

TOWN OF YOUNTVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 6, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Saucerman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

5:00 P.M. - PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Town Council conducted Applicant Interviews for the Parks and Community Services Commission, as follows:

- Carisa Authier
 - Kathleen Madden
 - Cyndi Jeanty
 - Zoe Degala Harris
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2. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

3. CONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Saucerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mohler led the pledge of allegiance.

5. ROLL CALL

Mayor and Town Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Cynthia L. Saucerman, Vice Mayor John F. Dunbar and Councilmembers William “Bill” Dutton, Lewis G. Chilton and Marjorie A. Mohler

Town Staff Present:

Steve Rogers, Town Manager; Amy Valukevich, Town Attorney; Bob Tiernan, Planning/Building Director; Michelle Dahme, Town Clerk; Myke Praul, Public Works Director/Town Engineer; Kenneth Leary, Community Services Director, and Cindee Rosenberg, Interim Finance Director

6. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - NONE

7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Steve Rogers, Town Manager, requested Item 9 C be removed for discussion.

ACTION: A Motion by Councilmember Chilton; Seconded by Councilmember Mohler to Adopt the Agenda was unanimously approved, as amended.

Ayes: Chilton, Mohler, Dutton, Dunbar and Saucerman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**8. Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda
(Five-minute limitation per speaker)**

Carol Fink thanked whoever was responsible for the wonderful crosswalk signs and hopes to get a few more.

Arik Housley, Ranch Market, requested Council consideration in leaving the Christmas Lights on through February.

Steve Andrews, Representing Vintage Estate Properties, echoed Eric Housley's comments regarding extending the lighting period.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: A Motion by Councilmember Chilton; Seconded by Councilmember Mohler to Approve Consent Calendar Items A, B, D, E, F and G was unanimously approved.

Ayes: Chilton, Mohler, Dutton, Dunbar and Saucerman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

Item 9 C Held for Discussion

Mayor Saucerman advised for the record that a letter was submitted by Karla Reyff opposing a Benefit Compensation Plan for Town Council.

ACTION: A Motion by Vice Mayor Dunbar; Seconded by Councilmember Chilton to Approve Consent Calendar Item 9 C was unanimously approved, as amended to strike the word "Allowance" and replace with Expense Reimbursement for item 2F.

Ayes: Dunbar, Chilton, Dutton, Mohler and Saucerman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

A. *Approval of Warrants*

- Accounts payable check numbers \$1,165,810.18
- Total payroll and benefits \$ 266,490.35
- Total payments for period \$1,432,300.53

Recommendation: Received and Filed.

B. *Monthly Financial Report* – November 2008

Recommendation: Received and Filed.

C. *Adopt Resolution Number 2739-09* Approving a Benefit Compensation Plan for Town Council Members and rescinding Resolution Number 2021-02.

Recommendation: Adopted Resolution, as amended above.

D. *Adopt Resolution Number 2740-09* Approving an Amendment to the Approved Capital Improvement Program adding the South Washington Street Sewer Main Extension Project and modifying the North Washington Street Sewer Replacement Project (WW-01, 2011) and the Oak Leaf Court Bypass Project (WW-06, 2010).

Recommendation: Adopted Resolution.

E. *Adopt Resolution Number 2741-09* Authorizing the filing of a Notice of Completion and accepting the work for the Bardessono Inn Public Improvements.

Recommendation: Adopted Resolution.

F. *Adopt Resolution Number 2742-09* Awarding Bid and Approving Construction Contract with Chrisp Company for Miscellaneous Street Striping (ST-01S) in the amount of \$11,027.25.

Recommendation: Adopted Resolution.

G. *Approval of Minutes* – December 2, 2008.

Recommendation: Approved.

10. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

11. TOWN-WIDE FORESTATION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Presentation, review and acceptance of the Hopper Creek Tree Assessment Report prepared by Bill Pramuk, Town Arborist dated October 2008.

Recommendation: Accepted Report.

Myke Praul, Public Works Director, presented staff report.

Bill Pramuk, Town Arborist, presented Hopper Creek Tree Assessment Report.

Public Comment

The following individual provided public comment:

- Gina O'Connor

Amy Valukevich, Town Attorney, clarified following Council discussion that the Town has a resolution in place designating Heritage Trees and an exhibit to that resolution includes the rules and regulations for the protection of Heritage Trees. The resolution exhibit discusses what happens once a tree has been designated as a Heritage Tree and if on private property the application required for removing it. Ms. Valukevich further commented that if Council wants current regulations reviewed and revised then staff can take a look at it.

Mayor Saucerman requested the Town Heritage Tree Policy be provided to Council prior the next meeting for Council review.

Council Discussion

Following discussion, Council requested the following:

- Would like more information before deciding to add additional species as Heritage Trees.
- Trees nominated for Heritage should be brought back including the one non-oak and would like to see them split between Town Owned (Public) and Private Property Owned.

Town Manager Rogers clarified Council direction, as follows:

- Species of interest to consider include the Chinese Pistache, Redwoods, Elms including Hackberry and Bay Laurel and the addition of a wide range of others.
- Bring back resolution moving forward with 37 oaks detailing private/public ownership and will work with Mr. Pramuk on an overview of some particular trees or species in general or comments in general about how the Town would like to work on replanting.

12. HERITAGE OAK TREE ALONG HOPPER CREEK PATH

Consider Adoption of Resolution Number 2743-09 Approving removal of the Heritage Oak Tree along Hopper Creek Path due to health and safety concerns.

