



ORLAND PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jim Paschall at 4:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Rossman.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Emil Cavagnolo, Commissioner Byron Denton, Commissioner Monica Rossman, Vice Chairperson David Kelly, and Chairperson Jim Paschall

Commissioner absent:

None.

Staff present:

Administrative Technician/Commission Secretary Meagan Mondragon, Public Works Director Zachary Barber, Police Chief Joe Vlach, Fire Chief Justin Chaney

Council Member Present:

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Orland resident Carolyn Denton inquired about the aprons being installed at the Parish Hall by the Public Works Department. She also asked whether sidewalk aprons could be installed at another location.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Public Works and Safety Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2025.

ACTION: Chairperson Rossman moved, seconded by Commissioner Cavagnolo to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Department Update

Public Works Director Zack Barber reported that the Public Works Department painted a red no-parking zone in front of the Fire Department. In addition, the parking lot located on the north side of the Fire Department has been painted and striped.

Director Barber provided an update on the Salomon Drive new light installation and the M½ reconstruction project. Director Barber also shared that residents had brought to his attention the need for an additional crosswalk at the intersection of 4th Street and Yolo Street. Due to vehicles frequently parking along Yolo Street near the crosswalk, visibility of pedestrians is limited.

Vice Chairperson Kelly suggested the possibility of painting the corner red at the intersection of 4th Street and Yolo Street to prevent vehicles from parking too close to the crosswalk and to improve visibility. Director Barber stated that this could be a potential solution.

Director Barber also noted that the Public Works Department is preparing for the City of Orland Clean-Up Day.

Commissioners requested updates on several items, including the installation of stop signs at the Woodward Avenue intersection, sewer ponds, street patching, and new well installations.

Director Barber stated that the stop sign installation has been completed, there are no new updates on the sewer ponds, and street patching will be conducted throughout town. He also confirmed that the only new well planned for installation is the Walker Street well.

Commissioner Cavagnolo expressed concern about installing only one new well rather than two, given the increase in new in-county service connections.

Public Safety

A. Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Chaney reported that the Fire Department parking lot project has been completed. Chief Chaney also noted that the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) compressor is expected to arrive soon, bids for the Fire Department roof replacement project will be forthcoming, and a new fire engine is being acquired for the Orland Rural Fire Protection District.

Chairperson Paschall asked about the timeline for the City's next fire engine purchase. Fire Chief Chaney responded that it is not anticipated until 2032–2033.

B. Police Department Update

Police Chief Vlach provided updates on the new police vehicle fleet, staffing levels, the possibility of a candidate attending the Police Academy in January, the shooting incident at the corner of East Street and Walker Street, and the radio project.

Commissioner Rossman expressed her appreciation for the Police Department's improvements in technology.

Chairperson Paschall inquired about the policy regarding red zones in residential areas. Fire Chief Chaney responded that red zone determinations depend on the fire code and are evaluated to ensure fire engines can safely maneuver, turn corners, and access residential streets.

GENERAL

The next Public Works and Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2025.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- **Commissioner Denton:** Nothing to report
- **Commissioner Cavagnolo:** Nothing to report.
- **Commissioner Rossman:** Nothing to report.
- **Vice Chairperson Kelly:** Shared his appreciation for the department heads.
- **Chairperson Paschall:** Nothing to report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:47 PM

Meagan Mondragon, Secretary

Jim Paschall, Chairperson