

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 8, 2006

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Paul Straub of the Church of the Nazarene followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Cullen.

COUNCIL PRESENT Henderson, Connolly, Cullen, Crom, Young

COUNCIL ABSENT None

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

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

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

Motion/Cullen FOR APPROVAL AND FILING
(a) Council Minutes – 4/24/06
(b) Personnel Status Change Report
(c) Warrant Register – 4/06
(d) Investment Portfolio – 3/06

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(e) Water and Sewer Commission – 5/9/06
(f) Public Works Report – 4/06
(g) Public Works Permit Report – 4/06
(h) Fire Department Activity Log – 4/06

Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

250 SNEDEN STREET Mayor Young opened the public hearing to receive public
Environmental Review comment on an environmental review on the initial study and
(2) negative declaration for a conditional use permit to allow the
applicant to set aside the two-way driveway requirement of 24
feet wide at 250 Sneden Street located in an R-2000P district.

Andrea Shallcross, proponent, addressed the Council on her project to convert the residence on Sneden for her accounting practice. She has applied for a conditional use permit to set aside the two-way driveway requirement. Four parking spaces will be located at the back of the property with adequate turnaround and view for entering and existing the back.

Motion/Crom

At 7:40 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

250 SNEDEN STREET
Approval of Negative
Declaration for Conditional
Use Permit
(3)
Motion/Henderson

Councilmember Henderson made a motion to adopt a negative declaration with a de minimis finding that the project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment for the following reasons:

- Request to develop this project is consistent with the General Plan land use designation of R-2000P (Medium High Density Residential District and/or Professional and Administrative Office). Project is also consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan land use element.
- Proposed project provides for and is consistent with the City's municipal Code requirements for parking, landscape and other public improvements.
- Proposed project will not require the expansion of existing public or private utilities and services.
- Project involves no potential for adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife, native plants, streams, water courses, scenic or historic resources and human beings.

Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF FINAL
TRACT MAP NO. 240
(4)
Motion/Young

On a motion by Mayor Young, Council voted 5-0 to approve the Final Tract Map No. 240 which divides the property at 135 Johnston Drive into three residential lots.

APPROVAL OF WELL
NO. 1 CONTRACT
AMENDMENT
(5)

The Public Works Director reported that additional work is required to accomplish the objectives of the assessment project on Well No. 1 that will allow it to be used as a backup during times of heavy demand. It was reported that Layne Christensen Company has recommended the rehabilitation of the well casing to improve the condition and operation of the well.

It was recommended by the Director to approve the amendment to the contract for the recommended additional work on Well No. 1 and authorize the necessary expenditures.

Motion/Connolly

A motion was made by Councilmember Connolly to approve the amendment to the contract for Well No. 1 assessment work with the Layne Christensen Company to include the recommended well casing rehabilitation work and authorize the expenditure of up to \$42,408.00 through this contract for the additional recommended work with a total cost after this amendment not to exceed \$96,221.50. Motion carried 5-0.

REQUEST TO GO TO BID
Home Street Improvement
Project
(6)

The Public Works Director announced that the California Transportation Commission recently allocated \$1,642,000.00 for the Home Street Improvement Project which will provide sidewalks the full length of Home Street from West Line to Sierra Street, rehabilitation of the pavement and improve drainage. The department is ready to move forward in order to begin construction mid-July with anticipated completion in early October.

Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to approve the request to go to bid for the Home Street Improvement Project. Motion passed 5-0

APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT
Water and Sewer Master
Plan
(7)

The Public Works Director reported the department is ready to contract the development of the Water and Sewer Master Plan. The elements will include:

1. Comprehensive inventory and assessment of existing systems
2. Strategies for preserving and enhancing existing system
3. Strategies for serving build-out of city limits
4. Opportunities for cooperation with other local water and sewer districts.
5. Capital and operational improvement programs

He stated that five proposals were received and three companies were interviewed with Nolte Associates identified as the top firm.

Motion/Henderson

A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson to award the contract for the development of a Water and Sewer Master Plan to Nolte Associates and authorized the expenditure of up to \$183,500.00 through this contract. Motion passed 5-0.

REQUEST TO SEEK
PROPOSALS – Labor
Standards Compliance
Monitoring – HOME Fund
Project – Willow Plaza
(8)

Councilmembers Connolly and Cullen declared a conflict of interest due to their ownership of properties 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.

Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to approve the request to seek proposals for the Federal Labor Standards Compliance Monitoring of the 2005 HOME program for the Willow Plaza Apartments. Motion passed 3-0 with Cullen and Connolly disqualified. Connolly and Cullen returned to the dais.

STREET CLOSURE –
Bishop Union High School
Graduation – June 9, 2006
(9)
Motion/Connolly

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to approve the street closures for the high school graduation on June 9, 2006 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. as follows:

- Fowler Street between the intersections of Church Street and Pine Street;
- Academy Street between the intersection of Fowler Street and Hammond Street;
- High School Drive.

Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATION OF
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007
(10)
Motion/Young

The City Administrator reported on the presentation of the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. Budget Hearings are scheduled for May 11, 2006 beginning at 4 p.m. A motion was made by Mayor Young to receive the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. Motion passed 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to the Budget Hearings scheduled for May 11, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 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