

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 - 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 Placido Garcia, Councilmember Gary Kraus, Councilmember Karen Slusser, Vice Mayor Michael Dunsford and Mayor Jack Gingles.

Also present were, City Manager James McCann, Administrative Services Director David Spilman, Public Works Director/City Engineer Dan Takasugi, Community Resources Director Cahill and City Clerk Susan Sneddon.

ACTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Gingles announced that there was no Closed Session held this evening.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Mayor Gingles announced the passing of Matthew Garcia (Councilmember of Fairfield).

Yvonne Henry, City's representative on the Napa County Arts and Culture Commission (Commission), stated that the Commission has been working to create a Public Art Ordinance for the City of Napa intended to become a model for all the cities within Napa County.

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATION

1. **Proclamation of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.**

Jack Gingles read the proclamation which was received by **Joyce Wallace** (member of the **Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Programs for Napa County**).

PRESENTATION

2. **Presentation by John Tuteur, Napa County Registrar of Voters, County Assessor, Recorder, County Clerk regarding 2008/2009 County Property Tax Assessment.**

John Tuteur, Napa County Registrar of Voters, Assessor, and County Clerk, reviewed the County-wide annual increase in assessed property values which has dropped to 5.95% as compared to a higher percentage in recent years. He stated that the assessed property values in Calistoga for Fiscal Year 2007/2008 had an increase of 12.20%. He also provided an update on the November 4, 2008 General Municipal Election and stated that a Vote-by-Mail Assistance Center will be open at the Fairgrounds from Saturday, November 1st thru November 4th (Election Day).

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **Accounts payable for the period ending Thursday, August 28, 2008 (total amount of \$ 1,232,521.78).**
4. **Minutes of the July 23, 2008 Special Budget meeting and the August 5, 2008 regular City Council meeting.**
5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2008-076 approving the plans and specifications for the demolition of the former dwellings at Logvy Community Park and authorizing City staff to advertise for bids.**
6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2008-077 approving plans and specifications for the Busk Property Nuisance Abatement Project and authorizing City staff to advertise for bids.**

It was **MOVED** by Vice Mayor Dunsford and **SECONDED** by Councilmember Garcia to approve **Items No. 3, 4, 5, & 6** on the Consent Agenda. The Motion was carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

- 7. Consideration of a Resolution approving an exception to Calistoga Municipal Code Section 13.04.170, connection to Public Water Main, requested by Mr. Khadjenouri for a single family home to be built at 2383 Mora Avenue.**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi introduced this item and stated that this vacant property which had a recent lot line adjustment to construct a single-family residence. He stated that this request meets the City's criteria for seeking a water exemption.

Mayor Gingles opened the public hearing.

Dan Farris, 1831 Greenwood Ave, contractor for the proposed project stated there is sufficient well water at the site.

Mayor Gingles closed the public hearing.

It was **MOVED** by Vice Mayor Dunsford and **SECONDED** by Councilmember Slusser to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-078** approving an exception to Calistoga Municipal Code Section 13.04.170, connection to Public Water Main, requested by Mr. Khadjenouri for a single family home to be built at 2383 Mora Avenue. The Motion was carried unanimously as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 8. Consideration of a Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2008/2010 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for the General Fund.**

City Manager McCann stated that this item follows from the June 23, 2008 Special Council meeting when Council provided direction to staff to move forward with an amendment of the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 budget and the proposed Fiscal Year 2009/2010 budget for Operations and Capital Improvements (General Fund). He stated that the proposed City budget includes a greater description of activities for each department as they relate to General Fund expenditures. He complimented Community Resources Director Cahill and Public Works Director/City Engineer Takasugi for their extensive work in preparing the preliminary description

of the Community Pool programming, operations and maintenance is included in the proposed budget. He reviewed a variety of efforts and special project funding needs listed in the proposed budget and thanked the City Council for their positive direction.

Councilmember Kraus complimented staff on their responsiveness to Councils' requests made at the June 23rd Special Council meeting. He asked for clarification regarding a number of issues contained in the budget. He stated that the estimated 10% increase in property tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 appears to be optimistic. He requested that staff continue to explore Planning and Building Department space needs in conjunction the need for a temporary location for the Fire Department.

City Manager McCann responded that staff will continue to look into the space needs at City Hall and will develop a concept to present to Council. He stated that there may be the possibility of dovetailing the City Hall space needs with the Fire Department's need for a temporary location.

Councilmember Garcia stated that he finds the proposed budget adequate and thanked staff for their work.

Vice Mayor Dunsford thanked Administrative Services Director Spilman for his thoroughness in preparing the budget.

Mayor Gingles thanked the Council for their comments regarding budget restraints and concerns. He stated that he agrees with the budget recommendation.

It was MOVED by Councilmember Kraus and SECONDED by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution No. 2008-079 adopting the Fiscal Year 2008/2010 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for the General Fund. The Motion was carried unanimously as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- Update provided on the Urban Design Plan with a public hearing by Planning Commission scheduled for September 15th.
- Update regarding the Karpuk Nuisance Abatement; City's expenses will be invoiced to Mr. Karpuk; if payment is not made then a lien will be placed on the property with Council's approval.
- Update on the Busk Nuisance Abatement – same steps as stated above regarding the Karpuk Abatement.
- Good progress reported on the Francis House Development Project (former hospital property) renovation progress.

COUNCIL REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Garcia invited the community to attend the Mexican Independence Day celebration at Pioneer Park on September 14th sponsored by Casa de Cultura; there will be live music, food, family-oriented activities.

Councilmember Kraus asked that recycle bins be placed at Logvy Community Park and to encourage the soccer teams using playing fields at Logvy Park to recycle their empty water bottles instead of leaving them along the side the soccer field.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gingles adjourned the meeting at 8:30_p.m. to the next scheduled regular meeting to the Calistoga City Council, on Tuesday September 16,, 2008, Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by: Susan Sneddon, City Clerk

Approved by: Jack Gingles, Mayor