



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

April 07, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council 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 –Three Cases.
2. The City Council met with the City Administrator and City Attorney for Conference With Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.8:

Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 030-260-039

Agency Negotiator: Brian Ring, City Administrator

Negotiating Parties: County of Butte

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session – No reportable action taken; direction given to staff.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by City Administrator Brian Ring.
3. Corrections/Changes to the Agenda – None.
4. Recusals – Item # 6: Vice Mayor Eric Smith recused. Item # 7: Council Member Thomson recused.
5. Adoption of Agenda

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Goodson

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, Todd Bang, Brenda Payne, Loraine Noldan, Diane Brown, Elaine Brown, Shane Gower, Natalie Sheard (electronic) and The CameraMan.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports

Council Member Webber: Reminded the public about the OCDC meeting happening on April 13th at 5:30PM at the Oroville State Theatre. He thanked Tim Kaber, Director of Public Works for his work on Hewitt Park and gave praise to the Wildflower Festival stating it was a great event put on by Feather River Parks and Recreation.

Vice Mayor Smith: Big Boy Train from the Union Pacific Railroad will be stopping in Oroville on April 9th at the Depot Park. Feather Fiesta Kickoff is happening May 2, 2026.

Mayor Pittman: Truss service is moving forward with the Butte County Association of Governments for a transport service from Chico/Oroville to the Sacramento area.

2. Administration Reports

Jason Wines, Chief of Police: Hewitt Park has been experiencing some problems from those not following the rules. There will be a zero-tolerance policy moving forward. He gave kudos to those who are following the rules.

Tim Kaber, Director of Public Works: Montgomery roundabout closes at 9PM and traffic will be diverted. Highway 162 will begin on May 5th, traffic will be rerouted at night. High and Myers Streets will be closed for the Big Boy train to come through on April 9th.

Patrick Piatt, Director of Community Development: Health Services Overlay discussion will be coming to the Planning Commission later this month as well as the concept of an Entertainment Zone in the downtown area.

Ron Belser, Director of Code Enforcement: Provided Code statistics update (attached to these minutes).

Chris Tenns, Fire Chief: Gave a presentation on his trip to Wisconsin to view the Fire Engine being put together for the City of Oroville. Measure U funds were used for the purchase of this engine.

Brian Ring, City Administrator: Notified Council that PRA numbers have increased substantially and it's getting more difficult for staff to address them in a timely manner.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 – 4** 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 Johnstone

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Goodson

1. **UPDATED JOB TITLE AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE GIS SPECIALIST TO GIS ANALYST II**

The City Council approved updates to the job title and salary schedule for the former GIS Specialist position, changing it to GIS Analyst II.

2. **UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL TECH/ELECTRICIAN TO ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR**

The City Council approved updates to the job description and salary schedules for the Electrical Maintenance Supervisor position.

3. **ACCEPT THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT STANDARD AGREEMENT 23-HOME-16207, FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM**

The City Council accepted the 2023 HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) allocation, Agreement No. 23-HOME 16207, in the amount of \$500,000 for the First Time Homebuyer Program and to establish a budget for general administration, program activities and activity delivery and approved a budget adjustment as indicated in the staff report.

4. **APPROVAL OF MARCH 17, 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council approved the March 17, 2026 City Council regular meeting minutes and authorized the Mayor to sign.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. NEW PUBLIC FUNDS MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

The City Council approved a change in bank investment accounts from Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), to a Public Funds Money Market account at Golden Valley bank by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

RECUSED: Council Member Thomson

ABSENT: Council Member Goodson

6. STREET CLOSURE PROCEDURES

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Cindy Daniluke, Josh McQuarrie, Gina Garcia, John Zilich, Brian Wong, Dean Hill Jr., Natalie Sheard and Rori Summers.

Vice Mayor Smith recused himself from this item and it's discussion.

The City Council discussed potential alternatives for safely securing streets for various public events. Staff were directed to come up with a training program for representatives from each of the non-profit agencies to complete with the potential for a designated traffic crew.

