

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL, Monday March 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gee.

No public comments.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None

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

Meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 7:02 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).

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to the City Manager.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Public Works Director Jere Schmitke, Recreation Director Joe Fenske, Chief of Police JC Tolle, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Hoffman opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, asked if a traffic study was done to determine the need for new stop signs that were recently installed. City Manager Carr advised the Public Safety Commission had brought forward recommendations which were initially reviewed by the City Engineer and approved by Council. Vice Mayor Hoffman stated citizen complaints and /or accidents at particular intersections were also taken into consideration. Councilor Edwards commended the Public Safety Commission for their efforts.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Paschall had no reports at this time.

Councilor Edwards reported on the following:

- Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on April 10th, at 6:00 p.m.
- Spring Book Sale will begin April 22nd at Saint Dominic's Parish Hall.
- Closure of the Glenn County Landfill is anticipated in 2014; KVB Inc. considering a waste conversion process.

Councilor Roundy reported on the following:

- Attended NOCWA meeting.
- Attended the Friends of the Library meeting.

Vice Mayor Hoffman reported on the following:

- Attended the Annual Fireman's Ball dinner.

Mayor Gee reported on the following:

- Met with Congressman Garamendi at Town Hall meeting; City was thanked for their participation. KVB, Inc. requested support from Congressman for change on FEMA map for their project..
- Met with Assemblyman Logue's office; request support for KVB project.
- Attended Golden State RMA meeting; organization well-funded, hopeful for dividends.
- Received thank you note and donation for Bihler Field scoreboard from Beta Sigma Phi.

Vice Mayor Hoffman requested a letter be sent to Beta Sigma Phi for their donation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for February 19, 2013.
- C. Receive and file Orland Public Works Commission minutes for September 18, 2012.
- D. Receive and file Economic Development Commission minutes for January 7, 2013.
- E. Receive and file Economic Development Commission minutes for February 4, 2013.

Councilor Paschall moved, seconded by Councilor Edwards to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried with no abstentions.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation Director:

Recreation Director Fenske gave a Power Point presentation on current Recreation Department activities. Mr. Fenske thanked city staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission for their assistance to the Recreation Department. Mr. Fenske stated attendance in various adult and youth programs have continued to increase. The Parks and Recreation Commission's considering new activities in the park: disc golf and petanque, in addition to planned pool upgrades, spray park installation, Bihler Field improvements and a skate park. New senior leisure activities, youth dance classes and spring volleyball are also planned. Mr. Fenske stated there will be an Easter Egg Hunt held at Lely Park March 30th at 9 a.m. and a golf tournament is scheduled for April 14, 2013, with proceeds benefiting the Recreation Department. Mr. Fenske advised 10 new picnic tables were installed in the parks, new tennis nets and a new sign will be painted to identify the Recreation building. Mr. Fenske advised Council of his wish list for the Recreation Department which includes: a sports complex, expansion of the Recreation Center, upgrades to playground equipment, walk/run path and outdoor basketball courts. Council commended Mr. Fenske for a job well done.

City Manager:

City Manager Carr brought forward continued discussion regarding the Arts Commission fee. Council requested additional information on the share of revenue between residential and commercial projects and the impact of not charging for commercial remodels and reconstruction. City Manager Carr stated since the implementation of the arts assessment fee, 27.4% has come from commercial projects, 72.6% from residential. If a reduction was to occur in the commercial rate to match the existing residential rate, assessments would have been reduced by \$13,088. City Manager Carr advised a review of commercial remodel projects that potentially would have been assessed from January 2011 through December 2012, estimates \$7,000 could have been collected. After further discussion, Council advised it should be a level playing field. Arts Commission Chairperson Rae Turnbull stated to keep it simple and fair. Dwight Foltz advised Council should consider an exemption for businesses that are forced to construct ADA bathrooms.

Council unanimously agreed to have staff bring forward at a future meeting an amendment to the Orland Municipal Code to reduce the interest of commercial rates from one-half (0.50%) of one percent to a quarter of one percent (0.25%), and to address construction/remodel applicability.

City Manager Carr reviewed the Economic Development Commission's (EDC) recommendations and Work Plan for 2013. EDC has discussed street lighting, freeway signage and downtown visual image. EDC is requesting Council to consider a clean-up day this spring or next fiscal year. Waste Management advised costs range from \$3,000 - \$5,000 for this type of event. Councilmember Edwards advised Waste Management stated they can provide several containers for the event, as well as recycling, as it is in the city's contract.

Council directed staff to contact Waste Management for further information.

City Manager Carr request Council to consider a project for a new wastewater headworks. City Manager Carr advised the existing headworks is well past its design and maintenance life. Replacement of the city's headworks is anticipated to cost \$100,000. Public Works Director Schmitke advised the Public Works crew can handle installation of the equipment.

Councilor Paschall moved, seconded by Councilor Edwards to authorize staff to proceed with bid evaluation and financing plans for the wastewater influent headworks project plan. Motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

City Manager Carr give an update on the following projects:

- Library project design is now done, specs have been reviewed;
- Credit card electronic payments implementation has been successful;
- Late utility payments process well underway;
- South Street paving project to start in 2-3 week

Trish Saint-Evens advised a community BBQ will take place on April 20th in Vinsonhaler Park for Dr. John Schmidt. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Gee advised the Joint City/County meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2013, 6:30 p.m., at Orland Memorial Hall.

Councilor Roundy stated efforts to cut and spray the arrundo have begun.

Mayor Gee advised Angus Saint –Evens asked if the courts were distributing back the proper funds to the City in regards to fines and parking ticket citations. Police Chief Tolle will look into it.

A memorial service will be held for Ray Lyon on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

_____Clerk

_____Mayor