



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chamber
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

APRIL 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

1. OPENING – Mayor Linda Dahlmeier called the April 17, 2018 Oroville City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber located at 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, California.

Council Members Present: Jack Berry, Marlene Del Rosario, Linda Draper, Art Hatley, Scott Thomson, Vice Mayor Janet Goodson, Mayor Linda Dahlmeier.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Interim City Clerk Joanna Gutierrez, Interim City Administrator Tom Lando, Police/Fire Chief Bill LaGrone, Supplemental Benefits Program Specialist Dawn Nevers, Finance Director Ruth Wright, Building Official Gary Layman, City Treasurer Karolyn Fairbanks, City Attorney Scott Huber, Human Resources Manager Elizabeth Ehrenstrom.

2. CLOSED SESSION (5:30 p.m.)

At 5:35 Mayor Dahlmeier announced that the City Council would meeting in closed session for the following:

2.1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), the Council will meet with Acting City Administrator, Personnel Officer, and/or City Attorney to consider the employment related to the following positions: City Administrator.

2.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), the Council will meet with the Acting City Administrator and City Attorney regarding potential exposure to litigation – one case.

Mayor Dahlmeier reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and announced that direction was given, no action taken in closed session.

3. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Vice Mayor Janet Goodson read the **Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month** Proclamation for the record and presented the document to a representative from Rape Crisis Intervention Services.

3.2 **SCI CONSULTING: Neil Hall**, Business Initiative Leader, provided information pursuant to his contract with the City of Oroville, relating to public relations in the community and the legislative process of the Council placing a measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot relating to cannabis issues. Mr. Hall outlined the measure process and timelines for Council adoption of an ordinance for voter approval; reviewed the evolution of medical marijuana (cannabis) legislation from 1996 to the present; discussed five legal activities related to cannabis distribution and the three

agencies formed for oversight and regulation; and, discussed the six elements of cannabis implementation: community outreach, land use ordinance(s); local industry application process; full cost recovery regulatory fees; revenue (tax ballot measure); monitoring; and, compliance.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Goodson, seconded by Del Rosario, approved the following Consent Calendar Items 4.1 and 4.2 as presented. Council vote was unanimous.

4.1 April 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

4.2 Resolution No. 8693, A Resolution Delegating Industrial Disability Findings to The City of Oroville and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute the Resolution Under Public Employees' Retirement Law (Section 21156, Government Code).

REMOVED FROM CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION

4.3 HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CITY HALL

Council Member Hatley stated that he thinks it is a dis-service to close City Hall to the public on Fridays, as recommended, as the closure is not a cost savings measure because staff is still being paid to be at work on Friday. Hatley would prefer that citizens be able to leave a message even though the appropriate staff to respond are not available on Friday.

Police/Fire Chief Bill LaGrone informed Council that permits could be submitted at the public safety facility on Fridays and the website enhanced to facilitate online submission of permits.

Council Member Thomson stated he agrees with the recommended closure as it would provide staff with opportunities for focus and efficiency by removing interruptions for assistance that cannot be provided.

Council Member Draper was in favor of the alternate location and Mayor Dahlmeier was concerned that the transfer of work to another department would result in a burden on the staff at the safety facility.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Goodson, seconded by Draper, authorized the closing city Hall on Fridays, beginning May 1, 2018, necessitated by the inability of staff to serve the public due to staff reductions and furloughs. Council vote was unanimous.

4.4 JOB DESCRIPTION FOR POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND APPROVED APPOINTMENT OF BILL LAGRONE TO THE POSITION FOR SIX MONTHS.

Council expressed concern about the request to appoint Bill LaGrone in light of the Grand Jury Report that current staff was "wearing too many hats". Attorney Huber stated that there would no conflict of interest issues if Mr. LaGrone was appointed to serve in a part-time capacity in the position of Assistant City Administrator. Interim City Administrator Tom Lando stated that approval of his request would formalize what is already occurring in the work place and clarify Mr. LaGrone's role within the work force. Mr. Lando believes it is prudent, as a policy decision, to appoint an Assistant for the term of six-months because his time as Interim City Administrator is limited by the terms of his contract to the end of June. Police/Fire Chief Bill LaGrone explained to Council the chain of command process and how it enables him to serve effectively in an

administrative role as Police/Fire Chief. It also enables his ability to have an office and be present at City Hall in an Assistant City Administrator capacity.

MOTION by Council Member Berry, seconded by Council Member Thomson, approved the job description for the position of Assistant City Administrator and approved appointment of Bill LaGrone to the position. Ayes of Berry, Del Rosario, Draper, Thomson, Vice Mayor Goodson and Mayor Dahlmeier; no of Council Member Hatley.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

6.1 SET TIME LIMITS AND AMENDED COUNCIL AGENDA FORMAT

Bobby O'Reiley spoke against moving non-agenda items to beginning of meeting and establishing the 30-minute time limit.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Goodson, seconded by Council Member Del Rosario, set time limits and amended the Council Agenda format as follows by unanimous vote.

