

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kelly at 4:03pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Police Chief, Joe Vlach

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson David Kelly, Vice Chairperson James Paschall Sr.,
Commissioner Emil Cavagnolo, Chairperson Monica Rossman.

Absent: Commissioner Byon Denton

Councilmembers: Councilmember Roundy

Staff: Joe Vlach, Police Chief; Ed Vonasek, Director of Public Works;
Meagan Mondragon, Secretary.

4. Oral and Written Communications

A. Citizen Business: None

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of June 13, 2023 minutes

Commissioner Rossman motioned, seconded by Vice Chairperson Paschall to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes as presented, motion carried 4-0 by the following voice vote. Ayes: Kelly, Cavagnolo, Rossman and Paschall; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Denton.

6. Public Safety

A. Fire Department Update

Chairperson Kelly gave the Fire Department update in Fire Chief Justin Chaney's absence. Chairperson Kelly stated that the Fire Department has had quiet a fire season so far, but the Fire department does have their equipment ready if anything changes. Chairperson Kelly informed the Commission that 3 new volunteers have joined the department.

Commissioner Rossman asked how many calls they are currently at for the year. Chairperson Kelly responded that they are currently at 452 calls this year and are on track to getting around 750-800 calls this year.

B. Police Department Update

Police Chief, Joe Vlach shared that the Police Department closed out Phase 1 of security infrastructure upgrade project and just signed a contract for Phase 2. Chief

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Vlach stated that the cameras and access control for Carnegie, Library, and Library park have been ordered.

Chief Vlach informed the commission that they are still waiting on frequency pair to complete the radio project. Chief Vlach stated that the Police Department is going through a new hiring cycle and is optimistic about the quality of applicants.

7. Public Works

A. Public Works Department Update

Public Works Director Ed Vonasek updated the commission that the Library roof project is almost complete and the upgrading of the HVAC system for the Library has been completed. Director Vonasek shared that the City Hall and Police Department roof replacement project is next to be completed.

Director Vonasek informed the commission that Lely Park pond received its first water delivery for Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) Recharge Program. Director Vonasek said that the water has percolated and is looking for a way for Orland Unit Water Users to send any extra water they have, so that it can be placed in Lely Park pond.

Director Vonasek stated that Visinoni Brothers was the awarded bidder for Phase 2B of Department of Water Resources (DWR) project and the notice for bidders on Phase 2A of project will go out August 19, 2023.

Director Vonasek gave updates on the stoplight on Commerce Lane, Cal trans traffic study on Newville and 9th street, and opening of McDonalds.

Chairperson Kelly asked about emergency technology for stoplights on Commerce Lane and Newville Road intersection. Director Vonasek responded that City staff did request for an Emergency Preemption Device to be installed at that intersection for Fire and Police department.

B. Groundwater Well Level Update

Director Vonasek shared that the well levels are doing well overall.

Commissioner Cavagnolo updated the commission on the Orland and Artois water district conditions.

8. General

A. Schedule of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will take place at Carnegie Center at 4 pm, October 10, 2023

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9. Commissioner Reports

Chairperson Kelly updated the commission that after the last Public Works Safety meeting he had a meeting with Dutch Bros. They are looking to come up with a solution to address the safety concerns for the public and their employees.

10. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Rossman would like the lines on East St. repainted.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 4:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Mondragon, Secretary

David Kelly, Chair