



**ORLAND PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson David Kelly at 4:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Public Works Ed Vonasek.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present:

Commissioners Monica Rossman, Byron Denton, James Paschall and Chairperson David Kelly

Commissioner absent:

Commissioners Emil Cavagnolo

Staff present:

Administrative Technician/Commission Secretary Meagan Mondragon; Public Works Director Ed Vonasek; Fire Chief Justin Chaney

**IDENTIFY CHAIRPERSON AND VICECHAIRPERSON FOR 2024**

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

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

**ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A.** Approve Public Works and Safety Minutes for October 10, 2023

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

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **A. Fire Department Update**

Fire Chief Chaney reported that despite a slight decrease in attendance compared to last year, the Orland Volunteer Fire Department's Spaghetti Feed was still successful, demonstrating the community's unwavering support. Chief Chaney also addressed the Commission regarding the fencing project aimed at enhancing security and creating a safe environment around the OVFD training facility, ensuring the protection of vital equipment. Chief Chaney announced Fireman's Ball is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. Police Department Update**

Police Chief Joe Vlach was unavailable to present an update.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **A. Public Works Department Update**

Director Vonasek updated the Commission on discussions with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and an electrician regarding the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Sixth St and Salomon Dr. He is awaiting cost estimates for both the installation of a new pole and the addition of cobra heads to existing wood poles in darker areas around the city, intending to be include in next year's fiscal budget. Chairperson Paschall inquired about the extent of dark areas in the city, to which Director Vonasek confirmed the need for additional lighting. Vice Chairperson Kelly requested a follow-up from staff regarding ongoing collaboration with PG&E to finalize details for the light pole at the intersection of Sixth St and Salomon Dr.

Director Ed Vonasek provided several additional updates to the Commission. Firstly, Precision Concrete is assessing sidewalks with gaps exceeding a quarter inch, generating an ADA report for incorporation into the city's GIS mapping. This will aid in securing grants for safe routes to schools and contribute to the Streetscapes project design.

Director Vonasek discussed plans to install a stop sign at the intersection of South and Walters St. (Fairview School Intersection). He and City Manager Peter Carr met with the Orland Unified School District Superintendent to propose adding flashing stop signs at Walnut St. and South St., converting it into a three-way stop. Other measures include painting hash lines on the crosswalk to enhance visibility, establishing a no-parking zone on the northwest corner, and adding delineators on the south side of the road for smoother drop-off of children. The school will cover the cost of the flashing stop lights.

Director Vonasek informed the commission that the Public Works Department rented an excavator to spend five days at the Sewer Ponds, removing sludge to improve the efficiency of the Blue Frogs.

Commissioners discussed the need the idea of painting the curbs at high-traffic locations, specifically highlighting the curve at Tehama St. near Dutch Bros. Director Vonasek requested a motion to paint the sidewalk curbs red on both sides in that area.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Denton moved, seconded by Commissioner Rossman to approve painting curbs on Tehama near the Dutch Bros. intersection. Motion carried by a voice vote 4-0. Ayes: Paschall, Kelly, Rossman, and Denton; Noes: None; Absent: Cavagnolo.

Vice Chairperson Kelly inquired about the progress regarding the removal of the speed bumps on Eighth St. Director Vonasek informed the Commission that the City Council had approved the removal, and the Public Works Department would be carrying out the task. Additionally, Director Vonasek announced plans to enhance safety measures by installing flashing stop lights at Trinity St, transitioning it into a four-way stop intersection.

The Commissioners deliberated on a proposed new tax measure that has been under discussion by the Council.

## **GENERAL**

The next Public Works and Safety meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2023.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Denton:

- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Rossman:

- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Paschall:

- Nothing to report.

Chairperson Kelly

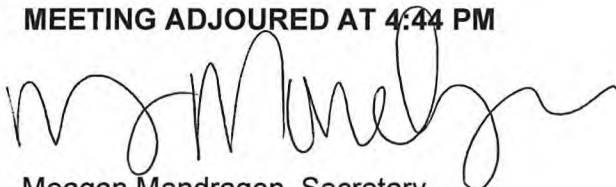
- Showed his appreciation for the actions Dutch Bros. has recently made to their drive thru to make it safer for their customers.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice Chairperson Kelly asked to have issues included on the agenda for the next meeting including:

- Possible stop sign at South St. and Railroad Ave
- Fireworks problem around town
- Adding delineators at intersection Yolo St. and Papst Ave

**MEETING ADJOURED AT 4:44 PM**



Meagan Mondragon, Secretary



David Kelly, Vice Chairperson