

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**CALISTOGA COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice Mayor Dunsford 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, and Vice Mayor Michael Dunsford. Mayor Jack Gingles was absent.

Also present were, City Manager James McCann, Public Works Director/City Engineer Dan Takasugi, Senior Engineer Jim Smith, Associate Planner Eric Lundquist, Planning and Building Director Charlene Gallina, and City Clerk Susan Sneddon.

**ACTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

None provided

**ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by Councilmember Kraus and **SECONDED** by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Council Meeting Agenda. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Gingles

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Accounts payable for the period ending Thursday, June 12, 2008 (total amount of \$219,439.52).**
2. **Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting on June 3, 2008.**
3. **Adoption Resolution No. 2008-060 approving Amendment No. 5 to the Funding Agreement with the Napa County Flood Protection and Watershed Improvement Authority requesting additional funds and a two-year extension (Authorizing Agreement No. 306 amending Agreement No. 178).**
4. **Adoption Resolution No. 2008-061 authorizing a temporary appropriation for Water, Wastewater and Special Revenue Funds Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008/2009.**
5. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 651 adopting a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment and Adoption of Ordinance No. 652 approving a Development Agreement requested by Ed Nagel of BNK Investments for the Vineyard Oaks Subdivision, a 15 lot subdivision of 18 acres located at 2400 Grant Street.**

It was **MOVED** by Councilmember Kraus and **SECONDED** by Councilmember Garcia to approve **Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5** on the Consent Agenda. The Motion was carried as follows:

**AYES:** Councilmember Kraus, Councilmember Garcia and Vice Mayor Dunsford

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Slusser and Mayor Gingles

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

6. **Consideration of a Resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from the Calistoga Firefighters Association towards the cost of the new Water Tender.**

**City Manager McCann** introduced this item.

**Joe Russo and Kris Breiner (Calistoga Firefighters Association Treasurer and Vice President respectively)** presented the check to City Council.

**City Manager McCann** stated that early this year the City accepted a donation of \$100,000 from the Calistoga Firefighters Association towards the cost of the new Water Tender; early this year \$43,000 was received from the Calistoga Firefighter's Association towards the new multi-function engine.

It was **MOVED** by Councilmember Kraus and **SECONDED** by Councilmember Garcia to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-062** accepting a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from the Calistoga Firefighters Association towards the cost of the new Water Tender. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

**NOES: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: Mayor Gingles**

**7. Consideration of a Resolution of endorsement for placing the Transportation Sales Tax Measure on the November 2008 ballot and approval of the proposed Improvement Expenditure Plan.**

**City Manager McCann** introduced this item and provided a brief history of the 2006 half-cent sales tax Measure which failed due to lack of voter approval. He reviewed highlights of the ½ cent sales tax measure and stated that the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTa) has requested that the proposed Expenditure Plan be approved by City Council. He stated that if this measure is approved by the voters the City would receive over 12 million dollars (over 30 years) to improve the deteriorating streets, address congestion issues, and help provide for the design of the Petrified Forest/Highway 128 intersection. He introduced Napa County Board of Supervisor Bill Dodd who is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Chairman and the County representative on the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency; he also introduced and Deana Vargass, Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency staff member.

**Supervisor Dodd** reviewed some of the lessons learned from the 2006 half-cent sales tax measure effort. He anticipates that the Napa County voters will be able support a self-help sales tax measure in the November 2008 election; he stated this will greatly help to fund improvement of our poor road system.

**Councilmember Kraus** thanked Supervisor Dodd for bringing this matter before the Council. He stated concerns with raising the current sales tax ½ percent in light of the rising gasoline prices and other inflationary costs of living. He noted that he is not supportive of additional taxes. He commented that he acknowledges the need for a regular funding source for street improvements but cannot endorse this sales tax increase measure.

**Vice Mayor Dunsford** stated that he prefers the simplified wording in the proposed measure as compared to the previous measure. He requested that alternate design concepts for the Petrified Forest/Highway 128 intersection and the Lincoln Avenue (Highway 29)/Foothill Boulevard intersection be included in the proposed Resolution to allow design alternatives other than roundabouts to be considered.

