

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 22, 2006

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Patrick Thompson of the Neighborhood Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Crom.

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  
Bob Kimball, City Treasurer

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

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 – 5/8/06  
(b) Budget Hearing Minutes – 5/11/06  
(c) Investment Portfolio – 4/06  
(d) Fund Transactions – 7/1/05 – 4/30/06

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING  
(e) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 5/31/06

Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

ENVIRONMENTAL Mayor Young opened the public hearing to receive public  
REVIEW - 787 D NORTH comment on an environmental review on the initial study and  
MAIN ST. – negative declaration for a conditional use permit to allow the  
COTTONWOOD PLAZA applicant to set aside the minimum parking requirement for a  
(2) restaurant in a C-1 Zoning District.

Harry Peterson, Mokler Designs from Mammoth, representing the proponent, Bishop Plaza, LLC, addressed the Council on the

project for a restaurant seating 24 people to be located at 787 D North Main Street in the Cottonwood Plaza in which the proponent has applied for a conditional use permit requesting that the minimum parking requirement of six spaces be reduced by two.

It was noted by Council that the Planning Commission will make the determination on the conditional use permit application at a future meeting and that the Council is responsible for the environmental portion of the project only.

Motion/Crom

A motion was made by Councilmember Crom to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF  
A NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION  
787 D North Main Street  
(3)

Councilmember Cullen 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:

Motion/Cullen

1. The requested conditional use permit is consistent with the City of Bishop's General Plan land use designation for General Commercial and Retail District (C-1 Zone).
2. The proposed project will not require the expansion of existing public or private utilities and services (electrical, telephone, sewer, water, storm water drainage and solid waste disposal).
3. The 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.

REQUEST TO WAIVE  
THE HIRING FREEZE  
Police Department  
(4)

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to waive the hiring freeze and approve the hiring of one reserve police officer and one full-time police officer. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion/Connolly

APPROVAL OF BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENTS &  
TRANSFERS FY 05-06  
(5)

Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfers for fiscal year 2005-2006 through April 30, 2006, as presented. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion/Crom

REQUEST TO GO TO BID  
Well No. 2 Tie-In Materials  
(6)

The Public Works Director reported that the El Sereno Arms project to install an 8-inch water line close to Well No. 2 provides a great opportunity to make a loop back to the well which is important for fire suppression. He requested Council permission

to go to bid for tie-in materials to complete the 200-300 feet distance from El Sereno Arms to the well. He indicated that work will be done by the City crews.

Motion/Henderson

On a motion by Councilmember Henderson, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the request to go to bid for the materials for the tie-in project at Well No. 2

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council members welcomed everyone to Bishop for Mule Days.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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JOHN YOUNG, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk

*Approved by Council on June 12, 2006*