



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

May 06, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Council will held a Closed Session on the following:

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

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session – Direction given; no action taken.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Fire Chief Tennes
3. Adoption of Agenda – Motioned by: Council Member Goodson Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

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

The City Council received a presentation from the Butte County Fire Safe Council on Fire Wise Communities and accepted it for information.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Bill Speer

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports:

Goodson: Spoke on the PW Team, Code Enforcement on Southside Cleanup that happened April 26, 2025. There was a great partnership and event with a turnout of many people who wanted to participate to help the community. Event will happen again.

Smith: Feather Fiesta Days coming up. Chili Cook Off is going to be a lot of fun. Encouraged the public to attend. Parade and plenty of vendors to be there as well.

Webber: Hewitt Park project groundbreaking ceremony is May 13 at 2pm. Monday, May 12 is the OCDC meeting at the Southside Community Center. Invited the public to attend.

Pittman: Spoke on the State of the City event, it was a nice event and he thanked staff for putting it together.

2. Administration Reports

Ring: Work on levy being done, discussion on what to use to discourage camping on the levy. US Army Corps of Engineers, they are looking at and assessing the levy.

Wines: Provided the Council with a staffing update, 31 authorized positions, 22 positions filled, will be 24 soon. 7 of 9 dispatcher positions are filled. 13 authorized MLE positions, 9 filled – 4 in background. Records keeper position posted; hopeful great candidates will apply. Strike team continues to work very hard.

Stutz: Watering operations happening by street crew, 125 tons of asphalt was completed in the month of May. Removed and replaced 65 linear feet of sidewalk on 1st street. Sewer is working through easements and lift station weed abatement. Electric crew working on extracting non-working and existing light poles in town. Working on traffic signal and streetlight maintenance. Interviews for new mechanic on May 13th. Airport fly in event scheduled for May 17th. New Curator for museums starts May 18th.

Ruth: 3 banking proposals received for RFP that is out. To come for consideration on the 20th.

Bergstrand: Lincoln Street Apartments loans to close soon, then the Notice-to-Proceed should be issued.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 - 5** were adopted in one action by the Council.

1. EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH JENNIFER ARBUCKLE CONSULTING

The Council approved 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. The Council adopted Resolution No. 9367.

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

The Council approved 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.

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

The Council approved selling residential property located at 3235 Burlington Avenue by adopting Resolution No. 9366.

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

City Council waived 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.

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

The Council adopted the proposed resolution (Resolution No. 9374), honoring and recognizing May 15th as Hmong-American Veterans Memorial Day.

Marie Vue, submitted public comment on this item.

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. 2025 COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) OVERVIEW

The City Council received an overview and approved 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.

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

The Council approved entering into a new employment contract with Ruth Duncan for the position of Finance Director by adopting Resolution No. 9373 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

8. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES

The Council approved 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 by adopting Resolution No. 9368-9372 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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. Direction was provided 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 authorized the Mayor to sign Agreement No. 3546 for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Washington Avenue and Table Mountain Boulevard Complete Streets project by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

The City Council waived the first reading of the ordinance for weed abatement and directed staff to bring back for adoption at the next meeting with proposed effective date of January 1, 2026 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional public comment submitted.

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

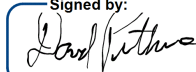
The meeting was adjourned at 6:21PM.

Signed by:

Brian Ring

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Brian Ring, City Clerk

Signed by:

David Pittman

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David Pittman, Mayor