

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 13, 2006

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by David Fairley with Youth with a Mission followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Cullen.

COUNCIL PRESENT Crom, Connolly, Cullen, Young, Henderson

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Jim Barnes, Community Services Director
Ray Seguine, Fire Chief
Joe Peksi, Police Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. Wayne Carpenter announced that he is no longer working for the Bishop Chamber of Commerce. He thanked the Council for the time he spent working with them and offered any assistance the City may need as a private citizen or former Executive Director.

INTRODUCTION The Police Chief introduced the newest officer to the Department, Richard Beall, from the Ventura area.
(1)

CONSENT CALENDAR A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:
(2)

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING
(a) Council Minutes – 2/27/06
(b) Fund Transactions – 7/1/05 – 2/28/06
(c) Warrant Register – 2/06

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(d) Water and Sewer Commission Agenda – 3/14/06
(e) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 1/25/06
(f) Public Works Report – 2/06
(g) Public Works Permit Report – 2/06

Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

CORRESPONDENCE
NO RESPONSE REQUIRED
(3)

Correspondence relating to the application to the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) for tax credits was provided for information only. No action was required.

PUBLIC HEARING
Appeal of Planning Comm.
Decision of 1/31/06 relating
to 395 Sierra Street Condo
Conversion
(4)

The Mayor opened a public hearing to hear and consider citizen input on an appeal of the City Planning Commission decision on January 31, 2006, to approve the conditional use permit to convert an 18-unit apartment into a 17-unit condominium complex which is located in an R-3 district – 395 Sierra Street. A timely appeal was submitted by Hurd & George, Inc., owners of the Sierra Mobile Home Park, the adjacent property to the east of the project.

The City Administrator summarized a letter received from Evelyn Deming, a resident of Sierra Mobile Home Park, requesting a stone wall and speed bumps be installed to be fair and considerate to the park residents.

Bob Lowthorp, Planning Commission Chairman provided a review of the action by the Commission to approve the conditional use permit.

Residents of the mobile home park requested a five-foot masonry block fence be constructed and speed bumps installed to resolve noise and speed issues. It was noted by staff that a block wall on the condo property would narrow the driveway access and prevent fire truck access. The Chairman stated that the Commission could not obligate the owner of the mobile home park to allow construction of the fence on his property. It was hoped that the neighbors would be able to come to an agreement.

Larry Paglia stated he supported the appeal and felt the suggestions would enhance the project and requested the proponent consider them.

David Miller, member of the Planning Commission, stated he saw no reason to deny the conditional use permit based on the existing conditions placed on the project.

Laura Burgess, President of the El Sereno Arms West Homeowners Association, stated the association is opposed to the speed bumps for various reasons.

Michael Lee, Project Manager, stated he had met with Mr. Hurd regarding the appeal but no agreement had been reached yet.

Motion/Young

A motion was made by Mayor Young to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of the Appeal of Planning Commission Decision of 1/31/06 relating to 395 Sierra Street Condo Conversion
(5)

Councilmember Crom asked if there was more time is there a way to get the owners of Sierra Mobile Home Park and the proponents together to work this out. Mr. Hurd responded that they could.

More discussion was held on the fence and speed bumps. Staff reported that with the pending appeal all permits have been put on hold until the issues are resolved. In an effort to move forward with possible action it was suggested Mr. Lee contact the proponent by phone to see if an agreement could be reached on the fence.

Recess/Reconvene

The Council recessed at 8:08 p.m. to allow Mr. Lee to make a call to Mr. Misaka. Council reconvened at 8:15 p.m. with all five members present.

Mr. Lee stated that Mr. Misaka will pay the cost of a six-foot wooden fence as long as it does not exceed \$8,000.00 and did not want to be involved in the negotiations with contracting the work or cleanup.

The City Attorney discussed the conditions with Mr. Hurd. Mr. Hurd was not comfortable with the details or cost.

It was determined this item would be held over until the next meeting to see if an arrangement could be reached between the proponent and the mobile home park owner.

APPROVAL OF LADWP LEASE NO. BL-1433 – Talmage Park - 293 N. Main
(6)
Motion/Connolly

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to approve the renewal of a five-year lease with the Department of Water and Power for BL-1433, 293 North Main Street - Talmage Park and authorized the execution of the lease. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL TO SEEK PROPOSALS – City Park Pool Re-plaster Project
(7)
Motion/Young

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Young, Council voted unanimously to approve the request to seek proposals to re-plaster the City Park Pools.

