

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**CALISTOGA COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Gingles called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m.**

In attendance were the following: Councilmember Placido Garcia, Councilmember Gary Kraus, Councilmember Karen Slusser, Vice Mayor Michael Dunsford and Mayor Jack Gingles.

Also present were, City Manager James McCann, Police Chief Jonathan Mills, and City Clerk Susan Sneddon.

**ACTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**Mayor Gingles** announced that there was no Closed Session held this evening.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None given.

**ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

**It was MOVED by Dunsford and SECONDED by Kraus to approve the Council Meeting Agenda as presented. The Motion was carried unanimously.**

**APPRECIATION AWARD**

- 1) Presentation of service award to James McCann, City Manager (10 years of service).**

**Mayor Gingles** presented City Manager McCann with an appreciation award and complimented him for his 10 years of service as Planning Director and City Manager.

**City Manager McCann** stated that the past 10 years have been rewarding and there have been many accomplishments. He stated his appreciation in working with the current and past City Council members and that he is proud to be part the City.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2) Accounts payable for the period ending Thursday, February 14, 2008 (Total amount of \$363,367.27).
- 3) Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting on February 5, 2008.
- 4) Adoption of Resolution No. 2008-011 waiving local fees for livescan service for volunteers to local organizations.

It was **MOVED** by Slusser and **SECONDED** by Garcia to approve Items No. 2, 3, and 4 on the Consent Agenda. The Motion was carried unanimously.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

- 5) Consideration of a Resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$43,000 from the Calistoga Fire Association towards the cost of the new multi-function engine.

**City Manager McCann** introduced this item. He stated that the Calistoga Firefighters Association recognizes the importance of the new multi-function engine and have provided the City \$43,000 towards the cost. He stated that this is the most significant single donation the Association has authorized in its 124 years of existence. He stated that the Association also plans to participate in the renovation costs of the fire station.

It was **MOVED** by Mayor Gingles and **SECONDED** by Councilmember Slusser to adopt Resolution No. 2008-012 accepting a donation in the amount of \$43,000 from the Calistoga Fire Association towards the cost of the new multi-function engine.

The Motion was carried as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Gingles Councilmembers Slusser, Garcia, Kraus, and  
Vice Mayor Dunsford

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN/ABSENT:** None

- 6) Consideration of a Resolution establishing objectives and the appointment of a Council Subcommittee for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Community Enrichment Grant Program.

**City Clerk Sneddon** introduced this item and suggested that the Council approve the objectives and establish a subcommittee consisting of two Councilmember's and the City Manager to evaluate the CEG applications in order to make a future recommendation to the Council for funding.

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**Mayor Gingles** recommended that Councilmembers Kraus and Slusser be appointed to the Community Enrichment Grant subcommittee.

It was **MOVED** by Mayor Gingles and **SECONDED** by Vice Mayor Dunsford to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-013** establishing objectives and the appointment of a Council Subcommittee for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Community Enrichment Grant Program.

The Motion was carried as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Gingles, Vice Mayor Dunsford, Councilmembers Garcia, Kraus, and Slusser

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN/ABSENT:** None

**7) Consideration of a proposal to re-establish the Calistoga Police Department Reserve Program.**

**Police Chief Mills** introduced this item and provided a brief history of the Police Reserve Program. He stated that re-establishing the Reserve Program would complement the current police force and provide training/experience for officers.

**Ric Pielstick, 1805 Foothill Blvd**, asked if the reservists would be volunteering and what expenses the City would incur.

**Police Chief Mills** stated that the reservists are not paid and the City will provide minimal funding.

**Councilmember Slusser** asked if the reservists will have completed police academy (**Police Chief Mills** stated yes).

**Councilmember Garcia** asked if there are any limits to the number reservists at one time.

**Police Chief Mills** stated there will be a maximum of four reservists supervised by a staff coordinator.

**Councilmember Kraus** asked if the Calistoga Police Officers Association agrees with re-establishing the Reserve Program (**Police Chief Mills** stated yes).

**There was Council consensus to re-establish the Calistoga Police Department Reserve Program.**

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- Announced a public meeting provided by Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency's (NCTPA) to discuss the County's Strategic Transportation Plan.
- Provided an update on the City's Utility Replacement and Paving Project. He stated that a majority of the project is complete with some minor utility work remaining.
- Reported that the City is making good progress in discussions with CalTrans regarding the Highway 29/Silverado Trail Intersection Improvement Project.
- Announced that the Low Vision Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Rancho de Calistoga Recreation Hall.
- Stated that NCTPA Vine Route 11 is offering a 2-for-1 special through the end of the month since ridership has been down.

**Mayor Gingles** (City's NCTPA representative) stated that if Vine Route 11 continues to have low ridership the route will be discontinued. On a different matter he complimented John Busk for fixing the pot holes on the road adjacent to his property, and he thanked City Manager McCann and Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi for their assistance in this matter.

## **COUNCIL REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Councilmember Garcia** requested an update regarding Solage workforce housing (**City Manager McCann** responded that pursuant to the agreement with Solage the workforce housing is to be available for occupancy by April 2009).

**Mayor Gingles** stated his concern that the Calistoga Amigos Program might be eliminated (**City Manager McCann** responded that there is no intention in eliminating the program).

**Mayor Gingles** stated that he will be attending the League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings on April 2-3.

## **CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Gingles** adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to the next scheduled regular meeting of the Calistoga City Council, on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 7:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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Prepared by: Susan Sneddon, City Clerk

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Approved by: Jack Gingles, Mayor