



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

March 18, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was posted at Oroville City Hall on Friday, March 14, 2025. The recording for this meeting can be viewed on our City of Oroville, CA YouTube channel.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Council held a Closed Session on the following:

1. 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 – No reportable action taken.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by students from Ophir Elementary School.
3. Adoption of Agenda – Motioned by Council Member Goodson; Seconded by Council Member Johnstone.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF OROVILLE

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9358 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

2. GATEWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Mark Mendez provided the City Council an update on progress being made with the City of Oroville Gateway project (project on the northwest corner of Montgomery and Feather River Boulevard). The City Council accepted this presentation for information.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Skipper Clark, The CameraMan, Carlos Ramirez, Bill Speer and Brian Wong.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports

Council Member Reynolds: Spoke on the astronauts that recently landed back on Earth after being stuck in space for 9 months. He welcomed them home.

Council Member Goodson: Announced the 20th annual prom project.

Mayor Pittman: Spoke on the Arbor Day celebration, he gave kudos to those who staffed the event.

2. Administration Reports

Ruth Duncan, Finance Director: Announced that the 2025-26 budget is open and being worked on by City staff. She notified Council of an upcoming vacation and informed them she will be attending a training session that spans 2 full days.

Brian Ring, City Administrator: Provided the City Council with statistics related to the sobering center. As a reminder, this sobering center was approved in a partnership with Butte County Behavioral Health.

Alyssa Stutz, Interim Public Works Director: She reminded the City Council and members of the public to report pot holds to the PW team when they are seen. Interviews for Cultural Curator were conducted. Stutz also spoke on the online encroachment permit portal and provided the Council with an update regarding the Corp Yard. Lastly, she spoke on a Butte County Public Health workshop that is upcoming.

Jason Wines, Interim Police Chief: Chief Wines notified Council that he and the Chief of Police in Huntington Beach are in contact and Oroville Police Department has been working closely with them. He also spoke on a lateral detective that will be onboarded soon. 1 Lieutenant is in background process, one has resigned due to moving out of State).

Ron Belser, Director of Code Enforcement: Provided the City Council with a statistical update from Code Enforcement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

1. FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE AND INCORPORATION INTO THE OROVILLE 2030 GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT

To keep Oroville's eligibility for federal and state disaster assistance, the Council adopted Oroville's 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (LHMP) and has begun to officially incorporate it into the City's General Plan Safety Element. City Council adopted Resolution No. 9359; and authorized the Mayor to sign.

2. TITLE VI PROGRAM APPROVAL

The City Council approved a Title VI Program implementation within the City.

3. HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT

The City Council received and filed the Housing Successor Agency Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

4. HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The City Council received and filed the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved the drafted minutes of March 4, 2025; and authorized the Mayor to sign.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. 2025 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY DISCUSSION

Brian Ring, City Administrator presented this item to the City Council with The Ferguson Group.

The City Council provided input on the federal priority document from The Ferguson Group (TFG), who the city has retained for advocacy work at the federal level. The City Council gave general consensus to proceed with the priority document as presented

7. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; HEWITT PARK RENOVATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Alyssa Stutz, Interim Public Works Director presented this item to the City Council.

The City Council awarded the construction contract to R&R Horn Contractors, Inc., of Chico for the Hewitt Park Renovation project for \$4,530,077 and allocating \$453,008 for contingencies; they approved the budget adjustment from the park impact fees fund 134 to capital projects fund 301 in the amount of \$1,826,961; and authorized Mayor to sign the contract 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

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

8. AWARD OF CONTRACT; CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON THE HEWITT PARK RENOVATION PROJECT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Alyssa Stutz, Interim Public Works Director presented this item to the City Council.

