

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 23, 2006

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Kent Puls of the Grace Lutheran Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Connolly.

COUNCIL PRESENT Connolly, Cullen, Crom, Young

COUNCIL ABSENT Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Ray Seguire, Fire Chief
Joe Pecs, Police Chief
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
Bob Kimball, City Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT The Mayor announced the public comment period. County Supervisor Ted Williams reported that the County has started the environmental review as part of the request to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to amend the Long Term Water Agreement by adding a 16.7 acre parcel located southeast of the intersection of Hanby and Yaney Street, adjacent to the Bishop city limits. Williams stated that adding this parcel to the Long Term Water Agreement would make it eligible for sale as part of the 75 acre land release. The deadline for public comment is November 22, 2006.

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 – 10/10/06
(b) Fund Transactions – 7/1/06 – 9/30/06
(c) Investment Portfolio – 9/06

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING
(d) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 10/25/06
(e) Planning Commission Agenda – 10/31/06

Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

ENVIRONMENTAL The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive comment on an
REVIEW – 150 Willow St. environmental review on the initial study and negative declaration

(2) for a conditional use permit application to allow the applicant to set aside the two-way driveway requirement of 24 feet wide at 150 Willow Street. Mary Drumm and Ty Devore, represented the Bishop Yoga and Massage Studio located at this address. It was stated that the yoga studio is ready to open when the parking issues are resolved and that classes will be held early in the mornings and evenings which should not impact parking during normal business hours.

Motion/Cullen At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to close the public hearing. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION – John Novak, Proponent 150 Willow Street (3) Motion/Young A motion was made by Mayor Young to adopt the Negative Declaration with a de minimis finding and file a Notice of Determination that the proposed project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment for the following reasons:

- The requested conditional use permit is consistent with the City of Bishop’s General Plan land use designation for general commercial and retail.
- 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).
- 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.

The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-22 Supporting Congressional Legislation to Realign the Boundary between DVNP and the Inyo Mountains Wilderness (4) Motion/Connolly Dick Noles, representative of the Advocates for Access to Public Lands, reported to the Council on the past history of the confusion on the established boundaries between the Death Valley National Park and the Inyo Mountains Wilderness in Inyo County. He requested Council consideration of a resolution to realign those boundaries that will honor the original intent of a previously-approved mapping and create an identifiable line for travel between the two land use designations.

A motion was made by Councilmember Connolly to adopt Resolution NO. 06-22 by title only, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION TO REALIGN THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK AND INYO MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS IN INYO COUNTY”. Motion passed 4-0.

SET INTERVIEW
COMMITTEE –
PLANNING COMMISSION
(5)

Mayor Young appointed Councilmembers Henderson and Cullen to the interview committee for filling the upcoming term expiration on the Planning Commission.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION- March 6, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 06-23
Relating to Candidate
Statements
(6)
Motion/Crom

Mayor Pro Tem Crom made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-23 by title only, "A RESOLUTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007". Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ON
OPTIONS FOR
RESOLVING TIE VOTES –
March 2007 Election
(7)
Motion/Young

On a motion by Mayor Young the Council voted 4-0 to adopt the procedure in the event of a tie vote in the General Municipal Election set for Tuesday, March 6, 2007, by setting a place and time to determine the tie by lot. Motion passed 4-0.

REQUEST TO SURPLUS
PROPERTY – Police Dept.
(8)
Motion/Crom

The Council voted 4-0 on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Crom to surplus the list of City and found property and unclaimed evidence and dispose of the items as outlined in the contract with the Property Bureau.

REJECTION OF BIDS –
Fire Dept. Training Facility
Infrastructure and Grading
(9)
Motion/Cullen

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to reject all the bids received for the grading and infrastructure work on the Fire Department Training Facility due to the fact the bids were considerably higher than available funding. The motion passed 4-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 13, 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 on November 13, 2006