- a. Move non-Agenda Items to beginning of meeting
- b. Establish a 30-minute time limit for hearing non-agenda items
- c. Establish a 'per speaker' time limit for non-agenda items.
- d. Approved a sequential numbering system for Council Agendas.

6.2 AMENDED CODE OF CONDUCT

Bobby O'Reiley and Eric Smith spoke in favor of adding the oath of office to the current code of conduct, with no other amendments.

COUNCIL CONCURRED to direct staff to amend the current Code of Conduct by adding oath of office and to bring back the amended code to Council on May 1, 2018.

6.3 AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT OF \$1,000,000 IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

MOTION by Vice Mayor Goodson, seconded by Council Member Del Rosario, approved investment of \$1,000,000 in five (5) \$200,000 certificates of deposit through the Bank of the West and directed attorney to prepare Resolution No. 8694 for execution by Mayor: A Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Invest \$1,000,000 in Five (5) \$200,000 Certificates of Deposit Through the Bank of the West with Karolyn Fairbanks, City Treasurer; Ruth Wright, Finance Director; and, Tom Lando, Interim City Administrator as Signatories and Approval for Reinvestment Upon Maturity if a Greater Return Can Continue to be received at that Time. Council vote was unanimous.

6.4 'DIG ONCE' POLICY (OPEN TRENCH) REMOVED FROM AGENDA AT REQUEST OF STAFF.

7. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Del Rosario attended the April 7th Wurlitzer Organ Premier and silent movies and the

April 10th Park and Recreation District Meeting.

Vice Mayor Goodson attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Mayor Dahlmeier informed that the staff will be providing a breakdown of revenue as reported at the April 11, 2018 budget meeting to assist in explanation to the public; and, attended the State Theatre opening which was a sold-out event.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL CONCURRED to review Interim City Administrator observations and to set a special meeting after budget to consider recommendations.

Police/Fire Chief Bill LaGrone reported that staff is working with DWR on the repair of Old Ferry Road and hopes to have a timeline by the next Council Meeting; the recommendations for amending the Tree Ordinance are scheduled for the May 1st Council Meeting; PG&E will be re-painting the towers with non-lead based paint; provided a copy of a letter from Kristina Wagner asked for speed bumps around the park and that he will bring projected costs for the speed bumps back to Council; and that a request to support SB 955 will be scheduled on the April 25th Special Meeting agenda.

Interim City Manager Lando reviewed his observations with Council, stated that he provided the list for information only and suggested that Council set a special meeting for a goal-setting workshop after the budget for 2018/2019 has been adopted.

Finance Director Ruth Wright shared an email with Council relating to the breakdown of property tax distribution to the City and informed Council that she has requested a presentation from a County official that would detail the allocations of property taxes to the various cities.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Bobby O'Reiley thanked Chief LaGrone for taking on another hat with no increase in pay, that the SCI Consultants made no mention of federal law relating to cannabis, and the Grand Jury report on the City of Oroville was disturbing and he hopes that things can change.
2. John Miller George stated that he was encouraged by the presentation of SCI Consulting (item 3.2), suggested the Council agenda have space for revenue raising ideas, that rumble strips might be better than speed bumps around the park, and he likes non-agenda items heard at the end of the meeting.
3. John Mitchell stated that he is alarmed by the Grand Jury Report, especially the comment about turmoil among City Council, that he would like unity on the Council, that he respects all the Council Members, that the community is split on the cannabis issues, and invited Council to the river cleanup on Saturday at 10 am.
4. Eric Smith stated that more laws don't make a community safer, that the force of the Constitution is on State rights, that he thinks tradition should be questioned in light of societal changes with regard to policy, regulations and rules, and would like simple talking points on issues such as cannabis.
5. Randy Murphy introduced himself as the new manager of the Park District, informed Council that Riverbend Park will be closed until August and opened for soccer season, that 20-30 people were in the park because the lock had been broken. Mr. Murphy asked everyone to keep eyes on the park to protect it, that there is a vacancy on the Park Board for an unexpired term of office, and there will be an update to the Master Plan for the Riverbend Park.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 p.m

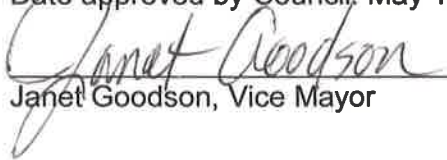
At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Dahlmeier adjourned the meeting to April 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. for a special meeting relating to the budget.

Submitted by Clerk: May 15, 2018



Joanna Gutierrez, Interim City Clerk

Date approved by Council: May 15, 2018



Janet Goodson, Vice Mayor

