

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 26, 2007

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Pastor Chris Costello of the Oasis of Grace Foursquare Church in Bishop followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Dishion.

COUNCIL PRESENT Griffiths, Cullen, Dishion, Connolly, Crom

COUNCIL ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk  
Peter Tracy, City Attorney  
Ray Seguine, Fire Chief  
Chris Carter, Police Lieutenant  
Deston Dishion, Public Works Superintendent  
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
(1) A proclamation declaring April 2007 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City was read and presented to Wild Iris staff.

Child Abuse Prevention Month  
(2) At the request of Wild Iris, the Mayor proclaimed April 2007 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City and presented them with the proclamation.

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

Motion/Cullen

FOR APPROVAL AND FILING

- (a) Council Minutes -2/27/07
- (b) Fund Transactions – 7/1/06 – 2/28/07
- (c) Investment Portfolio – 2/07
- (d) Amendment #2 to Agreement between City and Willdan

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING

- (e) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 3/28/07
- (f) Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation Notice – 3/07
- (g) Planning Commission Minutes – 2/27/07

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Cullen, Connolly, Crom.  
Abstained: Dishion, Griffiths

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

186 JOHNSTON DRIVE  
Environmental Review for a  
Conditional Use Permit  
(4)

192 JOHNSTON DRIVE  
Environmental Review for a  
Conditional Use Permit  
(5)

On March 12, 2007, the Council held a public hearing to receive citizen input on an initial study for a conditional use permit to allow the applicant to set aside Municipal Code Section 17.20.070 Parking Requirements and Section 17.20.050 yard setbacks for the placement of a second dwelling unit at 186 Johnston Drive which is located in an R-1 District. This hearing was continued to this date because of an error by the newspaper in publishing the notice of public hearing for an environmental review on the adjoining property at 192 Johnston Drive. Staff requested that both environmental reviews and negative declarations be brought before the Council at the same time. It was also suggested that the public hearings be conducted simultaneously for the convenience of anyone wishing to comment on both projects.

Staff reported that pursuant to state law the project would require one additional onsite parking space; the Bishop Municipal Code requires the existing and additional space to be paved and one covered and the rear yard setback at 15 feet which currently is approximately 2 feet for the proposed second unit.

The City Administrator stated that parking requirements for 192 Johnston Drive would be the same as for 186; and the required yard setbacks are 5 feet for side yard and 15 feet for rear yard. The proposed second unit currently has a 2.5 feet side yard setback and 1 foot rear yard setback.

The proponent, Shirley Keith French stated she is requesting a waiver of the parking requirements and yard setbacks so she can move forward with the project. She felt the street is roomy. The 2.5 foot side yard setback at 192 Johnston is on the property line with 186 which are both owned by her.

Wes French reported there is a lot of parking at 192 but it is not covered. They are looking at options to get the parking off the street at both locations.

Jim McDade, 136 Johnston Drive, stated that parking is an issue on the street especially with the recent addition of the modular homes near East Line Street. He reported that he recently did an addition on his residence and followed the rules and would like the rules to stand for others as well.

There being no further comment, Mayor Pro Tem Connolly made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a Negative Declaration for a Conditional Use Permit – 186 Johnston Drive

(6)

Councilmembers Griffiths and Dishion stated that on-street parking is a problem on Johnston Drive and codes have been established to address this problem and should be followed.

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to grant a negative declaration for a conditional use permit to allow the applicant Shirley K. French to set aside Municipal Code Section 17.20.070 Parking Requirements and Section 17.20.050 yard setbacks for the placement of a second dwelling unit at 186 Johnston Drive.

The motion failed 2-3 on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Cullen, Crom

Noes: Dishion, Griffiths, Connolly

Discussion followed indicating that in order for the proponent to move forward the Council and staff need more information on parking such as a traffic study to determine how many cars are parked in the area and on the street and if mitigations are needed.

Motion/Connolly

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Connolly to continue discussion and action on the negative declaration for a conditional use permit for 186 Johnston Drive until the regular Council meeting of April 23, 2007 in order to give the proponent time to study the parking situation and provide more information to the staff. Motion passed 5-0.

Consideration of a Negative Declaration for a Conditional Use Permit – 192 Johnston Drive

(7)

Motion/Crom

Due to the similarities on this proposed project with the one located at 186 Johnston Drive, it was determined that an analysis on the parking needs be done by the proponent.

Mayor Crom made a motion to continue discussion and action of the negative declaration for a conditional use permit at 192 Johnston Drive until the regular meeting of April 23, 2007, in order to give the proponent time to study the parking situation. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-04  
Removal of Bus Loading Zone near Bishop High School

(9)

Bishop Union High School Administration in order to update parking in the area of the school requested the bus loading zone near the East Gym be removed to allow more unrestricted parking.

Motion/Crom

Mayor Crom made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-04 by title only, "AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE ON WEST PINE STREET NEAR BISHOP UNION HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BISHOP". Motion passed 5-0.

AMENDMENT TO CITY  
POLICY – Use of City  
Vehicles to Allow Home  
Storage  
(10)  
Motion/Cullen

In order to ensure quick emergency response, the Public Works Director has requested that home storage of City vehicles used by the Public Services Officer and the Public Works Superintendent be authorized.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the amendment to the City's Vehicle Use Policy to allow emergency response by the Public Services Officer and Public Works Superintendent.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Cullen, Griffiths, Connolly, Crom

Abstained: Dishion

REQUEST TO WAIVE  
HIRING FREEZE – Police  
Department  
(11)  
Motion/Dishion

Councilmember Dishion made a motion to waive the hiring freeze and approved the request from the Police Department to hire a police officer at Step 1 of the current Salary Schedule in order to fill a vacant position. Motion passed 5-0.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
AND TRANSFERS – FY  
2006-2007  
(12)  
Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Councilmember Cullen the Council voted 5-0 to approve the budget adjustments and transfers required to bring the listed accounts into reconciliation with expenditures through February 28, 2007 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

SET DATE FOR BUDGET  
HEARINGS FY 2007-2008  
(13)  
Motion/Connolly

Mayor Pro Tem Connolly made a motion to set the date of June 4, 2007, for the Preliminary Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Motion passed 5-0.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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FRANK CROM, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

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

*Approved by City Council 4/9/07*