

CITY OF BISHOP  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 24, 2006

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

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Councilmember Cullen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Young.

COUNCIL PRESENT Connolly, Cullen, Young

COUNCIL ABSENT Henderson, Crom

OTHERS PRESENT Richard Pucci, City Administrator  
Denise Gillespie, Assistant City Clerk  
Peter Tracy, City Attorney  
Ray Seguire, Fire Chief  
Joe Pecci, 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 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 – 4/10/06  
(b) Fund Transactions – 7/1/05 – 3/31/06

FOR INFORMATION AND FILING  
(c) Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda – 4/26/06  
(d) Planning Commission April Meeting Cancellation Notice  
(e) Public Works Report – 3/06  
(f) Public Works Permit Report – 3/06

Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING The Mayor opened a public hearing noticed to receive comment  
169 East Line Street for an environmental review on the initial study and negative  
Environmental Review declaration for a conditional use permit. The proponent has  
(2) requested an extension in order to make changes on the project  
Motion/Young plans. A new date for the public hearing will be noticed when the  
proponent is ready to move forward. At 7:32 p.m. a motion was  
made by Mayor Young to close the public hearing. Motion  
carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

WHITNEY ALLEY A request was received from Dennis Raymond of Raymond's  
PARKING – Deli located at 150 N. Main Street for consideration of the

Recommendation for  
Parking Permits for Business  
Owners/Employees  
(3)

concept of issuing parking permits based on square footage of each building for the business owners and employees in the Whitney Alley area. He commented that the city ordinances are vague and need to be clarified. Mr. Raymond stated he will work with the City to find a way to solve the problem.

The City Administrator reported that the City has not placed time parking; but that as businesses come and go, the Council hears requests for changes in parking designations - most often business owners request timed parking. He stated the City is not making an argument for or against the request but empathizes with those faced with the problem. He indicated it would be hard to make permits work as cities that use the process have a Traffic Commission to determine who receives the permit and the cost.

Cecily Cedar, 2311 Juniper, Bishop, owner of McMurry's, emphasized that the problem needs to be resolved soon and suggested a parking lot be designated for business owners and employees.

Dick Wood, 124 N. Main Street, stated the City needs to readdress this issue and suggested a study be done to find out what merchants' needs are throughout the area. He offered his help to the City.

The City Administrator reported that staff will look at the possible options to resolve business owner/employee parking in the Whitney Alley area and following procedure would publicly notice businesses and residents in the area of a scheduled public hearing possibly later in May.

WARREN & CHURCH  
STREETS PARKING LOT -  
Request for Designation  
Change from Timed to All-  
Day Parking  
(4)

Monte Williams, owner of Joseph's Bi-Rite Market, requested the two-hour parking designation at the East end of the Church and Warren Street city parking lot (near the old Smart and Final) be changed to all-day parking to accommodate employee parking needs. He reported that currently most of 45 two-hour spaces sit vacant while all-day parking spaces are at a premium and hard to find.

Rita Zollars, Z's Flowers and Things, asked the Council if consideration could be given for her delivery vehicle to be parked near her business.

As with the other parking issue, staff will review options, notify the affected area and advertise a public hearing for later in May.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE –  
Presentation and Update on  
the Inyo National Forest  
Route Designation Process  
(5)

Nancy Upham, Public Affairs Officer with the Inyo National Forest, gave a report on the National Travel Management Plan which will address all roads in the Forest and affect all motorized trails. She reported the following are key components of the program: requires designation of roads, trails and area open to wheeled motor vehicle use by vehicle class and, if appropriate, by time of year; applies to all classes of motorized wheeled vehicles

except aircraft, watercraft and over-snow vehicles; provides a consistent, national framework for local decisions; requires public involvement and coordination with the general public, state and local government agencies.

Ms. Upham stated that route designation mapping of existing route and areas will be done. Following the next steps in the process which includes evaluation of routes, gathering data and developing proposals, an environmental will be done and then the Motor Vehicle Use Map will be published. The Forest Service wants to make sure the favorites of people are on the map to allow access. They invite people to be a part of the public process.

It was reported that once the forest order map is published, cross country wheeled motorized vehicle travel will be illegal.

Meetings to allow public comment will begin in May and continue through the process and any one wishing to comment is encouraged to do so.

Dick Noles, Bishop resident, stated this is a good program and that a lot of people are working hard on a process that includes people involved in recreation.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-05 –  
Supporting Inyo County  
Measure A - 3% Increase in  
Transient Occupancy Tax to  
Fund Law Enforcement  
Services  
(6)

Motion/Young

Inyo County Supervisor Susan Cash addressed the Council on Measure A that, if approved by 2/3 of the voters, would raise the transient occupancy tax from 9% to 12% to fund law enforcement services in the County. The supervisor reported that the increase would generate approximately \$450,000 a year that would be directed to Probation Department, District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office and will be consistent with what the Town of Mammoth, City of Bishop and Mono County charge for their T.O.T. It was indicated that 22% of the current jail population is from out of the area and creates a drain on County services and it is appropriate that the increase in the bed tax be used to fund these services. She thanked the City for the support of Measure A.

On a motion by Mayor Young, the Council voted 3-0 to adopt Resolution No. 06-05 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING MEASURE A ON THE JUNE BALLOT FOR THE INYO COUNTY 3% TRANSIENT LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT TAX".

RESOLUTION NO. 06-06  
Supporting the Update of the  
Endangered Species Act  
(7)

Motion/Cullen

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-06 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE UPDATING OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT". Motion passed 3-0 with Henderson and Crom absent. The resolution will be sent to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-07  
Supporting Existing National  
Air Quality Standards for the  
Eastern Sierra Region  
(8)  
Motion/Connolly

Councilmember Connolly made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-08 by title only, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING EXISTING NATIONAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS THAT PERTAIN TO THE EASTERN SIERRA REGION (INCLUDING OWENS LAKE) AND STRONGLY URGING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO NOT ADOPT ITS PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THESE STANDARDS". Motion passed 3-0 with Henderson and Crom absent. The resolution will be sent to the Environmental Protection Agency, federal and state legislators.

AB 2840 RELATING TO  
AUTOMOBILE  
INSURANCE RATES  
(9)

It was a consensus of the Council to give direction to staff to develop a letter in support of AB 2840 which, if adopted, will prevent unfair, arbitrary auto insurance rate increases.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS  
AGAINST THE CITY  
(10)

Mayor Young made a motion to reject the claims against the City filed by the following individuals as recommended by the JPIA claims adjuster:

- A) Miranda Maddox, Minor
- B) Thomas Stone, Minor
- C) Kayla Stone, Minor
- D) Erica Stone, Minor

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Motion/Young

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APPROVAL OF BUDGET  
HEARINGS AGENDA  
FOR MAY 11, 2006  
(11)

Due to a scheduling change, it was necessary to revise the agenda for the Budget Hearings recently approved by Council. Budget hearings are scheduled for May 11, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Motion/Cullen

A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the revised agenda for the Budget Hearings. Motion passed 3-0 with Henderson and Crom absent.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8, 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 May 8, 2006*