



**ORLAND PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Public Works Zach Barber.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:

Commissioners Monica Rossman, Emil Cavagnolo, Commissioner Byron Denton and Vice Chairperson David Kelly, and Chairperson Jim, 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, Sargent Sean Johnson

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Orland resident Carolyn Denton wanted to thank the Public Works Department and the Commission for the removal of the speed bumps on 8th Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Approve Public Works and Safety Minutes for April 9, 2024

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

PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Public Works Department Update**

Director Barber informed the Commission that the Public Works Department has been actively repainting safety striping and stop bars throughout the town, removing graffiti, and has installed two new pedestrian crosswalk signs along 6th Street near Moe's Market. Additionally, the speed bumps on 8th Street were removed.

Vice Chairperson Kelly inquired about the status of a streetlight installation at the intersection of Sixth Street and Salomon Drive. Secretary Mondragon reported that an application has been submitted to PG&E for the installation, and the process is currently underway. Vice Chairperson Kelly also requested staff obtain a quote for adding longer streetlight arms on East Street.

B. East Street Striping Improvements

Mr. Rabo presented to the Commission the enhancements made to East Street, which were based on the Glenn County Action Transportation Plan from 2019 and City of Orland standards. These improvements included straightening the intersection, adding bike and transportation lanes, and reducing the length of pedestrian crosswalks. Mr. Rabo explained that the temporary solutions implemented by the Public Works Department at the time were the most effective given the available resources. Mr. Rabo also noted that a permanent solution, such as the one for Tehama Street, would cost approximately \$2 million.

The Commission shared their thoughts and concerns for East Street.

Orland resident Kristy Rumble voiced her suggestions, which included adding left and right turn lanes, installing flashing pedestrian signs, using glow-in-the-dark paint for marked crosswalks, ensuring evenly spaced parking on both sides, and expanding the bus stop area.

Another Orland resident, Janice Kinnier, raised her safety concerns related to East Street.

Vice Chairperson Kelly inquired about the number of accidents or incidents since the restriping of East Street. Sergeant Johnson reported one pedestrian accident since the restriping, noting that the bicyclist was at fault, compared to an average of three to four accidents per year in previous years. Sergeant Johnson added that there has been a decrease in speeding in the area as well. Chairperson Kelly requested that staff investigate the cost of a flashing pedestrian sign.

Mr. Rabo indicated that if the addition of left and right turn lanes were to be considered, a study could be conducted to evaluate its feasibility. Mr. Rabo mentioned that while the flashing pedestrian signs are a positive idea, they should be strategically placed in areas that truly need them. Mr. Rabo also proposed adding parking space on the east side, creating delineator turn pockets for bus stops, installing reflectors on the center line, and implementing thermoplastic striping on East Street.

Commissioner Cavagnolo asked whether the center line could be adjusted to the right to create more space for vehicles pulling out. Mr. Rabo confirmed that this adjustment is possible.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department Update

The Police Chief informed the Commission that the department will welcome a new lateral candidate on August 26th. Police Chief provided a brief update on the dispatch contract with the Sheriff's Department and highlighted the upcoming radio project is set to go live. The Chief expressed gratitude to the Commission for their support in utilizing Measure A funds to enhance the radio systems for both the Police and Fire Departments.

Vice Chairperson Kelly inquired about the status of the contract with the School Resource Officer (SRO). Sergeant Johnson explained that the Police Department is entering the final year of its contract with the Glenn County Office of Education, and the grant administrator has applied for additional funding to support the SRO position. The Police Chief emphasized that there are no plans to eliminate the SRO program, as it has proven to be a valuable asset to the City of Orland.

Police Chief shared that the stop sign added to intersection of South Street and Walnut Street by Fairview School has had great feedback now that school is back in session.

B. Fire Department Update

The Fire Chief reported that fire season has started, and the department has stationed an engine and three volunteers in Tehama County., and fire engines are deployed to Cal Fire stations for the past three weeks due to the ongoing Park Fire. The Chief noted that the department is on track to reach 800 calls this year, up from the 700s, having already responded to 500 calls

Fire Chief shared the training facility has been expanded to three stories, providing essential training opportunities for the volunteer firefighters, particularly in response to the new three-story apartment complex in town.

Fire Chief gave a brief update on the security around the training facility and the new pump tank that was installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairperson Kelly asked about the discussion of adding delineators on Papst Street and E. Yolo Street. Fire Chief responded that he doesn't see how the fire trucks can get around them since the road is narrow.

GENERAL

The next Public Works and Safety meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2024.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Denton:

- Shared he is in favor of Measure J and the importance it will bring to the City.

Commissioner Rossman:

- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Cavagnolo:

- Shared he is in favor of the new water tank and the importance it is for the City.

Vice Chairperson Kelly

- Nothing to report.
- Chairperson Pashcall
- Nothing to report

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

MEETING ADJOURED AT 4:59 PM

Meagan Mondragon, Secretary

Jim Paschall, Chairperson