



ORLAND PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:

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

Commissioner absent:

None.

Staff present:

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

IDENTIFY CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2026

Commissioner Monica Rossman nominated Commissioner Dave Kelly as the new Chairperson. Motion carried to approve new Commissioner Chairperson 4-0. Ayes: Cavagnolo, Rossman, Kelly, and Paschall; Noes: None, Absent: None.

Chairperson Kelly nominated Commissioner Emil Cavagnolo as the new Vice Chairperson. Motion carried to approve new Commissioner Vice Chairperson 4-0. Ayes: Kelly, Rossman, Cavagnolo, and Paschall; Noes: None, Absent: None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Public Works and Safety Minutes for October 9, 2025

ACTION: Commissioner Rossman moved, seconded by Vice Chairperson Cavagnolo, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Public Works Department Update

Public Works Director Zach Barber informed the Commission that Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) has completed the installation of a new streetlight on Salomon Drive. He also provided updates on several ongoing and recently completed projects, including progress on the E. Walker Well, new county water connections associated with the Drought Water Resource (DWR) project, pavement grinding at the railroad crossing performed by the railroad company, the installation of new chlorine injection systems at all wells, and the completion of a newly painted crosswalk on Roosevelt Avenue in front of North Valley School.

Commissioners asked a variety of questions and engaged in discussion regarding the updates presented by Director Barber.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department Update

Police Chief Joe Vlach informed the Commission that upon the graduation of the department's newest hire from the police academy, the Police Department will be fully staffed. Police Chief also provided an update on the status of the police vehicle fleet.

Chairperson Kelly inquired about funding for the School Resource Officer (SRO) position. Chief Vlach explained that the previous funding has been exhausted and that the City of Orland and the Orland Unified School District are needing to negotiate a new contract to continue supporting the SRO program. In the meantime, the SRO position remains active and continues to be utilized.

B. Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Justin Chaney provided the Commission with an update on the ongoing effort to map fire hydrants throughout the city, highlighted the successful Spaghetti Feed event during which more than 2,000 meals were served, and shared that the Fire Department currently maintains a roster of 50 active volunteers. Chief Chaney also discussed recent changes in government reporting requirements and the steps the department is taking to adapt to these new standards.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice Chairperson Cavagnolo:

- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Rossman:

- The Wall That Heals will be at OHS Stadium March 26th-29th

Commissioner Paschall:

- Nothing to report.

Chairperson Kelly

- Nothing to report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Kelly asked to have the following issue included on the agenda for the next meeting including:

- Traffic visibility at the corner of 6th Street and Colusa Street

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:31 PM

Meagan Mondragon, Secretary

David Kelly, Chairperson