

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL, Monday March 4, 2013 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gee

No public comments.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: Jim Paschall

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

Meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiators; Government Code Section: 54957.6; Agency Negotiators: City Manager Pete Carr and City Attorney Greg Einhorn; Employee Organizations: United Public Employees of California Local #792 (Mid Management and General Units) and Unrepresented Employees (all others not in UPEC).

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to the City Manager.

REGULAR SESSION

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: Jim Paschall

Staff present: Finance Director Daryl Brock, Chief of Police J.C. Tolle, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gee opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, stated there should be a member from the public providing input into the discussion of the community center. Mayor Gee advised when the topic comes before Council, citizens will have an opportunity to comment at that time.

Presentation:

A presentation was given by Caryn Brown updating the Council on the activities of the Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS). The VIP's began in 1997 to assist the police department in a variety of functions. These functions include: crime scene security, traffic accidents, vacation house watch, and community events, etc. The VIP's have 22 members and have volunteered over 1837 hours this past year. The VIP's have assisted in a number of community events which include the Glenn County Fair, Farmers Market, National Night Out and Christmas Preview and Parade. Council thanked the VIP's for the volunteer time they contribute to the police department and community.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Edwards reported on the following:

- Attended the Recreation Commission meeting; discussed DiamondPro; new activities such as disc golf and petanque were discussed;
- Attended the Orland Women's Improvement Club Rummage Sale;
- Received great feedback from volunteers;
- Attended Glenn County Transportation meeting; toured new street bus;
- Attended Capay Fire Department Feed.

Vice Mayor Hoffman reported on the following:

- Attended VIP Graduation ceremony;
- Fireman's Ball scheduled March 16, 2013.

Councilor Roundy reported on the following:

- Attended Northern California Water Alliance meeting;
- Attended Boy's Orland High School Championship Basketball game;
- Attended meeting regarding cutting and removal of arrundo;
- Attended Art Gallery Reception.

Mayor Gee reported on the following:

- Attended Economic Development Commission meeting; agreed to change meeting to 2nd Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.
- Advised a representative from Assemblyman Logue will be at City Hall Friday from 1-4 pm;
- Town Hall meeting with Congressman Garamendi at Carnegie Center on March 9, 2013 from 2-4 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A . Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).

- B. Receive and file Economic Development Commission minutes for December 3, 2012.
- C. Receive and file Economic Development Commission Workshop minutes for January 23, 2013.
- D. Receive and file Planning Commission minutes for December 20, 2012
- E. Receive and file Arts Commission minutes for January 16, 2013.
- F. Accept and adopt Resolution No 2013-08 accepting an easement Grant Deed from Select Harvest Partners #2.

Vice Mayor Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilor Roundy to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried with Councilor Paschall absent and no abstentions.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Finance Director:

City Manager Carr and Finance Director Brock gave a review of the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2012. City Manager Carr reported the auditor states there are no material defects or irregularities identified in the city finances, based on the audit. Total assets are listed as 10% greater than the previous year and total liabilities 34% less before including the two million dollar note to refinance the PERS side fund. Sales tax revenue increased 21%, however, property taxes and VLF declined 3% and 6%. City Finance Director Brock advised the PERS Side Fund is providing a substantial savings to the City.

Councilor Roundy moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Hoffman to accept the Financial Report for June 30, 2012 and direct staff to publish. Motion carried unanimously with Councilor Paschall absent.

City Manager:

City Manager Carr reviewed and discussed the Arts Assessment Fee and the Orland Municipal Code (OMC) that governs the arts fund accounting and assessment for remodel and new construction. City Manager Carr noted it has not been practice of the building department to assess fees for remodels or reconstruction projects. Council discussed the arts fee is in some cases substantially larger than the Development Impact fee collected for the Fire Department. Mayor Gee questioned whether the City is deterring business by charging a higher arts fee for commercial properties. The OMC offers an option to provide an acceptable public artwork or pay to the City a deposit in lieu of artwork based on the valuation of the building being constructed or remodeled ($\frac{1}{2}$ of one percent for new or remodel of commercial property and $\frac{1}{4}$ of one percent for individual residences valued over \$100,000). Rae Turnbull, Arts Commission Co-Chair, stated that 46% of the Arts Fund is generated through donations and fees charged through the arts programs. Mrs. Turnbull advised she encourages the same fee for commercial and residential. Vice Mayor Hoffman advised to reevaluate the fee schedule and be fair to business, but continue to assess fees for the arts. Councilmember Edwards thanked the Turnbills for the job they have done, however, the fee needs to be leveled for business and residential. Councilmember Roundy

stated businesses do benefit from the arts. Council directed staff to obtain more information regarding revenue received from commercial and residential and the amount of revenue not received for commercial remodels.

City Manager Carr gave an update on the following capital improvement projects:

- The architect for the library expansion has finished the drawings; permit to be issued this month; on track to be complete in June.
- Swimming pool project start delayed until August; working with school district on partnership; contractor checking with subcontractors and their costs.
- Spray Park on hold until funds are known.
- Diamond Pro Representative evaluated Bihler Field and advised cinder/clay mix is fine; Field Maintenance Agreement being worked out with Parks Commission; donations have been received for scoreboard and possible new bleachers.
- West end of South Street to be resurfaced this month.
- Stops signs to be erected at Fourth and Colusa and Fifth and Colusa Streets tomorrow.

Mayor Gee thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their work.

Councilmember Roundy stated the City should consider the Public Works position that's currently vacant and that the City should take care of all its fields.

Mayor Gee advised a Northern Sacramento Valley Small Cities Forum is to be held in the City of Williams, March 22, 2013. (subsequently cancelled)

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

_____Clerk

_____Mayor