7. ANNEXATION FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE AND PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE LINCOLN OPHIR STUDY AREA

The City Council received an update on the feasibility study conducted on three potential areas within the County and provided direction to staff – including authorizing staff to pursue annexation of the Lincoln Ophir Annexation Area, as tentatively defined. This was done by general consensus.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (AHSC) GRANT APPLICATION FOR NELSON POINT APARTMENTS

The City Council approved a letter of support for the application of an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant application for the development of Nelson Point Apartments by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Thomson

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

NOES: None

RECUSED: None.

ABSENT: Council Member Goodson

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS' TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE

The City Council directed staff to bring back the transparency and accountability ordinance for elected officials after making Council directed changes by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Reynolds

Seconded by: Council Member Thomson

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

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Goodson

10. AGREEMENT WITH NEWGEN STRATEGY SOLUTIONS TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY POWER SUPPLY FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Brenda Narayan and Brian Wong.

The City Council approved an agreement with NewGen Strategy Solutions for a preliminary power supply feasibility analysis in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Webber

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

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

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Goodson

11. ADDITIONAL ROAD FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

This item was tabled and directed to be brought back at a later date.

12. SELECTION OF THE 2026 SAMUEL J. NORRIS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

The City Council selected a recipient for the 2026 Samuel J. Norris Award for Excellence. This selection will be announced at the Annual State of the City event on April 28th, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Oroville State Theatre

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. 5:00PM - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1895 WITH AD HOC CITIZEN BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE STREAMLINING OF CERTAIN BUSINESS LICENSE AND PLANNING PERMITS TO REDUCE THE COST AND PROCESSING TIME FOR APPLICANTS

Public hearing opened at 5:28PM and was closed at 5:39PM.

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Marsha Henderson and Natalie Sheard.

The City Council conducted a public hearing and approved the Zoning Change recommendations of the Citizen Ad Hoc Business Advocacy Committee as approved by the Planning Commission. This item will be returned at the next meeting for adoption. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Goodson

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items
2. Correspondence
 - i. **Open Letter For The Record - Doug Dirks**
 - ii. **Jeff McClure Public Comment/Correspondence Received March 23, 2026**
 - iii. **OCESD-Public Hearing Notice-Implementation Proposed Developer Fees**

ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.

Signed by:

Kayla Reaster

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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:

David Pittman

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David Pittman, Mayor

CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION MARCH 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES</u>	
Violations Resolved	265
Proactive Cases Opened	100
Reactive Cases Opened	37
Total Cases Closed	142
Voluntarily Closed	81
Forced Closed	61
Inspections Performed	361

Code Enforcement Update:

See attached Comcate Reports. In March Code Enforcement started their DOJ Grant tobacco inspections of all applicable retail stores in the City Limits. A total of 36 inspections were performed. Code Enforcement located 7 stores in violation of selling flavored tobacco, signage violations, and licensing issues. Some locations had hidden compartments near the point of sale that contained packs of menthol cigarettes.

Housing Navigation Update:

Housing Navigator Dulce Sanchez has worked daily in the field with Code Enforcement. Dulce. She entered 11 people into the HMIS system. Dulce remains focused on her duties. She also assisted Code Enforcement on 4 subject transportations to the Am Trak station, Chico and multiple subjects to the Oroville Rescue Mission.

Safeway Home Program Update:

In the month of March (2) two people were reunited with services and family to the following circumstances and locations:

Kellie was homeless in Oroville for about a month. Code Enforcement located a sister in Oklahoma, who agreed to provide housing for Kellie. Kellie was bused to Oklahoma.

Angela has been unhoused in Oroville for about five years. Code Enforcement located her son who was looking for Angela. They were reconnected and Angela was bused to Reno.

City Works:

City Works continued their normal daily cleanup of our city. Assisting in the abatement of camps, removing shopping carts, and abating trash dumped around our city. City Works assisted Public Works by manicuring vegetation around Hewitt Park, the downtown, trimming overgrown grass along the levy from the Convention Center to the Chinese Temple and Centinel Park.

City Works assisted Code Enforcement in the removal of 27 illegal encampments, 4 illegal dumps, and the raising of trees behind the Southside Community Center. To date 112 camps have been abated since December 2025.

City Works focused a lot of attention on the overpasses at Oro Dam/Hwy 70 and Montgomery/Hwy 70. They worked with police to get subjects moved along. City Works and Code Enforcement conducted multiple camp sweeps along the river from the Nature Center to Bedrock.



























