

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 23, 2008

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Father Tony Faith of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Dishion.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Crom, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly
COUNCIL ABSENT	Griffiths
OTHERS PRESENT	Richard Pucci, City Administrator Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk Peter Tracy, City Attorney Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director Ray Seguire, Fire Chief Kathleen Sheehan, 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. Karen Kong of the Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services informed the Council and audience of a community meeting on underaged drinking scheduled for June 24 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Home Economics Building at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
PRESENTATION Richard Warren – Retiring Crossing Guard (1)	The City Council and Police Department recognized Richard Warren for nearly 13 years of outstanding public service as a crossing guard for the Police Department. He was presented with a City tile.
CONSENT CALENDAR (2)	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:
Motion/Cullen	FOR APPROVAL AND FILING (a) Council Minutes – 6/9/08 (b) Personnel Status Change Report (c) Investment Portfolio – 5/08 (d) Fund Transactions – 7/1/07 – 5/31/08  FOR INFORMATION AND FILING (e) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 6/25/08 (f) Planning Commission – 6/24/08 (g) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 4/23/08 (h) Planning Commission Minutes – 5/28/08

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Environmental Review -  
Alta One Federal Credit  
Union ATM Lighting  
462 N. Main Street  
(3)

The Mayor opened the environmental review public hearings. A representative of DEI Incorporated reported that following construction of the new Alta One Federal Credit Union testing was done on the lighting at the ATM machine and found to be out of compliance with ATM lighting code standards. This project to increase the candlefoot power will bring the facility into compliance with the state codes. No further comments were received.

Environmental Review  
Bank of America Signage  
536 N. Main Street  
(4)

Nina Gleason representing Coast Signs reported the project for Bank of America is for 152 square feet of new and reconfigured signage which exceeds the allowable 80 square feet. She stated the pylon sign will be reduced in height from 32 to 25 feet. No further comments were provided.

Motion/Cullen

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to close the public hearings. The motion passed 4-0 with Griffiths absent.

## NEW BUSINESS

Negative Declaration  
Alta One Federal Credit  
Union – 462 N. Main St.  
(5)  
Motion/Cullen

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen to adopt a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact based on the following findings:

- The project is consistent with the City's General Plan land use designation of C-1 (General Commercial and Retail). The project is also consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan's land use element.
- The project provides for and is consistent with the City's Municipal Code requirements for parking, driveways, landscape and other public improvements.
- The 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 the following roll call vote: Ayes: Cullen, Crom, Dishion, Connolly. Absent: Griffiths.

Mitigated Negative  
Declaration – Bank of  
America – 536 North Main  
(6)  
Motion/Crom

Councilmember Crom made a motion to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact based on the following findings and mitigations:

- 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.
- Mitigated Measures: Geology and Soils – The applicant will

be required to provide a structural evaluation and design on the pylon sign pole and foundation assuring the structure is safe and able to carry wind and seismic loads per state building codes. Transportation/Traffic – The applicant is required to clearly identify the state right of way and obtain an encroachment permit for any work occurring in the right of way and any signage which encroaches onto the right of way.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Crom, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly. Absent: Griffiths.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-07  
Relating to Potential  
Acquisition of Property by  
Eminent Domain for State  
Highway Rights of Way for  
Cooperative Projects  
Public Works Department  
(7)  
Motion/Connolly

The Public Works Director reported that as a condition of its contributing funds to some city street projects, Caltrans requires the City adopt a resolution indicating the City Council would consider eminent domain actions for those city projects that require the acquisition of property as state highway right of way.

Mayor Connolly made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-07 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RELATING TO POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR COOPERATIVE PROJECTS INVOLVING STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY PURSUANT TO CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURES § 1245.330". The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Griffiths was absent.

APPROVAL OF STREET  
SWEEPER REPAIRS  
Public Works Department  
(8)  
Motion/Crom

Councilmember Crom made a motion to waive the bid procedure and authorize the Public Works Department to obtain the necessary repair work for the street sweeper from Rick's Mobile Service of Bishop in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. The motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Griffiths was absent.

PROPANE SUPPLY  
CONTRACT RENEWAL  
Community Services Dept.  
(9)  
Motion/Cullen

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Cullen, the Council voted 4-0 to approve a one-year extension (August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009) of the City contract for propane services with Amerigas for the propane supply for Sunrise Mobile Home Park and other City facilities.

VEHICLE FUEL SUPPLY  
CONTRACT EXTENSION  
Community Services Dept.  
(10)  
Motion/Crom

On a motion by Councilmember Crom, the Council voted 4-0 to approve a one-year extension (August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009) of the City contract for vehicle fuel supply with Eastern Sierra Oil Company. Councilmember Griffiths was absent.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENTS AND  
TRANSFERS FY 2007-08  
(11)  
Motion/Crom  
APPROVAL OF PART-

A motion was made by Councilmember Crom to approve the budget adjustments and transfers through May 30, 2008 of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Griffiths – absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen moved to adopt the Part-Time Employees

TIME EMPLOYEES  
WAGE SCALE – FY 08-09  
(12)  
Motion/Cullen

Wage Scale for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as presented. The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Cullen, Crom, Connolly; Noes: None; Abstained: Dishion; Absent: Griffiths.

ADOPTION OF  
PRELIMINARY BUDGET  
Fiscal Year 2008-2009  
(13)  
Motion/Cullen

The City Administrator presented the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year for 2008-2009 for adoption and reported it reflects a total budget of \$11,533,515.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Cullen made a motion to adopt the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. The motion passed 4-0.

RECESS / RECONVENE

At 8:00 p.m. the Mayor recessed the Council meeting to reconvene as the Bishop Redevelopment Agency. He reconvened the Council meeting at 8:03 p.m. with the following Council members present: Crom, Dishion, Cullen, Connolly. Griffiths – absent.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Connolly announced that the closed session scheduled for Department Head evaluations has been cancelled. The evaluations were concluded during the 4:00 p.m. Study Session and it was no longer necessary to hold the scheduled closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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MARTIN L. CONNOLLY, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

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

***APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON JULY 14, 2008***