Recommendation: See Action Below.

Myke Praul, Public Works Director, presented staff report.

Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comment and encouraged the Council to consider other measures to preserve the Heritage Oak Tree along Hopper Creek Path:

- Allen Tenscher
- Mark Hyatt, Cut-Rite Tree Service
- Chip Bouril
- Rob Wennerberg

- Chuck Neidhoefer
- Gina O'Connor
- Karen Argen-Morrissey
- Raphaella
- Kathy Green
- Sara Black
- Bonnie Buss
- Gerda Brettel
- Elaine Henfling

Council Discussion

Following Public Comment and Council discussion, Staff direction was provided, as follows:

- Staff and Town Arborist look into alternative measures to preserve the tree.
- Safety measures are number one priority and the path will remain closed until a decision is made. Those individuals who bypass the barricades are doing so at their own risk.
- Bee colonies are important and have to be part of solution.

Vice Mayor Dunbar and Councilmember Mohler volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Tree #93.

MINUTE ORDER ACTION: A Motion by Councilmember Mohler; Seconded by Councilmember Chilton staying the Council's Minute Order Action from December 2, 2008 and to not remove Tree #93, was unanimously approved.

Ayes: Dunbar, Chilton, Dutton, Mohler and Saucerman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

13. SALE OF NORTH BAY AQUEDUCT WATER AND PROPOSED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR PROCEEDS

A. Consider Adoption of Resolution Number 2744-09 Approving the Sale of the Town's State Water Project Entitlements – North Bay Aqueduct Water to the City of Napa

Recommendation: Adopted Resolution.

Myke Praul, Public Works Director, presented staff report.

Public Comment – None

Mayor Saucerman advised for the record a letter was submitted by Karla Reyff opposing the Sale of the Town's State Water Project Entitlements.

ACTION: A Motion by Councilmember Dutton; Seconded by Vice Mayor Dunbar Adopting Resolution Number 2744-09 Approving the Sale of the Town's State Water Project Entitlements – North Bay Aqueduct Water to the City of Napa for \$3.3 Million was unanimously approved, as amended to include educational outreach program or workshop and to add an educational piece to the water bill.

Ayes: Dutton, Dunbar, Chilton, Mohler and Saucerman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

B. *Consider Adoption of Resolution Number 2745-09* Approving the allocation of proceeds of the above sale and establishing Drought Water Reserve Bank Fund and Use Policy for the Fund.

Recommendation: Continued Item to January 20, 2009 Council Meeting.

Steve Rogers, Town Manager, presented staff report.

Cindee Rosenberg, Interim Finance Director, provided comments

Public Comment - None

ACTION: A Motion by Mayor Saucerman; Seconded by Councilmember Mohler to continue this item to the January 20, 2009 Council Meeting, was unanimously approved.

Ayes: Saucerman, Mohler Dutton, Chilton and Dunbar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Recused: None

14. COMMUNITY CENTER/LIBRARY PROJECT

Consider Adoption of Resolution Number 2746-09 Approving the addition to the Community Center & Library Project of the Deductive Alternate #2 "Lawns" for an additional project cost of \$71,400.

Recommendation: Adopted Resolution.

Myke Praul, Public Works Director, introduced item.

Public Comment – None

Mayor Saucerman advised for the record a letter was received from Karla Reyff opposing the approval of one more cent for the Community Center Project.

ACTION: A Motion by Vice Mayor Dunbar; Seconded by Councilmember Dutton to Adopt Resolution Number 2746-09 Approving the addition to the Community Center & Library Project of the Deductive Alternate #2 “Lawns” for an additional project cost of \$71,400 was approved.

Ayes: Dunbar, Dutton and Saucerman
Noes: Chilton and Mohler
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Recused: None

Continue Town Council Meeting past 10:00 p.m.

ACTION: A Motion by Councilmember Chilton; Seconded by Councilmember Dutton to proceed with Council Meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Ayes: Chilton, Dutton, Mohler, Dunbar and Saucerman
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Recused: None

15. CONSIDER LETTER TO GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER REGARDING THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS AND IMPACTS TO VITAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VETERANS HOME.

ACTION: A Motion by Councilmember Mohler; Seconded by Councilmember Dutton to send letter Governor Schwarzenegger was unanimously approved, as amended to modify paragraph two to say “threatens the stoppage of key capital projects and may disrupt day-to-day operations of the home.”

Ayes: Mohler, Dutton, Chilton, Dunbar and Saucerman
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Recused: None

**16. TOWN COUNCIL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPOINTMENTS
(CONTINUED TO JANUARY 20, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING)**

17. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
A. Community Center/Library Project Update
(CONTINUED TO JANUARY 20, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING)

18. COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Report of Council Member Meeting Attendance:

- A. Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
(Saucerman/Dunbar)
- B. NCTPA/NVTA (Saucerman/Chilton)
- C. Other Reports and Comments

Recommendation: Receive and File.

(CONTINUED TO JANUARY 20, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING)

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mid-Year Revenue & Expenditure Analysis
- B. Mid-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Review
- C. Fire and Sheriff Quarterly Reports
- D. Yountville Housing Authority Annual Meeting
- E. Parks and Community Services Commission Interviews and Appointments

20. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to the Regular Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

ATTEST:

/s/Michelle Dahme, Town Clerk

Approved by Town Council:

March 17, 2009