

Regular Council Meeting of July 19, 2022

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, McElheran and Hart. Councilmember Marthaller attended via speakerphone. Absent: Moser.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the July 5th council meeting minutes were read and approved.

Arnie Marchand, Chairman of the Oroville Planning Commission, requested that Alternate #2 Member Rebecca Ann be appointed to the position vacated by Commissioner Luis Perez. Marchand stated that the Alternate #1 Member is unable to fill the permanent position; Marchand discussed Rebecca Ann's qualifications. Councilman Naillon asked if the remaining Planning Commission members agree with the request; Marchand stated that they were supportive of the request. Mayor Neal stated that he had recently met her and feels that the request should be approved; Council confirmed appointment.

Councilman McElheran submitted his letter of resignation effective immediately following the July 19th meeting. McElheran expressed his sincere appreciation of the public for voting him into office, the Mayor, Council and City Staff for working with him and discussed how much he enjoyed serving on the City Council. McElheran was thanked for his service and contributions to the community.

National Night Out update from Chief Langford and request that the August 2nd City Council meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 3rd to allow attendance at the event by the Mayor and Council. Langford stated that the event will be held at the Prince Heritage Park this year and the organizers would like to request that Fir Street be closed from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue during the event. Motion by McElheran, second by Naillon that the meeting be rescheduled and the street closure request be approved; motion carried.

Department of Ecology 2023 Water Quality Funding Offer for General Sewer Plan explained by Clerk Denney. Letter has been received from the DOE informing the City that the project to update the General Sewer Plan is being offered funding of up to \$355,265, which includes \$177,633 from Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for a term of 20 years at a 1.1% interest rate and \$177,633 forgivable principle loan from CWSRF that will not be required to be repaid. Clerk Denney stated that a requirement of the funding is that the Critical Areas Ordinance must be updated, which is the next agenda item.

Highlands Associates contract agreement addendum to update the Critical Areas Ordinance reviewed; all work will be completed prior to January 31, 2023 and compensation for the supplemental agreement is \$5,500. Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the agreement addendum; motion carried.

NCW Libraries Facility Improvement Plan Update received notifying the City of the progress being made on the phasing of the improvements.

TIB Crack Seal Award explained by Superintendent Thompson. Motion by Hart, second by Naillon that Mayor Neal be authorized to sign the required forms; motion carried.

WSLCB Liquor License Renewal Application for the Brickhouse received; no comments.

WSLCB Marijuana License Renewal Application for the Hood Canal Green Farms received; no comments.

Clerk Denney stated that she has published the council vacancy in the paper and it is posted on the City's web-site; letters of interest must be received by Friday, July 29th. As of today, 1 letter of interest has been received; letter of interest received from Richard Werner.

Superintendent Thompson stated that his budget includes \$20,000 to rebuild lift station controls; Thompson stated that he has received a quote for \$2,390 each and he would like to purchase one now and purchase the rest after installing the first one. Purchase has already been approved in the budget, but Council re-confirmed approval.

Jeff Bunnell updated the Council on The Oroville Initiative (TOI) activities:

- Restroom flooring improvements at the City Park have been completed
- Bicycle repair station at the Depot Museum is finishing up
- Orr cart in front of 1300 Main will be relocated, as the building has sold and the new owner will be changing the use of the space in front of the building

Motion by McElheran and second by Naillon the vouchers \$287,765.88, #30773-30804, DOR-EFT1, be paid, the July 15, 2022 payroll of \$55,241.62, #30753-30772, Direct Deposit Run, EFT #202229-202230, be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk