

MINUTES

CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.
Calistoga Community Center
1307 Washington Street, Calistoga, CA 94515

A) CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Dunsford called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were the following: Councilmember Gary Kraus, Councilmember Irais Lopez-Ortega, Councilmember Donald Williams, and Vice Mayor Michael Dunsford.

Mayor Chris Canning was absent.

Also, in attendance: City Manager Michael Kirn, Acting Public Works Director Derek Rayner, Administrative Services Director Gloria Leon, Fire Chief Steve Campbell, Fire Department Staff and City Clerk Irene Camacho-Werby.

B) SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Mayor Dunsford led in the Salute to the Flag.

C) ORAL COMMUNICATION ON CONSENT ITEMS OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Mayor Dunsford opened Oral Communication.

Dennis McNay, Calistoga resident, spoke on a recent article by the Napa Valley Registrar on traffic violations and spoke in opposition of the proposed traffic light study at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Petrified Forest Road.

Charlotte Williams, Calistoga resident, requested the City post notices of wide-spread interest on Nextdoor, a social networking service and in the local newspaper.

Michele H., Calistoga resident, raised concerns about crosswalks near the local schools and inquired if the City will be adding crosswalks near the Napa County Fairgrounds at North Oak Street and Fair Way.

Sally H., Calistoga resident, provided information on options for emergency notifications that do not require internet access.

Sally H. encouraged the City Council to put future developments on hold until an impact study can be conducted.

Ingrid Estrada, Calistoga Resident, spoke on telecommunications and requested the City Council place the discussion of a telecommunications ordinance on a future agenda.

Ms. Estrada also mentioned that many community members would be willing to be on an advisory group to discuss the topic.

Following no further comments, **Vice Mayor Dunsford** closed Oral Communication.

D) ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Lopez-Ortega** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Kraus** to approve the Council meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Lopez-Ortega and Williams, and
Vice Mayor Dunsford
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Canning

E) COUNCIL REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Williams supported the comments made during Oral Communication to discuss a telecommunications ordinance at a future meeting.

Councilmember Williams spoke on the importance of the City's General Plan and notified the public that the document is available online.

Councilmember Williams commended Police Department staff for their attention to addressing traffic concerns and safety.

Councilmember Lopez-Ortega reported that the annual UpValley Family Centers Back to School Celebration event, held last Friday, was a great event and was happy to see many Napa County agencies providing information to families about their services.

Councilmember Kraus also commended the Police Department on their attention to addressing traffic concerns and safety.

City Manager Kirn stated **Police Chief Celaya** has made it the department's priority to enhance traffic enforcement in all high traffic areas within the City.

F) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kirn reported:

- The annual UpValley Family Centers Back to School Celebration event held at the Calistoga Elementary School last Friday, August 30, 2019, was a well-attended event

- Reminded everyone the tennis courts are currently being resurfaced with the scheduled work to be completed next week
- Yellow Rose Development will hold a traffic impact public workshop scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 6pm in the Community Center

Councilmember Kraus inquired if the workshop would be videotaped.

City Manager Kirn explained the workshop was being conducted by the developer of Yellow Rose and that he would pass along the request.

G) PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

1. **Recognition of Jason Tamagni and Jeremy Campbell as newly promoted Fire Captains**

Vice Mayor Dunsford, on behalf of the Council, and **City Manager Kirn** congratulated newly promoted Fire Captains Campbell and Tamagni.

Fire Chief Campbell congratulated both Fire Captains for holding the first positions of Fire Captain in the City of Calistoga.

2. **Proclamation Recognizing Napa County Latino Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2019**

Vice Mayor Dunsford read a proclamation recognizing September 15-October 15, 2019, as Napa County Latino Heritage Month.

In Spanish and in English, **Councilmember Lopez-Ortega** introduced the Adelante Group, *A Community Gathering* and invited them to the podium to accept the proclamation and provide information on their organization.

Julie Garcia with the Adelante Group, *A Community Gathering* accepted the proclamation and provided information on the organization, and current projects in the community.

3. **Proclamation Proclaiming September 17-23, 2019, as Constitution Week**

Vice Mayor Dunsford read a proclamation proclaiming September 17-23, 2019, as Constitution Week.

H) CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Lopez-Ortega requested to pull Consent Calendar Item No. 8 (Request approving the Display of the Flag of Mexico the week of September 15, 2019, on the City's Ceremonial Flagpole).

Councilmember Kraus requested to pull Consent Calendar Item No. 5 (Resolution accepting a donation from Matt Reid for a Memorial Bench and approving a budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,970.70) and Item No. 9 (Resolution accepting a donation from Cal Mart).

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Kraus** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Williams** to approve **Item Nos. 4,6,7 and 10** of the **Consent Calendar**.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Lopez-Ortega and Williams, and Vice Mayor Dunsford
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Canning

4. **Approved the Minutes** of the City Council regular meeting of August 20, 2019.
5. Resolution accepting a donation from Matt Reid for a Memorial Bench and approving a budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,970.70.

