



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

May 06, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
CLOSED SESSION 3:30 PM
OPEN SESSION 4:30 PM
AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Council Members: Chuck Reynolds, Scott Thomson, Tracy Johnstone, Janet Goodson, Shawn Webber, Vice Mayor Eric Smith, Mayor David Pittman

CLOSED SESSION

The Council will hold a Closed Session on the following:

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Council will meet with the City Administrator and City Attorney regarding potential exposure to litigation – Two cases.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Council will meet with the Personnel Officer to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluations. Position Title: Department Heads and Contract Employees

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. **BUTTE COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL WILL PRESENT INFORMATION ON FIRE WISE COMMUNITIES**

The City Council shall receive a presentation from the Butte County Fire Safe Council on Fire Wise Communities.

ACTION REQUESTED –

ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports
2. Administration Reports

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 - 5** are adopted in one action by the Council. Items that are removed will be discussed and voted on immediately after adoption of consent calendar items.

1. **EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH JENNIFER ARBUCKLE CONSULTING**

The Council shall consider extending the professional services agreement with Jennifer Arbuckle Consulting for grant management and SB 1383 Compliance, extending the term through Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Fiscal Year 2026/2027 at her current rate of \$125/hour.

ACTION REQUESTED -

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.9367 – A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT #3386 WITH JENNIFER ARBUCKLE CONSULTING – (AGREEMENT NO. 3386).

2. **PURCHASE OF ONE NEW COMMAND VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Council shall consider the expenditure of funds to purchase a new 2025 Ford F-250 pickup to be used as a Battalion Chief command vehicle. The vehicle will be outfitted with emergency lighting, radios, camper shell and necessary command equipment. If approved, the new vehicle will replace the current 2019 Ford F-150, which will be reassigned as a utility vehicle within the department.

ACTION REQUESTED -

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2025 FORD F-250 COMMAND VEHICLE WITH ASSOCIATED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

3. **SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3235 BURLINGTON AVENUE**

The Council shall consider selling residential property located at 3235 Burlington Avenue.

ACTION REQUESTED -

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 9366 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AMY BERGSTRAND, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 3235 BURLINGTON AVENUE, OROVILLE (APN.035-096-004) TO GARY AND REBECCA ASHWORTH FOR \$170,000.

4. REQUEST TO WAIVE MUSEUM FEES FOR EVENT AT CHINESE TEMPLE

City Council will have the choice to waive the standard \$3 per person admission fee and special event fee of \$110.24 for an Asian heritage event the docents would like to hold at the Chinese Temple Museum on Saturday, May 24, 2025, featuring a Tai Chi demonstration and children's origami instruction. The fee waiver would apply only for that day and is intended to encourage broader public participation.

ACTION REQUESTED –

CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE OR DENY THE FEE WAIVER REQUEST AND ALLOW CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN FORMS ACCORDINGLY.

5. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM | HMONG VETERANS SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Council shall consider adopting the proposed resolution, honoring and recognizing May 15th as Hmong-American Veterans Memorial Day.

ACTION REQUESTED –

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 9374 – HONORING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 15TH AS HMONG-AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. 2025 COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) OVERVIEW

The City Council shall receive an overview and consider approval of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Oroville City Fire Department is an active participant in the County wide CWPP, which is designed to enhance regional wildfire mitigation and coordination efforts.

ACTION REQUESTED -

APPROVE THE 2025 BUTTE COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.

7. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH RUTH DUNCAN FOR POSITION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Council shall consider entering into a new employment contract with Ruth Duncan for the position of Finance Director.

ACTION(S) REQUESTED

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT; AND

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 9373 - A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OROVILLE AND RUTH DUNCAN.

8. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES

The Council shall consider contract amendments with all contracted employees, that would modify accrual language leave accruals, and language in the Non-Industrial Injury / Illness section of the agreements.

ACTION REQUESTED -

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS NO. 9368-9372

9. ALLEYWAY NAMING INITIATIVE

At the request of Council Member Goodson and Council Member Webber, the Council will consider the installation and naming of signage in alleyways located within City limits. It is estimated approximately 195 signs would be needed with a materials cost of \$35,000. Labor is anticipated to be approximately five (5) hours per sign, or a total of 975 labor hours, or 24.4 weeks for one full-time laborer. Additionally, admin time is anticipated to also be approximately five (5) hours per sign, or a total of 975 labor hours, or 24.4 weeks for one full-time admin person.

ACTION REQUESTED -

PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

10. **AWARD CONTRACT TO MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WASHINGTON AVENUE AND TABLE MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT**

The Council shall consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Agreement No. 3546 for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Washington Avenue and Table Mountain Boulevard Complete Streets project.

ACTION REQUESTED -

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT NO. 3546 AND AWARD THE PROJECT TO MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WASHINGTON AVENUE AND TABLE MOUNTAIN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearing Procedure is as follows:

- Mayor or Chairperson opens the public hearing and staff will present the item and answer Council questions.
- The hearing is opened for public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. In the event of more than ten (10) speakers, time will be limited to one and a half (1.5) minutes. Under Government Code 54954.3, the time for each presentation may be limited.
- Speakers are requested to provide a speaker card to the City Clerk
- Public comment session is closed and then the Council will debate and take action
- Those wishing to speak at the public hearings below, but unable to attend before 5pm, may request that the council consider holding the public hearing after 5pm by emailing cityclerk@cityoforoville.org or calling 530-538-2535. Please submit request 24 hours before the meeting.
- Individuals may email comments for council consideration to publiccomment@cityoforoville.org

11. **5:00PM – PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE WEED ABATEMENT ORDINANCE**

As wildfire risks continue to grow, the safety of Oroville's residents remains a top priority. Staff is requesting the Council consider updates to the current weed abatement ordinance to strengthen fire prevention efforts and better protect our community. These updates focus on addressing fire hazards more effectively, with a key emphasis on establishing defensible space around homes to reduce the risk of wildfire damage.

ACTION REQUESTED -

WAIVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE FOR WEED ABATEMENT AND DIRECT STAFF TO BRING BACK FOR ADOPTION AT THE NEXT MEETING WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2026.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items
2. Correspondence
 - i. **PG&E Request to Change Rates Notice**
 - ii. **Fire Department Stat Report 05.01.25**

ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting will be adjourned. A regular meeting of the Oroville City Council will be held on May 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

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