**City Manager McCann** responded that the proposed Resolution can be modified to include alternate designs for the intersections, and the Resolution calls for the Council to consider approving the Transportation Improvement Expenditure Plan, and this is not an endorsement of the sales tax measure.

**It was MOVED by Councilmember Slusser and SECONDED by Councilmember Garcia to adopt the amended Resolution No. 2008-063 approving the proposed Transportation Improvement Expenditure Plan as it pertains to the**

**proposed Transportation Sales Tax Measure. The Motion was carried as follows:**

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

**NOES: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: Mayor Gingles**

**8. Construction Status Report for the Calistoga Community Pool Facility Project.**

**City Manager McCann** introduced this item and thanked Senior Engineer Smith for his work over the last several months on this project.

**Senior Engineer Smith** provided a status report of the Calistoga Community Pool Facility Project which included a review of change orders to date and an estimated project completion date.

**Vice Mayor Dunsford** asked about dewatering efforts at the project site.

**Senior Engineer Smith** stated that Page Construction Company is preparing a dewatering plan to address issues regarding groundwater at the pool site.

**Councilmember Garcia** asked if the dewatering plan will increase the cost of the project (**Senior Engineer Smith responded no**).

**Vice Mayor Dunsford** stated that opening the pool in early spring 2009 instead of fall 2008 makes more sense from a staffing standpoint.

**Councilmember Kraus** thanked Senior Engineer Smith and Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi for the project report.

**9. Consideration of a Resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Mt. Washington Water Storage Tank Project and authorizing City staff to begin the public bid process.**

**City Manager McCann** introduced this item and stated that the final water storage tank design plans and the Environmental Impact Report from this project are complete and staff is requesting approval to begin the public bid process.

**Senior Engineer Smith** provided a brief overview of the project. He stated that staff recommends the bidding of the project begin this winter so that construction would start in the spring/summer of 2009 in order to minimize the costs and impacts from potential unfavorable weather.

**Don Holinsworth, 919 Champagne Circle South**, requested clarification on how much the proposed water storage tank will be constructed above ground level.

**Senior Engineer Smith** responded that the water tank will be 5 feet above ground and it will not be visible once the tree growth adjacent to the water tank is well established.

**It was MOVED by Councilmember Kraus and SECONDED by Councilmember Slusser to adopt the amended Resolution No. 2008-064 approving the plans and specifications for the Mt. Washington Water Storage Tank Project and authorizing City staff to begin the public bid process. The Motion was carried as follows:**

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

**NOES: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: Mayor Gingles**

**10. Identification of topics for discussion with Planning Commission at the upcoming joint meeting.**

**City Manager McCann** stated that the Planning Commission has provided topics of interest to be discussed at the June 25, 2008 joint meeting and requested the Council to identify additional topics of discussion.

**Vice Mayor Dunsford** requested that the Design Review process be added to the topics of discussion.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- Staff will begin a review of the City's Growth Management Ordinance.
- Spanish CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes will begin on July 8th at La Pradera Apartments; CERT classes teach basic survival skills and disaster preparedness.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> is the Calistoga Community Campout to be held at Logvy Community Park; contact the Calistoga Community Resources Department for more information.
- Art in the Park to be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Pioneer Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Update on the City development of sustainable/green practices; to be discussed at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Community Resources Commission meeting.
- Recap provided by Planning and Building Director Gallina on the recent Napa Communities Growth Summit.

**COUNCIL REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Councilmember Kraus** requested that the item regarding renaming the street Park Street to Wilkinson Way be added to a future Council Agenda. He asked Dr. Henderson if he would like to give an update on his "green" initiatives. **(Dr. Henderson** reported on his progress regarding "green" initiatives and stated that he is looking forward to a stronger interface with City Council on "green" initiatives).

**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Mayor Dunsford** adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. to the next scheduled regular meeting of the Calistoga City Council, on Tuesday, June 17, 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: Michael Dunsford, Vice Mayor**