

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gee at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee
Councilmembers absent: None
Staff present: Chief of Police J.C. Tolle, City Planner Scott Friend, Fire Chief Justin Chaney arrived at 8:11 p.m., City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/ City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, attended former Police Chief Bob Pasero's Celebration of Life services and appreciated all that he did for the veterans and the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for September 4, 2018.
- C. Receive and file Economic Development Commission Minutes for August 14, 2018.
- D. Receive and file 2018 Local Agency Biennial Notice.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following voice vote:
AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) **Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Digital Display Signs.** To allow for digital display signs in Orland in the C-2, H-C and M-L zoning districts and a P-D district developed for commercial uses. Digital Display Signs would be required to follow the sign height, sign area, display timing, and other standards identified in the amendment. – Scott Friend, City Planner

City Planner Friend brought forward a recommendation from the Planning Commission on the proposed text amendments to allow the use of digital/electronic signs in the same manner as analog (non-digital) signs. The current Orland Municipal Code (OMC) does not allow for use of true digital signs. The proposed digital/electronic signs would be limited to a maximum total sign area of 100 square feet for a single one-user sign and up to 750 square feet for a multi-user, freeway-oriented sign (existing standard 250 sq ft). The sign height would remain limited to a maximum height of 30 feet for signs not located within 600 feet of I-5. Signs located within 600 feet of I-5 and in designated non-residential zoning districts would be allowed to have a maximum of 70 feet in height and proposed to allow for digital display pole signs to be utilized in areas not currently permitting their use. The amendment would also require the signs have architectural pole enclosures for the length of the pole to add aesthetics of the design. Mayor Gee asked if the 750 square foot sign applied to a free-standing pole sign or building. Mr. Friend stated it is for both.

The public hearing opened for comments at 7:15 p.m. Wade Elliott, Planning Commission member, 347 Bell Way, stated the Planning Commission's intent was to simplify the sign ordinance process and eliminate the need for conditional use permits when possible. Byron Denton stated he does not want the digital signs to be a distraction to the driver. Mr. Friend stated Caltrans already regulates digital signs in regards to brightness, audible voice/music, font size, and how often the message occurs. With no further comments the public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Councilmembers Hoffman and Edwards support the amendments. Mayor Gee stated his only concern was that 750 square feet seemed excessive. Councilmember Paschall stated digital is the future and the placement of large signs would still be engineered. Councilmember Roundy stated the size of the sign seemed excessive; however, any safety concerns he originally had are being regulated.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to adopt ordinance No. 2018-XX determining that the proposed project is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3); and, approving the first reading of ZCA# 2018-2018-01 by reading of title only, amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Orland Municipal Code to include Section 17.78.405 Digital Display Signs. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- b) **Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Off-Premise Multi-User Signs.** To allow for off-premise multi-user signs along the I-5 corridor in an area identified in the amendment as the Highway Business Area. The Highway Business Area consists of a total of six separate areas designed to incorporate the commercial and industrial uses along the I-5 corridor. The revision would only allow for one sign per area. Any business within the Highway Business Area would be allowed to advertise on the sign. – Scott Friend, City Planner

Mr. Friend brought forward the recommendation from the Planning Commission on the proposed amendment for Off-Premise Multi-User Signs up to 70 feet in height and up to 750 square feet in size. The current City code does not allow for large, off-premise, multi-user signs along the I-5 corridor. The proposed amendment would establish a total six (6) designated Highway Business Areas inside of each of one (1) off-premise, freeway-oriented, multi-user monument sign may be located. The signs may not be located outside of these areas and no more than one such sign be permitted in each designated area. Any business located within the proposed Highway Business Areas would be allowed to advertise on an approved off-premise multi-user sign in that area.

Mayor Gee questioned the distance of the existing signs and the new signs that would be placed in the I-5 corridor. Mr. Friend stated regardless of what signs are already in place, one new sign can be placed in each one of the Highway Business Areas.

