



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

May 19, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council held a Closed Session on the following:

1) The City Council met to confer regarding Real Property Negotiations under Government Code § 54956.8:

i) Property: 225 Chuck Yeager Way, Oroville, CA 95965 Agency Negotiator(s): Brian Ring, City Administrator, David Ritchie, Asst. City Attorney. Negotiating Parties: All current Ground Lease Tenants. Under Negotiation: price, terms of payment

ii) Property: 2700 Oro Dam Blvd W, Oroville, CA 95965 Agency Negotiator(s): Brian Ring, City Administrator, David Ritchie, Asst. City Attorney. Negotiating Parties: TBD. Under Negotiation: price, terms of payment

iii) Property: 225 Chuck Yeager Way, Oroville, CA 95965 Agency Negotiator(s): Brian Ring, City Administrator, David Ritchie, Asst. City Attorney. Negotiating Parties: Northwest Lineman College (LNC). Under Negotiation: price, terms of payment

2) The City Council met for a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(c): (two (2) cases)

3) The City Council met to confer with the City Administrator and City Attorney to discuss Public Employment pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957 Title: (Public Works Management positions)

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session – No reportable action taken; direction given to staff.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by students from Ophir Elementary School.
3. Corrections/Changes to the Agenda – None.
4. Recusals – Vice Mayor Smith on item #12.
5. Adoption of Agenda –

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Reynolds

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Johnstone

ABSTAINED: None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Rhonda Magnusson, Sandra Hayes, Shane Gower, The CameraMan.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports

Council Member Reynolds – Spoke on the dedication to military K9s service event. He also spoke on the naming of the Paradise Council Chambers after the late Doug LaMalfa.

Vice Mayor Smith – Spoke on the Feather Fiesta Days event and thanked the various service clubs for their help. He also spoke on a previously had water carnival/fireworks show.

Mayor Pittman – Spoke on the BCAG transit study being done in between Chico and Oroville.

2. Administration Reports

Tim Kaber, Director of Public Works – Department report provided (see uploaded attachment to minutes).

Ron Belser, Director of Code Enforcement – Department report provided (see uploaded attachment to minutes.)

Jason Wines, Chief of Police – spoke on the ADA parking enforcement and compliance in effect. Citations are actively being issued for violators. He also spoke on Hewitt Park rule violations, stating that offenders are being cited after receiving an initial warning.

Chris Tenn, Fire Chief – 400 acres of burning to happen during the 1st or 2nd week in June at the airport. The Oroville Area Fire Safe Council meeting occurred the previous week. While the public did attend, they are seeing more public participation. Lastly, the City of Oroville Fire Department held an open house event for the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 – 10** were adopted in one action by the Council. Items that are removed will be discussed and voted on immediately after adoption of consent calendar items.

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Reynolds

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Johnstone

ABSTAINED: None

1. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 17–23, 2026, AS PUBLIC WORKS APPRECIATION WEEK

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9455 recognizing May 17–23, 2026, as Public Works Appreciation Week in the City of Oroville.

2. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE'S 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9456 recognizing California Water Service for providing 100 years of service.

3. UPDATED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

The City Council approved an update to the salary schedule for the Building Official, increasing the top step annual compensation level by \$14,996.86. The proposed change will better align the position with the current labor market, supporting more effective recruitment and retention efforts.

4. LETTER IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1821 (PACHECO) CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT: AGENCY RESPONSE TIME

The City Council approved a letter of support of Assembly Bill 1821 (Pacheco), adding clarity to timelines associated with the processing of records requests. In addition, the letter requests consideration for cost recovery.

5. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1896 REGARDING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA26-02 AND ZONING CHANGE ZC26-02 AT 2020 MONTGOMERY ST (APN 012-032-014) AND 1453 DOWNER ST (APN 012-094-008)

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1896 regarding modifications to the zoning of two downtown properties, identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 012-032-014 and 012-094-008.

6. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES FOR ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

The City Council shall consider a renewal of our professional services agreement (A-3582) with Harris & Associates to provide annual administration for the City of Oroville Landscape and Lighting Districts and Community Facilities Districts for fiscal years, 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29. The City Council also adopted Resolution No. 9457.

7. MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 LICENSING

The City Council approved the renewal of the current licensing for Microsoft Office 365 as well as expanding licensing to include Microsoft CoPilot and Microsoft Intune in the amount of \$35,896.32

8. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO FUND THREE CHANGE ORDERS FOR CONTRACT #167-25 WITH DUKE SHERWOOD CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONTGOMERY ROUNDABOUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City Council authorized a budget reallocation of \$29,784 to pay for three change orders to the construction contract #167-25 with Duke Sherwood Construction for changes in scope of work to the Montgomery Roundabout Improvement Project. Additional costs were incurred during construction of the project due to last-minute design changes and unforeseen conditions encountered during construction.

9. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved the April 14, 2026 City Council special meeting minutes.

10. APPROVAL OF 04.21.2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of the 04.21.2026 City Council meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

11. TASK ORDER NUMBER ONE ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 3574 TO CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF THE ORANGEWOOD AND RIVERVIEW LIFT STATIONS

The City Council approved awarding the Task Order No. 1 to Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Carollo) for the design of bypass valving for two sanitary sewer lift stations within the City: Orangewood and Riverview Lift Stations. The task order authorizes Carollo Engineers, Inc. to conduct site investigation to document existing condition of the lift stations, provide conceptual design alternatives, and furnish the City with a final design for bypass valving and any proposed modernization upgrades – consisting of bid-ready plans, specifications, and cost estimates. Optional bidding and construction support is included in the task order which is to be executed at the City's discretion. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Thomson

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Johnstone

ABSTAINED: None

12. FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

At the request of Mayor Pittman, Council Member Reynolds and Council Member Johnstone, the City Council discussed and agreed to make a contribution to the Oroville Economic Alliance (OEA) to help offset the costs of the annual 4th of July fireworks show, celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The City Council approved \$12,090 from the Community Enhancement Budget, and \$17,500 from the general fund as a contribution. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Webber

Seconded by: Council Member Reynolds

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Johnstone

ABSTAINED: Vice Mayor Smith,

13. SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OROVILLE AND THE OROVILLE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION TO INCREASE THE LIEUTENANT'S SALARY RANGE BY APPROXIMATELY 5% TO MAINTAIN A 20% DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN TOP STEP SERGEANT AND TOP STEP LIEUTENANT

The City Council approved a side letter agreement between the City of Oroville and the Oroville Management Association (OMA) to increase the Lieutenant's salary range by approximately 5%, maintaining a 20% differential between top step Sergeant and top step Lieutenant, effective May 25, 2026. This was done by adopting Resolution No. 9458 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Johnstone

ABSTAINED: None

14. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OROVILLE AND JASON WINES, POLICE CHIEF TO INCREASE THE SALARY RANGE BY APPROXIMATELY 5% TO MAINTAIN A 15% DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN TOP STEP ASSISTANT CHIEF AND TOP STEP CHIEF

The City Council approved an amendment to the employment agreement between the City of Oroville and the Jason Wines, Police Chief (Chief), to increase the salary range by approximately 5%, maintaining a 15% differential between top step Assistant Chief and top step Chief, effective May 25, 2026. In addition, an adjustment of approximately 5% to the Assistant Police Chief classification to maintain the 15% differential between top step Lieutenant and top step Assistant Chief. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9459 as well. These actions were taken by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Thomson

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Johnstone

ABSTAINED: None

15. NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESOLUTIONS

The City Council shall adopted Resolution Nos. 9460, 9461, and 9462, necessary for the City's municipal election to be called and consolidated with the 2026 General Statewide Election that is conducted by Butte County Elections Department. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Johnstone

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. 5:15PM - FIRE DEPARTMENT COST RECOVERY – MANAGING SERVICE DEMAND

The City Council introduced an ordinance establishing a Fire Department cost recovery program for certain non-emergency, preventable, or negligent incidents. The intent of this program is to help keep emergency resources available and ready for true emergencies, while still ensuring that anyone experiencing a bonified emergency feels comfortable calling 911 when they believe help is required. The City Council gave direction for the Fire Chief to make amendments to the ordinance and to bring it back for consideration.

17. 5:15PM - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE REGARDING ZONE CHANGE ZC26-03 ESTABLISHING THE HEALTH SERVICES OVERLAY (HS-O) DISTRICT WITHIN THE OLIVE HIGHWAY CORRIDOR AND SURROUNDING HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA

The City Council conducted a public hearing and introduced a potential zoning change and ordinance establishing the Health Services Overlay (HS-O) District within the Olive Highway corridor and surrounding Oroville Hospital service area.

The City Council gave direction for the Planning department to make amendments to the ordinance and to bring it back for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Crosswalks at the Montgomery roundabout. The brick needs to be removed and redone. Brought by Council Member Thomson, seconded by Council Member Reynolds.
 - b. Traffic on Olive Hwy to Foothill Blvd. Would like for staff to look into ways to help mitigate the traffic congestion in this area. Brought by Council Member Thomson.
 - c. Putting the motto "In God We Trust" in the City Council chambers in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Brought by Council Member Thomson, seconded by Council Member Reynolds.
2. Correspondence
 - i. **APRIL 2026 FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**
 - ii. **APRIL 2026 CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT REPORT**
 - iii. **OCESD RESOLUTION INCREASING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES**
 - iv. **BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2026**

ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM.

Signed by:

Kayla Reaster

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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:

David Pittman

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David Pittman, Mayor