

MINUTES

CALISTOGA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.
Calistoga Community Center
1307 Washington Street, Calistoga, CA 94515

A) CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Mayor Canning called the regular session to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Councilmember Donald Williams was absent.

Also, in attendance: City Manager Michael Kirn, Police Chief Mitch Celaya, Senior Planner/Assistant to the City Manager Zach Tusinger and City Clerk Irene Camacho-Werby.

B) SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Canning led in the Salute to the Flag.

C) REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS

Mayor Canning reported no closed sessions were held between the last regular meeting and tonight's meeting. This item was a typographical error.

Mayor Canning reported the City Council is transitioning from paper agenda packets to electronic agenda packets.

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

Mayor Canning opened Oral Communication.

Kurt Larrecou, Calistoga resident, spoke on the City's water system dating back to May 2006 and addressed concerns regarding the health of the drinking water.

Dennis McNay, Calistoga resident, spoke in support of Mr. Larrecou's professional water system services.

Mr. McNay also spoke on the City's water main operation in 2006 and concerns regarding the health of the drinking water.

Daniel Kientz, Calistoga resident and Editor/Publisher of several websites, including Radio Calistoga, spoke on the First Amendment rights and concerns regarding the health of the drinking water.

Following no further comments, **Mayor Canning** closed Oral Communication.

E) ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

F) COUNCIL REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Lopez-Ortega reported on her attendance to a Census 2020 seminar, last week, hosted by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) and the importance of participating in the Census 2020.

Councilmember Lopez-Ortega reminded everyone to please be careful and practice patience when driving to avoid potential accidents.

Councilmember Kraus reported on the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) that occurred last Wednesday and inquired what City staff did in preparation of the event.

City Manager Kirn responded that the City:

- Coordinated with Police and Fire to do hourly patrols of areas impacted by the PSPS
- Sent out NIXLE alerts about the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) temporary cooling center and communications station at the Napa Valley Fairgrounds
- Temporary phone charging stations were set-up in front of City Hall and the Fire Department
- Reached out to Napa Valley Transportation Authority for a dedicated shuttle bus services to/from the PG&E Community Resource Center with temporary cooling center and communications stations at the Fair Grounds.
- Outreach efforts for signing up for NIXLE alerts

Councilmember Kraus reported on the traffic impacts at Petrified Forest Road and Foothill Boulevard this past Saturday caused by PG&E's tree/pole repair work and requested the City be made aware of future repairs in advance.

Mayor Canning reported he did receive a NIXLE alert that morning warning there would be one-way traffic control at the intersection.

City Manager Kirn reported staff was not notified of the scheduled work in advance and acknowledged repairs were being conducted to address safety concerns.

Vice Mayor Dunsford inquired as this was the City's first PSPS, could the process have been handled better, including the communication between PG&E and the City.

City Manager Kirn voiced his frustration with the conflicting information received by PG&E regarding the event and will be working with PG&E Integrated Grid Planning Principal Jon Stallman to improve communication.

Vice Mayor Dunsford recommended staff send written correspondence to address the issues and obtain a clear understanding of the process.

Mayor Canning reported on his attendance at the funeral service held for former Mayor Jack Gingles, at the National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

Mayor Canning announced a celebration of life and honor service will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at 1 p.m. for former Mayor Jack Gingles. The event is scheduled to be held in Calistoga at Pioneer Park, weather pending. An alternate location will be the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, if the forecast shows rain.

Mayor Canning announced the recent passing of Calistoga resident and founder of the Calistoga Education Foundation, Robert "Bob" Pecota, or "Uncle Bob" and sent his condolences to the Pecota family.

G) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kirn reported:

- City has released the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Calistoga Riverside Ponds project. The period to submit comments was extended an additional week to Monday, October 7, 2019, by 5 p.m.
- PG&E preferred interconnection hub site at the Little League Field, 149 Washington Street, Calistoga, will not be implemented this year. The backup site will now be near 975 Silverado Trail, Calistoga. Work will begin preparation next Thursday for placement of a temporary transformer.
- A test of the emergency siren, located on Mount Washington, will be tested at noon on Tuesday, October 2, 2019. Two NIXLE alerts will be sent prior to the testing and one after the testing has been completed.