The City Council awarded a contract to Alpha CM, Inc. of Folsom for Construction Management (CM) Services on the Hewitt Park Renovation project in the amount of \$425,470 and allocating \$42,547 for contingencies; approved the budget adjustment from the park impact fees fund 134 to capital projects fund 301 in the amount of \$468,017 (5/7 vote required); and authorized the mayor to sign contract 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

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

9. **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH ALYSSA STUTZ, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / CITY ENGINEER APPOINTING AS INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND TEMPORARILY PLACE ON STEP G OF DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY SCHEDULE**

Brian Ring, City Administrator presented this item to the City Council.

The City Council approved an amendment to the employment contract with Alyssa Stutz, Assistant Director of Public Works / City Engineer, temporarily appointing Ms. Stutz as Interim Public Works Director effective February 19, 2025 and placement at Step G of the Department Head salary schedule at an annual compensation of \$166,345. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9360; and approved Agreement No. 3509-1 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

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

10. **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH AMY BERGSTRAND, DIRECTOR – BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Brian Ring, City Administrator presented this item to the City Council.

The City Council approved an amendment to the employment contract with Amy Bergstrand, Director – Business Assistance and Housing Development, that would advance Ms. Bergstrand from Step E, \$150,123 annual salary to Step G, \$166,345 annual salary. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9361 and approved Agreement No. 3407-3m by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson Seconded by: Council Member Johnstone

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

11. APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brian Ring, City Administrator presented this item to the City Council.

The City Council appointed Laura Rattanasouk Hix to the Housing Loan Advisory Committee with a term expiring on March 18, 2029 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

12. SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR THE OROVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY

The City Council sponsored a table at the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Award Ceremony by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Vice Mayor Smith

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. FIRST READING OF ZONING CODE AMENDMENT (ZC) 24-04, AMENDING SECTION 17.04.060 (DEFINITIONS) AND CHAPTER 17.20 (SIGN REGULATIONS) OF THE OROVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE (OMC)

Connor Musler presented this item to the City Council.

Bill Speer submitted public comment on this item.

The City Council approved ZC 24-04, amendments to the City's Sign Code as it pertains to the regulation of freestanding-signs, wall signs, and the processing of sign programs. ZC 24-04 would specifically amend Section 17.04.060 "Definitions," Section 17.20.070 "Requirements for specific types of signs," Section 17.20.080 "Sign programs", Section 17.20.120 "Requirements for commercial and mixed-use districts," Section 17.20.130 "Requirements for industrial districts," and Section 17.20.140 "Requirements for special purpose districts." The City Council found that the adoption of the proposed ordinance is statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Section 15061(b)(3); and introduced for first reading Ordinance No. 1886 - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Oroville Amending The Oroville Municipal Code Section 17.04.060 "Definitions," Section 17.20.070 "Requirements For Specific Types Of Signs," Section 17.20.080 "Sign Programs," Section 17.20.120 "Requirements For Commercial And Mixed-Use Districts," Section 17.20.130 "Requirements For Industrial Districts," And Section 17.20.140 "Requirements For Special Purpose Districts" by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1887 AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AND A RESOLUTION OF THE OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 SECTION 15.60.030 AND 15.60.040

Patrick Piatt, Community Development Director presented this item to the City Council.

The City Council conducted a public hearing and adopted Ordinance 1887 to amend Chapter 15 updating section 15.60.030 City of Oroville Municipal Fire, and section 15.60.040 Express Findings to align with the 2022 Building Code Standards 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

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE RELATED TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SALE AND USE OF SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS

Brian Ring, City Administrator presented this item to the City Council.

Jackie Glover and Robert Rager submitted public comment on this item.

The City Council held a public hearing regarding the adoption of Ordinance 1888 to consider recommended changes specific to Chapter 15.60.030 regarding the future sale and use of fireworks within the City limits. This was approved by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson Seconded by: Council Member Johnstone

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None submitted at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items
 - State Contract Code Discussion
 - Discussion on 2026 Ballot
 - Charter Review Committee Item
2. Correspondence
 - i. Fire Department Statistics Report February 2025
 - ii. Business Assistance and Housing Development Monthly Report February 2025

ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.

Signed by:

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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:

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David Pittman, Mayor