

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL GOAL SETTING MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.
SOLAGE RESORT

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gingles called the Special Goal Setting Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present was City Manager James McCann and approximately 15 residents.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kristin Casey, 1132 Denise Drive, commented that the adopted goals need to be the communities' goals not solely the interests of the Council or ideas of staff. She stated that she thinks the Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended to reflect policies contained in the General Plan.

Juelle Fisher voiced concern regarding any expansion of the City's boundaries.

David Moon-Wainright applauded the efforts to meet and deliberate on issues of community-wide interest.

Niles Zacherle has growth and infrastructure concerns and interest.

Lydia Ruiz, 4 View Road, would like environmental sustainability to be included in the City's goals.

Mayor Gingles stated that he is interested in environmental sustainability initiatives and the City will need to coordinate efforts with those interested.

Karen Chang also wanted sustainability to be included in the City's goals.

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Consideration and discussion of Council goals for the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year.

City Manager McCann passed out materials and reviewed suggestions for Priority Projects.

Vice Mayor Dunsford facilitated a review of the recommendations from the City Manager.

Mayor Gingles stated the need to include improvement of the intersection at Petrified Forest as a Priority Project.

Councilmember Kraus agreed with Mayor Gingles that the City needs to start efforts at the intersections of Lincoln Avenue/Foothill Boulevard and Petrified Forest Road/Foothill Boulevard.

Councilmember Garcia stated that Council must be realistic regarding what accomplishments they would like to see this Fiscal Year and noted that many projects are underway.

Mayor Gingles noted that Council will need to sort out mid to long term priorities.

Kristen Casey, 1132 Denise Drive, suggested that Council listen to citizens and that a roundabout isn't the only solution to intersection congestion.

Dieter Deiss, 3000 Palisades Road, urged that Calistoga become a 'bike friendly town'.

Elizabeth Dennison stated that the City needs green and sustainable criteria and to run decisions through an environmental filter.

Councilmember Kraus stated that the City needs to take a long-term view especially with regards to infrastructure needs and must develop values statement.

Councilmember Slusser commented that staff is overwhelmed with current assignments. She noted that water conservation efforts should be included in the Priority Projects.

Councilmember Kraus added that an update of the development impact fees is necessary but is a highly complex project; he added that the Priority Projects should have milestone dates developed for each to guide progress and to assess success.

Vice Mayor Dunsford stated that the Council needs to monitor the City's revenue (Transient Occupancy Tax, Sales Tax, etc.) and report trends to Council regularly and that working closely with the Chamber is important.

Dieter Deiss, 3000 Palisades Road, suggested revisiting the adopted Economic Vitality Group's report and develop an implementation plan for its recommendations.

Councilmember Kraus commented that "Green" is here to stay and that we must facilitate a coordinated effort. He stated that in regards to the budget, he desires more information regarding department budgets and spending as the year goes on (overtime, services/supplies, percent of remaining budget, etc.) and revenue production.

Councilmember Garcia agreed with Councilmember Kraus's budget comments.

Vice Mayor Dunsford is okay with Councilmember Kraus's suggestion but it will be a challenge for staff.

Mayor Gingles stated that his priorities are moving forward with the construction of the water tank and complete the Pool, and develop comprehensive "Green" initiatives.

City Manager McCann thanked the Council for their commitment to this process and the public for the good suggestions. He stated that he will amend the Priority Projects list as directed this evening and bring the matter forward for Council adoption at the June regular meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gingles adjourned the meeting at **8:50 p.m.** to next scheduled regular meeting of the Calistoga City Council, on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by: Susan Sneddon, City Clerk

Approved by: Jack Gingles, Mayor