Councilmember Kraus inquired if there would be an obstruction of traffic during this construction.

City Manager Kirn responded to the inquiry, confirming there will be no obstruction.

City Manager Kirn emphasized that the siren is a signal of distress only and people should seek additional information through various emergency resources.

H) PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

1. Presentation by Visit Napa Valley, Annual Report

Catherine Heywood, Visit Napa Valley Vice President, provided an informational overview and annual report on tourism. Ms. Heywood provided additional handouts that are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Canning thanked Ms. Heywood for presenting the information and to Visit Napa Valley for their continued efforts.

Mayor Canning opened the public comment period.

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

I) CONSENT CALENDAR

It was **MOVED** by **Vice Mayor Dunsford** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Kraus** to approve **Item No. 2** of the **Consent Calendar**. The Motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Approved the Minutes of the City Council regular meeting of September 17, 2019.

J) PUBLIC HEARING

None.

K) GENERAL GOVERNMENT

3. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Matrix Consulting Group not to exceed \$54,000 and approving a budget adjustment in the same amount, to conduct an evaluation of police service alternatives.

Police Chief Celaya reported on the item.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Council looks forward to the results of this evaluation.

Mayor Canning emphasized this service is being conducted to evaluate the service needs and best interests for the City, not as an opportunity for a cost saving measure.

Mayor Canning opened the public comment period.

Erika Pusey, Calistoga resident, spoke in support of the item and inquired if the City of Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (CA), mentioned on page three of the proposed agreement, took the recommended advice from the Matrix Consulting Group and was successful in their process.

Police Chief Celaya responded to the inquiry, the City of Kensington was provided a three-phase approach and is currently in the process of moving through each phase.

Following no further comments, **Mayor Canning** closed the public comment period.

Mayor Canning inquired on the delivery time for the evaluation results.

Police Chief Celaya responded to the inquiry, confirmed it would be approximately 14 weeks.

Vice Mayor Dunsford inquired if **Police Chief Celaya** had a firm date of retirement.

Police Chief Celaya responded to the inquiry, he would be open to discussions on his retirement date to see this project through.

It was **MOVED** by **Vice Mayor Dunsford** and **SECONDED** by **Councilmember Lopez-Ortega** to **Adopt Resolution No. 2019-087** authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Matrix Consulting Group not to exceed \$54,000 and approving a budget adjustment in the same amount, to conduct an evaluation of police service alternatives. The Motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Planned Calistoga Community Survey

Senior Planner/Assistant to the City Manager Tusinger reported on the item.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Mayor Canning cautioned staff that depending how questions are stated they could lead to false expectations of suggestions made in the survey.

Mayor Canning stated he would like to see final draft survey prior to publication.

Councilmember Kraus would like to ensure the survey is secure to minimize chances of manipulation of data.

Councilmember Kraus recommended adding questions to find out opinions on Climate Action and if revenues were available in the general fund, what should the funds go towards.

Councilmember Lopez-Ortega recommended a section for additional comments.

Mayor Canning opened the public comment period.

Erika Pusey, Calistoga resident, supported the item and volunteered to assist in the facilitation of creating awareness to increase the number of survey participants.

Following no further comments, **Mayor Canning** closed the public comment period.

Council directed staff to take the comments received, including those submitted via email by **Councilmember Williams** (available in City Clerk's Office) and return to a future Council meeting to present the survey final draft.

5. Cancellation of the October 15, 2019, November 19, 2019 and December 17, 2019 Regular City Council Meetings.

City Clerk Camacho-Werby reported on the item.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Mayor Canning proposed keeping the meetings of October 15, 2019 and November 19, 2019, as scheduled with the option to cancel the November 19, 2019 meeting at a future date.

The Council, by consensus, supported the cancellation of their second meeting in December, December 17, 2019.

Mayor Canning opened the public comment period.

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

L) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Canning adjourned the meeting, in honor of Robert "Bob" Pecota, at 7:35 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Calistoga City Council scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019, Calistoga Community Center, located at 1307 Washington Street, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Prepared by:



Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk

Approved by:



Chris Canning, Mayor

Approved: 10/15/2019

