

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gingles called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 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 was City Manager Richard Spitler.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comment.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- 1) Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation

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

- 2) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, GCS 54957, City Manager.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by: Susan Sneddon, City Clerk

Approved by: Jack Gingles, Mayor

**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 Spitler, 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

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

Dennis McNay, 2653 Foothill Blvd, provided his response to the recent boycott of local businesses as recommended by the Calistoga Police Officers Association.

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Kraus** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Slusser** to approve the Council Meeting Agenda. The Motion was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Kraus stated concerns regarding the impending Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency's (NCTPA) action on the proposed transportation sales tax measure. He requested that Mayor Gingles and Vice Mayor Dunsford (City NCTPA's representative) provide an update to Council regarding the proposed measure.

Vice Mayor Dunsford suggested that Paul Price, Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency Executive Director, provide a presentation at a future Council meeting on the proposed measure.

Councilmember Canning stated they are exploring hours NCTPA's Handyvan shuttle in the City to have expanded hours. It would run from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM on a daily basis, and occasionally until 10:00 PM on weekends.

Mayor Gingles thanked the Rancho de Calistoga Mobilehome Park residents for attending tonight's Council meeting and expressing their concerns regarding the Rent Stabilization Ordinance issues. He reassured residents that the City's police and fire services will continue as usual.

Councilmember Slusser stated that she heard that there have been discussions about a proposed train service from Napa to St. Helena, and that it would be great to have the service come as far as Calistoga.

Mayor Gingles stated that the Mayor of the City of St. Helena brought the idea of train services from Napa to St. Helena to NCTPA; there will be feedback on this subject in the future, however funding is a big issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the October 4, 2011 Regular Council meeting, the October 12, 2011 Special City Council meeting, and the October 18, 2011 Regular Council meeting.
2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2011-109 authorizing the acceptance of a donation for the 10th Annual Calistoga Bewitched Haunted House and Carnival to be held on October 28 - 29, 2011.

It was **MOVED** by Councilmember Canning and **SECONDED** by Councilmember Kraus to approve Items No. 1 and 2 on the Consent Calendar.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

3. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to establish a No Stopping Zone on Washington Street at the entrance of the Fire Station parking lot.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi introduced this item. He stated that with the yellow-curb loading zone in front of the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center and Brannan's Grill on Washington Street large delivery trucks sometimes park near the parking lot drive aisle. He stated that the trucks at times obstruct the view of pedestrians walking east and vehicles turning into the parking drive aisle; staff proposes to paint an 18-foot red curb at this location to improve the sight distance.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None

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:

Prepared by: Susan Sneddon, City Clerk

Approved by: Jack Gingles, Mayor