Councilmember Kraus pulled the item to publicly thank and recognize Matt Reid, who was in the audience.

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Kraus** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Williams** to **Adopt Resolution No. 2019-078** accepting a donation from Matt Reid for a Memorial Bench and approving a budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,970.70.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Lopez-Ortega and Williams, and Vice Mayor Dunsford
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Canning

6. **Adopted Resolution No. 2019-079** Approving Amendment No. 11, to the Professional Services Agreement with Larry Walker Associates for services related to the City's Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant Operating Permits, in an amount of \$119,550.
7. **Approved the Request** to Display the Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW) Flag the week of September 9, 2019, on the City's Ceremonial Flagpole.

8. Request approving the Display of the Flag of Mexico the week of September 15, 2019, on the City's Ceremonial Flagpole.

Councilmember Lopez-Ortega pulled the item to thank the City for considering this item and comment on the significance of displaying the Mexican Flag to represent Latino Heritage Month.

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Lopez-Ortega** and **SECONDED** by **Vice Mayor Dunsford** approving the Display of the Flag of Mexico the week of September 15, 2019, on the City's Ceremonial Flagpole.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Lopez-Ortega and Williams,
and Vice Mayor Dunsford**

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Canning

9. Resolution accepting a donation from Cal Mart.

Councilmember Kraus pulled the item to publicly thank and recognize Bill Shaw, Owner of Cal Mart for the donation and informed the public Mr. Shaw chooses to donate the funds collected from the shopping bag charge.

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Kraus** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Williams Adopting Resolution No. 2019-080** accepting a donation from Cal Mart.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Lopez-Ortega and Williams,
and Vice Mayor Dunsford**

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Canning

10. **Adopted Resolution No. 2019-081** authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive water line easement to Craig Battuello, et al. across APN 022-100-015, Ehlers Lane.

I) PUBLIC HEARING

None.

J) GENERAL GOVERNMENT

11. Consideration of Emergency Notification System alternatives and possible adoption of a resolution approving a budget adjustment for an alternate option.

City Manager Kirn reported on the item.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Dunsford opened the public comment period.

Veronica Silverman, Calistoga resident, requested the Council reconsider re-opening negotiations with Illumination Technologies or another competitor for emergency sirens with early detection features.

Leslie Wilkes, Calistoga resident, urged the Council to table the item to obtain additional information, review proposed plans and aesthetics.

Ms. Wilkes also commented that **Mayor Canning** consistently conducted himself professionally and always recused himself from any Council discussions on the topic.

Donna Homer, Calistoga resident, spoke her concerns about the proposed sirens not having an early detection feature, which could affect people with hearing impairments or sleep disorders.

Ms. Homer supported a program to help reach people in the community who do not have access to the internet.

Martha Naber, Calistoga resident, requested the Council reconsider re-opening negotiations with Illumination Technologies.

Brian Fennen, Calistoga resident, commented on early detection warning systems and inquired if the Calistoga fire vehicles are programmed with sirens.

Fire Chief Campbell informed Mr. Fennen the Fire Department vehicles do not currently have the feature but are being reviewed to find out if it can be accommodated.

Mr. Fennen also inquired if the City will be testing the siren system and inform the public when it will be tested.

Mr. Fennen supported a two or three-siren system and the option to utilize the old warning siren on Mt. Washington Reservoir.

Martha McCoy, Calistoga resident, commended staff and Council for the work on this project.

Ms. McCoy shared comments on the proposal by Illumination Technologies, which included special features as a package and the need for additional information or testing.

Ms. McCoy supported a two or three-siren system and the option to utilize the old warning siren on Mt. Washington Reservoir, with a preference to have a system in place as soon as possible.

Don L., Calistoga Resident, supported the option to utilize the old warning siren on Mt. Washington Reservoir with an additional one or two-sirens system.

Carmen MacArthur, Calistoga resident, spoke in support of an emergency siren system that will reach as many people as possible.

Sally H., Calistoga resident, was in support of a siren system and commented that it was critical to have multiple forms of communication.

Lee L., Calistoga resident, supported the importance of communication including additional cell phone towers, and equipment with early fire detection options that is financially feasible.

Ivan Miller, Calistoga resident, congratulated Fire Captains Campbell and Tamagni.

Mr. Miller shared information on the live ALERTWildfire cameras already in use and spoke in support of the three locations proposed for the siren system and the option to utilize the old warning siren on Mt. Washington Reservoir.

Member of the Audience, name not provided, spoke on the importance of various communication efforts and suggested community members form neighborhood groups to be able to share information and to assist each other in the event of an emergency.

Sharon Suhr, Calistoga resident, supports the need for an early detection system, and shared information on the live ALERTWildfire website.