APPROVAL TO SEEK PROPOSALS – Tennis Courts/Basketball Court
(8)
Motion/Henderson

On a motion by Mayor Henderson the Council voted unanimously to approve the request to seek proposals for the replacement of the tennis courts and an outdoor basketball court.

REQUEST FROM POLICE DEPT. TO SURPLUS PROPERTY

It was moved by Councilmember Crom to declare the designated City, found, and unclaimed property as surplus to the needs of the City and authorize the City Administrator to

<p>(9) Motion/Crom</p>	<p>dispose of the property as outlined in the contract with the Property Bureau. Motion passed 5-0.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT CONTRACT – WELL NO. 1 (10)</p>	<p>The Public Works Director reported that Well No. 1 has been on standby status for an extended period of time due to motor and control problems and fluoride concentrations. It is recommended work be done on the well to bring it into service.</p>
<p>Motion/Henderson</p>	<p>Mayor Henderson moved to approve the execution of the contract for Well No. 1 assessment work with the Layne Christensen Company and authorize the expenditure of up to \$53,813.50. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/TRANSFERS FY 2005-2006 (11) Motion/Cullen</p>	<p>A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2005-2006 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.</p>
<p>SET DATE FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARINGS FY 2006-2007 (12)</p>	<p>It was determined that the budget hearings for fiscal year 2006-2007 will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.</p>
<p>SET INTERVIEW COMMITTEE FOR COMMISSION VACANCY (13)</p>	<p>This item has been carried over until further notice. No applications have been received at this time.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCONTRACTOR SERVICES – Willow Plaza (14)</p>	<p>Councilmembers Connolly and Cullen declared a conflict of interest due to their ownership of property located within 500 feet of the property to be discussed. They left the Council Chambers for the duration of discussion and action on this agenda item.</p> <p>The City Administrator reported that the process to contract for administrative subcontractor services is part of the ongoing series of documents and agreements in order to move forward with the CDBG project previously approved by Council. The agreement will be paid through grant monies.</p>
<p>Motion/Henderson</p>	<p>Mayor Henderson made a motion to approve the execution of the agreement with M.E. Shay and Company for administrative subcontractor services for grant administration related to the City's participation in the State of California HOME program in the amount of \$17,500.00 plus any additional services agreed to at \$75.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0. Connolly and Cullen returned to the dais.</p>

APPOINT VOTING
DELEGATE – Desert Mt.
Division
(15)
Motion/Young

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Young, Council approved on a vote of 5-0 to appoint Councilmember Frank Crom as the City’s voting delegate to the Desert Mountain Division of the League of California Cities with all other Councilmembers serving as alternates.

REORGANIZATION
(16)

Mayor Henderson turned this portion of the meeting over to the City Administrator to conduct the election of Mayor for the next year. Nominations were opened.

Election of Mayor

Kathryn Henderson nominated John Young to serve as Mayor. A motion was made by Frank Crom to close the nominations. Motion passed 5-0.

A roll call vote to elect John Young as Mayor was taken. Ayes: Crom, Young, Henderson, Connolly, Cullen

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Nominations were opened. Sue Cullen nominated Frank Crom to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Kathryn Henderson moved to close the nominations. Motion passed 5-0.

A roll call vote to elect Frank Crom as Mayor Pro Tem was taken. Ayes: Crom, Young, Henderson, Connolly, Cullen

MAYOR COMMITTEE
Appointments/Assignments
(17)

On a motion by newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem Crom, committee appointments and assignments for the next year were made as listed. Motion passed 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Cullen thanked Kathryn Henderson for being her mentor for the past year. Henderson was thanked by the other members of the Council. She expressed her gratitude for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. to the Council Retreat scheduled for March 14, 2006. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

JOHN YOUNG, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
APPROVED BY COUNCIL 3/27/06

CITY OF BISHOP
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 377 West Line Street, Bishop.

COUNCIL PRESENT Henderson, Connolly, Cullen, Crom, Young

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator
Jim Barnes, Community Services Manager
Joe Pecsí, Police Chief
David Grah, Public Works Director
Ray Seguine, Fire Chief

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comment was presented.

NEW BUSINESS For planning purposes, general discussion was held on the following agenda items. No action was taken.

1. City Finances
2. City Fees
3. Tax Increases
4. Residential and commercial parking
5. Apartment complexes
6. Departmental Reports

ADJOURNMENT At 2:00 p.m. the Mayor adjourned the meeting to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 27, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

JOHN YOUNG, MAYOR

By: _____
Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 3/27/06