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AGENDA

ORLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to be in compliance with public health orders, the Commission meeting will be teleconferenced using Zoom technology. All participants will be at remote locations.

The public is invited to participate in the meeting by telephone or Zoom video conferencing.

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Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in advance by emailing the City Clerk at jwackerman@cityoforland.com or by phone at (530) 865-1601 by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Citizen Comments:

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on any item(s) not on the agenda may do so at this time when recognized by the Chairperson; however, no formal action or discussion will be taken unless placed on a future agenda. Public is advised to limit discussion to one presentation per individual. While not required, please state your name and address for the record. **(Oral communications will be limited to three minutes).**

5. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2021

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Economic Development Commission minutes for October 13, 2020.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- A. Review 2020 work plan
- B. Set work plan and meeting frequency for 2021

8. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager update on:

- A. Annexations for commercial development
- B. Downtown directional signage
- C. Covid relief grants
- D. Airport industrial park news
- E. Honeybee Discovery Center update
- F. General business and economic news

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURN

CERTIFICATION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a), the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on January 8, 2021.

A complete agenda packet is available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, 815 Fourth Street, Orland, CA.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Orland will make available to members of the public any special assistance necessary to participate in this meeting. The public should contact the City Clerk's Office 865-1601 to make such a request. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

CITY OF ORLAND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
October 13, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Allee at 6:01 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Chairperson Hamilton.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Brien Hamilton, Russell Pierce, Charles Gee, David Allee

Absent: Ron Lane

Councilmembers: Bruce Roundy

Staff: Pete Carr, Rebecca Pendergrass

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the August 11, 2020 minutes

Moved by Commissioner Gee, seconded by Chairperson Hamilton, motion carried to approve August 11, 2020 minutes as written. 4-0-0-1 Ayes: Commissioners Gee, Hamilton, Pierce, and Allee; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Lane. Motion carried.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION

A. Update on COVID's impact on local economic reopening

City Manager Carr reported that only ten counties are classified in the purple tier, including Glenn County. Glenn County is considered "widespread" due to there being more than 7 positive cases daily per 100k people. The Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the State Department of Public Health regarding the use of "per 100k people" is disproportionate to smaller counties and has a negative impact.

B. Informational discussion: City of Corning vacant building ordinance

City Manager Carr reminded the Commission that this agenda topic was originally discussed a little over year ago and that it may be a good time to resume the conversation. The City of Berkeley passed an ordinance a little over a year ago regarding vacant buildings. Similarly, the City of Corning also passed an ordinance that stated buildings were not allowed to be boarded up for a period longer than 30 days and prohibits the existence of a vacant building for a period longer than 30 days, unless there is an active building permit for repair or if the building is up to code, actively being maintained and is being offered for sale or rent. The property owner is issued a notice and is given 30 days to comply before they are possibly fined.

Commissioner Gee stated that he believed buildings could only be subject of code enforcement cases if it posed a threat to public health and safety. He also believes that a lot of property owners may not know what to do/how to start or have the funds to improve their properties. Chairperson Hamilton suggested a letter be sent out, as previously done, to help spark change. Commissioner Allee stated that creating an ordinance like Corning's may create ill will between property/business owners and the City. Commissioner Pierce suggested that giving the timing, currently being in a pandemic, it would be better to take action after seeing what happens in Corning. After discussion, the Commission agreed to table the agenda item to a later date, meanwhile observing the result of Corning's ordinance.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Local economic development update

City Manager Carr stated Butte College has announced that they will be constructing a Butte College – Glenn County Center on a parcel just south of South Street. This has created interest in the surrounding parcels from other investors.

A package delivery company, currently remaining unnamed, will be subleasing the majority of a warehouse out at the Orland Airport. They will also be installing a 100-car parking lot. The company has also been given an option to expand in the future. Iron Tree Ag, based in Williams, will be leasing a building as well as a few parcels at the Orland Airport. Their Orland location will be utilized to develop and manufacture autonomous farming equipment.

The Sunny Truck Wash's application to annex into the City and receive Commercial Zoning was approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council. The application was then sent to Glenn County LAFCo where approval of the application was placed on hold to address complaints sent in from a neighboring property owner. The application will be reviewed again at the next meeting on November 9, 2020.

The Orland Unified School District will be reviewing the School Impact Development Fees at their next meeting. The proposed rate increase will change the residential cost from \$3.79/sq. ft. to \$4.08/sq. ft. and the commercial cost from 61¢/sq. ft. to 66¢/sq. ft. Orland is keeping up with state guidelines regarding the fees.

B. Local business update

City Manager Carr shared that over the last three months, the only business license applications that have been submitted are for home-based businesses as no one is investing in opening brick and mortar stores currently.

The City Council and Glenn County Board of Supervisors approved a partnership for the use of the CARES Act money. The previously discussed \$84k the City received will be administered by the County but utilized by City of Orland businesses. These funds are grants and will not have to be repaid by the businesses.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Work Plan Updates

Commissioner Allee shared that the Department of Food and Agriculture has an update regarding the cannabis industry. A statewide cannabis industry education and outreach campaign entitled, *This is California Cannabis*, is promoting California's legal cannabis cultivation market and support cultivation licensing as well as providing support for cannabis growers in securing and maintaining their cultivation licenses. This marketing campaign includes but is not limited to community events and educational workshops. Additional informational materials are available at www.growwithCA.com.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Carr suggested an update on the Honeybee Discovery Center be added to the next EDC Agenda.

10. ADJOURN – 7:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Pendergrass, Staff Support

Brien Hamilton, Chairman