

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING WATER & WASTEWATER STUDY SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013- 6:00 P.M.

A) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Canning called the Special Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were the following: Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Gary Kraus, Vice Mayor Michael Dunsford, and Mayor Chris Canning.

Also present were Public Works Director/City Engineer Dan Takasugi, Administrative Services Director Gloria Leon, and City Manager/Acting City Clerk Richard Spittler.

B) SALUTE TO THE FLAG

C) ORAL COMMUNICATION

Bill Dyer, 1501 Diamond Mountain Rd., discussed Calistoga's water shed and water availability.

Matt Hickerson, 3225 Lake County Hwy, asked about monetary credits being given during development and how it is distributed over the years.

D) ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

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

E) GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 1) **Receive presentation and recommendation from staff and consultant regarding the water and wastewater funds, their financial status and options to address concerns.**

Mayor Canning introduced the item and stated that this is the first of a few informational study sessions relative to water and wastewater rates and potential impacts to those rates.

City Manager Spittler presented the item stating that this is a workshop and staff will inform the Council of their perspective of what is going on with the water and wastewater funds and will seek direction. He stated that no decisions will be made this evening. He briefly discussed the water and wastewater funds and the imbalance. He discussed the study session objectives which include the overviews of 2010 water and wastewater rate studies; role of development in utility operations, facilities and finances;

impact of operations and economy over the last two years to financial health of utility operations; options to correct and City Council direction. He introduced David Spilman who was a past City of Calistoga Finance Director. Mr. Spilman was hired as a consultant to assist the City in reviewing the existing water and wastewater rates, assist in the determination of financial objectives and to provide recommendations on a possible update to the water and wastewater rate studies.

David Spilman, Consultant, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the water and wastewater funds' financial health and options to improve.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Public speaking to the item: Shelby Valentine 2771 Foothill Blvd.; Matt Hickerson, 3225 Lake County Hwy; Michael Quast; Norma Tofanelli, 1001 Dunaweel Lane; Patrick Porgans, Porgans and Associates; Aaron Harkin, 1019 Myrtle Street.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Council asked that staff come back to the next scheduled Special Water & Wastewater Study Session on February 6, 2013 with more specific information on what the water and wastewater rates will be with the proposed developments and without the proposed developments. Council also requested staff provide a comparison of rates from similar communities.

F) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Canning adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. to the next scheduled regular meeting of the Calistoga City Council, on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Prepared by: Amanda Davis, Deputy City Clerk



Approved by: Chris Canning, Mayor