The public hearing opened for comments at 7:36 p.m. Byron Denton commented on the Pilot sign that can be seen in one direction, however, when leaves are on the tree, it is a little more difficult to see. Jody Samons, Glenn County Community Development Director, stated improvements to the sign ordinance are helpful; however, you still want to retain character and have adequate spacing between signs. With no further comments, the public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

Councilmember Paschall questioned if Caltrans can overrule any new signs. Mr. Friend advised Caltrans cannot overrule on a single user sign on a single parcel. Council discussed amendment and came to consensus.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to adopt ordinance No. 2018-XX determining that the proposed project is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3); and, approving the first reading of ZCA# 2018-2018-02 by reading of title only, amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Orland Municipal Code to include Section 17.78.410 Off-Premise Multi-User Signs. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Continued discussion on paid Fire Chief – Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr brought forward the continued discussion of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a paid Fire Chief. At the last City Council meeting, OVFD volunteers and the Rural District board had input into the draft documents presented. There was agreement to the document in general, except for the selection and management of the proposed Chief. The Rural District board advised they are not ready to move forward at this time, as they have a measure on the ballot and would prefer to wait until after the election. Mr. Carr reviewed the three different options to consider regarding the makeup of the Fire Chief Committee. The volunteers and Rural District board stated they preferred Option B, a seven (7) member committee comprised of:

*Three (3) current and active OVFD Volunteers;
Two (2) District Board members;
One (1) City Council member (Fire Dept. Liaison)
City Manager*

Councilmember Edwards stated her concern is the City should not be in charge of hiring a Fire Chief; the volunteers have more knowledge in this area. Mayor Gee stated since the Fire Chief position would be an employee of the City, there is a liability issue to consider. Councilmember Hoffman advised he also preferred Option B, as the volunteers have the knowledge of who is qualified for the position. Vice Mayor Roundy stated the City Manager should not be on the hiring committee. Councilmember Paschall stated he agreed with Option B; however, the Fire Chief needs to be held accountable to someone. Councilmember Paschall stated one of his main concerns is not moving ahead fast enough before the current Chief would decide to vacate his post. Fire Chief Chaney advised they will keep meeting with the Orland Rural Board and volunteers to discuss options. At this time Option B is preferred by the volunteers. Jody Samons advised a lot of hiring committees may suggest having a member as ex-officio (non-voting member) and possibly the City Manager could serve in that capacity to bring forward policy, rules and other pertinent information. Council directed staff to continue working with the volunteers and consider Option B as the preferred option at this time.

B. Appoint committee to review contract options for solid waste collection services – Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr requested Council to appoint one or two City Councilmembers to work with the City Manager in reviewing contract options for solid waste collection services. Current hauler Waste Management Inc. is presently working on proposals for the City, County and City of Willows to consider potential extension of the contract. Mayor Gee advised the committee should confer with the City of Willows. Vice Mayor Roundy recommended Councilmember Edwards and Mayor Gee be appointed to the committee. City Council was in consensus of recommended appointment.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Paschall requested to agendaize an item regarding real property the City was considering purchasing.

Vice Mayor Roundy:

- Attended League of California Cities Annual Conference- housing update, CEQA changes, public transit were topics discussed;
 - Small City working group to be established;
 - Arundo issue has come up again;
 - New bronze sculpture to be revealed Sept. 27, 2018.
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Councilmember Hoffman:

- Planning Commission recommended sign ordinance update;
- Attended poetry reading by Steve Elliott.

Councilmember Edwards:

- Attended the City of Willows commemoration of Sept 11th;
- Attended Bob Pasero's Celebration of Life services.

Mayor Gee:

- City Clean Up day scheduled for October 6, 2018;
- Attended County EDC meeting; received call from owner of the Old Royal Hotel regarding letter she received from EDC and wanted ideas of what to do with the building.

The Arts Commission will be unveiling to the public the new bronze sculpture, "Our Hope and Heritage" on September 27th in Centennial Park.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Angela Crook, City Clerk

Charles Gee, Mayor