EDC

ADJOURN

Workshop adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk