

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**CALISTOGA COMMUNITY CENTER**

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 **Mayor Gingles called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m.** In attendance  
3 were the following: Councilmember Chris Canning, Councilmember Gary Kraus,  
4 Councilmember Karen Slusser, Vice Mayor Michael Dunsford, and Mayor Jack  
5 Gingles.

6 Also present was City Manager Richard Spitler.

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8 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

9 No public comment.

10 **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**

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12 1) Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation

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14 Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) Government Code  
15 Section 54956.9: Two potential cases.

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17 2) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, GCS 54957, City Manager.  
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19 **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

20 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

21 **ACTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

22 **Mayor Gingles** announced that there was no reportable action out of tonight's  
23 Closed Session.

24 **ADJOURNMENT**

25 **Mayor Gingles adjourned the Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.** to the regular  
26 meeting of the Calistoga City Council, on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 Calistoga  
27 Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 7:00 p.m.

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29 **Respectfully submitted:**

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33 **Prepared by: Susan Sneddon, City Clerk**

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**Approved by: Jack Gingles, Mayor**

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**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011 – 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 Chris Canning, Councilmember Gary Kraus, Councilmember Karen Slusser, Vice Mayor Michael Dunsford, and Mayor Jack Gingles.

Also present were Public Works Director/City Engineer Dan Takasugi, City Manager Richard Spittler, and City Clerk Susan Sneddon.

**ACTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

**Marvin Braun, 2412 Foothill Blvd (Rancho de Calistoga Mobilehome Park Legal Committee member)**, stated that the HCA Management's lawsuit has been filed (against the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance). He requested that all evidence be used in defense of the pending lawsuit.

**Drew Sparks, 2412 Foothill Blvd**, stated that she is holding the City Council to their previous promise to uphold the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

**Ronald Lynch, 2412 Foothill Blvd**, requested that witnesses with historical knowledge of the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance be selected to defend the pending lawsuit.

**Robert Vanderford, 2412 Foothill Blvd**, stated it is time to pull together with united front in defense of the pending lawsuit.

**Jeff Bounsall, 414 Foothill Blvd**, stated the need for the City Council and Planning Commission to become more streamlined in order to promote future economic development. He suggested that City staff be authorized to approve minor building

75 permits, and to reduce building permit fees by 25% to help stimulate future  
76 development.

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78 **Dennis McNay, 2653 Foothill Blvd**, provided his response to the recent boycott of  
79 local businesses as recommended by the Calistoga Police Officers Association.  
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## 81 **ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

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83 It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Kraus** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember**  
84 **Slusser** to approve the Council Meeting Agenda. The Motion was carried  
85 unanimously.  
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## 87 **COUNCIL IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION**

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89 **Councilmember Kraus** stated concerns regarding the impending Napa County  
90 Transportation and Planning Agency's (NCTPA) action on the proposed  
91 transportation sales tax measure. He requested that Mayor Gingles and Vice Mayor  
92 Dunsford (City NCTPA's representative) provide an update to Council regarding the  
93 proposed measure.  
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95 **Vice Mayor Dunsford** suggested that Paul Price, Napa County Transportation and  
96 Planning Agency Executive Director, provide a presentation at a future Council  
97 meeting on the proposed measure.  
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99 **Councilmember Canning** stated they are exploring hours NCTPA's Handyvan  
100 shuttle in the City to have expanded hours. It would run from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM on  
101 a daily basis, and occasionally until 10:00 PM on weekends.  
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103 **Mayor Gingles** thanked the Rancho de Calistoga Mobilehome Park residents for  
104 attending tonight's Council meeting and expressing their concerns regarding the  
105 Rent Stabilization Ordinance issues. He reassured residents that the City's police  
106 and fire services will continue as usual.  
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108 **Councilmember Slusser** stated that she heard that there have been discussions  
109 about a proposed train service from Napa to St. Helena, and that it would be great  
110 to have the service come as far as Calistoga.  
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112 **Mayor Gingles** stated that the Mayor of the City of St. Helena brought the idea of  
113 train services from Napa to St. Helena to NCTPA; there will be feedback on this  
114 subject in the future, however funding is a big issue.  
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117 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- 119 1. **Minutes of the October 4, 2011 Regular Council meeting, the October 12, 2011**  
120 **Special City Council meeting, and the October 18, 2011 Regular Council**  
121 **meeting.**
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- 123 2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2011-109 authorizing the acceptance of a donation**  
124 **for the 10th Annual Calistoga Bewitched Haunted House and Carnival to be**  
125 **held on October 28 - 29, 2011.**
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127 **It was MOVED by Councilmember Canning and SECONDED by**  
128 **Councilmember Kraus to approve Items No. 1 and 2 on the Consent Calendar.**

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130 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

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- 132 3. **Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to**  
133 **establish a No Stopping Zone on Washington Street at the entrance of the Fire**  
134 **Station parking lot.**
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136 **Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi** introduced this item. He stated  
137 that with the yellow-curb loading zone in front of the Chamber of Commerce Visitors  
138 Center and Brannan's Grill on Washington Street large delivery trucks sometimes  
139 park near the parking lot drive aisle. He stated that the trucks at times obstruct the  
140 view of pedestrians walking east and vehicles turning into the parking drive aisle;  
141 staff proposes to paint an 18-foot red curb at this location to improve the sight  
142 distance.

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144 **It was MOVED by Councilmember Slusser and SECONDED by Councilmember**  
145 **Kraus to adopt Resolution No. 2011-110 authorizing the Public Works Director**  
146 **to establish a No Stopping Zone on Washington Street at the entrance of the**  
147 **Fire Station parking lot. . Motion was carried unanimously by the following**  
148 **vote:**

149 **AYES: Councilmembers Slusser, Kraus, Canning, Vice Mayor Dunsford, and**  
150 **Mayor Gingles**

151 **NOES: None**

152 **ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None**

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**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Gingles** adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM to the regular meeting session of the Calistoga City Council, on Tuesday, November 15 2011, 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**