Ms. Suhr also shared that in her discussions with **Mayor Canning** regarding the Illumination Technologies cell phone tower proposal, cell carriers had not been secured.

Lorne Glaim, Calistoga resident, spoke in support of a two or three-siren system to be implemented immediately and in the future or as a next phase the Council can discuss opportunities for improved emergency communications.

Joan Johnson, County resident, was not in support of re-opening negotiations with Illumination Technologies as other speakers had favored but was in full support of a two, three or four-siren system.

Tom Meyer, Calistoga resident, spoke on the sense of urgency and if a vote must take place this evening, which he did not favor, asked the Council to consider a one or two-siren system.

Mr. Meyer spoke about NIXLE, a free emergency and community notification system, and asked the Council to create a NIXLE awareness campaign to educate people how to use it and sign up for notifications.

Mr. Meyer requested the Council independently investigate options for an early detection system.

Audience Member, name not provided, inquired if the City could create an informational webpage as a resource to the community to easily find what is happening in or around the City.

Jim Barnes, Calistoga resident, shared comments heard from the community and their needs following the October 2017 wildfires.

Mr. Barnes supported the NIXLE comments made by speaker Tom Meyer and is still in support of the proposal by Illumination Technologies.

Vice Mayor Dunsford closed the public comment period to provide an opportunity for Council discussion to obtain direction or consensus.

Councilmember Williams requested a short recess.

Council consensus was to continue the item discussion.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Dunsford re-opened the public comment period.

Stephanie W. inquired about the location of the sirens and shared concerns about surrounding areas being able to hear the alert system.

Vice Mayor Dunsford responded to Stephanie W.'s inquiry.

Audience Member, name not provided, confirmed she would be able to hear the siren, from her home.

Jim Barnes, Calistoga resident, encouraged the Council to support a three-siren system.

Audience Member, name not provided, inquired if the proposed two or three-siren system would be through a non-routine encroachment permit or located on City property.

City Manager Kirn responded to the inquiry.

The Audience Member also inquired if Illumination Technologies was working with other surrounding cities and Napa County.

Vice Mayor Dunsford responded to the inquiry.

Martha McCoy, Calistoga resident, encouraged the Council to support a three-siren system.

Diane Barrett, Calistoga resident, encouraged the Council to support a three-siren system.

Fire Chief Campbell clarified the sirens would be on wooden poles.

City Manager Kirn further described the types of poles and staff could provide schematics if requested.

Following Council discussion and by consensus, it was proposed to approve:

- Alternative 1: Utilize Warning System Adopted and Implemented by Napa County Sheriff/OES
- Alternative 2: Repurpose old warning siren on Mt. Washington Reservoir
- Alternative 3: Install Stand-Alone Warning Sirens
- Options for an early detection system
- Options to purchase sirens directly from Illumination Technologies (IT), if IT already purchased, for immediate installation
- Nixle education opportunities
- Explore AM radio notification options
- Begin discussions on a telecommunications ordinance

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Kraus** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Williams Adopting Resolution No. 2019-082** creating a new Capital Improvement Project, approving a budget adjustment in the amount of \$150,000 for the installation of a three-siren emergency notification system.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Lopez-Ortega and Williams, and Vice Mayor Dunsford
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Canning

12. Receipt of 2018/2019 Grand Jury Final Report on Napa County Water Quality: It's a Matter of Taste, and Authorization of the City of Calistoga's Response.

City Manager Kirn reported on the item.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Dunsford opened the public comment period.

Having no one come forward, **Vice Mayor Dunsford** closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Williams requested to update the language in the City’s response under Finding 6 and Finding 8 of the proposed letter, to indicate the City does agree with the finding and remove the use of “partially agrees”.

Councilmember Williams complemented staff on the response to Recommendation 3 of the proposed letter.

Councilmember Williams identified Recommendation 6 of the proposed letter as an opportunity to employ Nextdoor, social networking service as a response to communication.

City Manager Kirn stated reasons for recommending the discussion of social media be a separate item before the Council and not included in a Grand Jury response letter.

Councilmember Williams agreed the response to Recommendation 6 could remain as written.

Councilmember Kraus recommended the language for Finding 6 and Finding 8 could be updated to indicate the City agrees with the finding by the specified qualification.

City Manager Kirn recommended the language be updated for both responses to both Findings.

It was **MOVED** by **Councilmember Williams** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Kraus** to authorize of the City of Calistoga to submit a letter of response, with the recommended updated language, to the Grand Jury’s 2018/2019 Final Report on Napa County Water Quality: It’s a Matter of Taste.

AYES: Councilmembers Kraus, Lopez-Ortega and Williams, and Vice Mayor Dunsford
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Canning

K) ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Dunsford adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m., to the next regular meeting of the Calistoga City Council scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019, Calistoga Community Center, located at 1307 Washington Street, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Prepared by:



Irene Samacho-Werby, City Clerk

Approved by:



Chris Canning, Mayor

Approved: 09/17/2019