

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street

Monday, October 10, 2016; 5:30 p.m.

Approved as Submitted

“Our mission is to maintain the character of our “small town” community while striking an appropriate balance between economic development and preservation of our quality of life. We help create a dynamic and vital City by providing quality, cost-effective municipal services and by forming partnerships with residents and organizations in the constant pursuit of excellence.”

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute: At the hour of 5:38 p.m. Mayor Jeffrey Collings called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Morter, Burns, Harkness, Stearns, Mayor Collings
Council Members Absent: None

3. Special Presentations & Announcements: Trends in the Cannabis Industry – Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner

4. Public Comment:

Jon Thomas – Comments regarding empty downtown storefronts and expressing support for a one-year Conditional Use Permit for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary in the downtown district.

Roslyn McCoy – Questions regarding Crystal Geyser and the groundwater extraction ordinance.

Angelina Cook – Expressing support for Measure H.

5. Meeting Recess: None

6. Council and Staff Comments:

Jeffrey Collings, Mayor – Welcoming City Manager Bruce Pope.

Tim Stearns, Councilmember – New restaurant opening on Chestnut.

Muriel Howarth-Terrell, Finance Director – Money received from Crystal Geyser for expenses.

Parish Cross, Chief of Police – Waiting for feedback from Business Walk.

Bruce Pope, City Manager – Future Ad-hoc committee for The Landing.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. Consent Agenda:

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved the following Consent Agenda items. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this agenda, or added hereto, shall be introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof is hereby waived.

a. Approval of Minutes: September 29, 2016 Special City Council Meeting

b. Approval of Brown Act Committee Meeting Minutes: Planning Commission August 2016

c. Approval of Disbursements: (Finance Director)

Accounts Payable: 9/29/16; Total Gross Payroll and Taxes for the Period Ending: 9/25/16.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Councilmember Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Morter

AYES: Councilmembers Morter, Burns, Harkness, Stearns, Mayor Collings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. Public Hearing: Cannabis Dispensary Permit Denial Appeal

Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner – Review of application and review process, reasons for denial.

Ali Taghavi and Jennifer Merritt, Applicants – Review of their desired business and comments regarding the denial of the application.

Public Hearing Open: 6:54 p.m.

Lonna Smith – Comments opposing a dispensary in the downtown district.

Leslie Thomas – Comments supporting the dispensary and questioning the denial of the application.

Bruce Catlin – Comments opposing the dispensary.

Bryan Pierson – Comments opposing a dispensary in the downtown district.

Dee Sponsler – Comments opposing the dispensary.

Bryan Pierson Jr. – Comments opposing the dispensary in the downtown.

Ali Taghavi and Jennifer Merritt – Rebuttal comments.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:16 p.m.

Clarifying questions from Council and Council discussion. Councilmembers Harkness and Morter expressed concern about the process regarding the posting of signage and suggested allowing it to be carried out completely and thoroughly.

COUNCIL ACTION: Deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the administrative review body.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Councilmember Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Burns

AYES: Councilmembers Stearns and Burns, Mayor Collings

NOES: Councilmembers Morter and Harkness

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. Meeting Recess: 8:07 p.m. – 8:17 p.m.

10. Public Hearing: First Reading of the Ordinance Amending Mt. Shasta Municipal Code Section 18.96 allowing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the City Limits of Mt. Shasta

Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner – Review of changes recommended by the Planning Commission and other changes needed.

Clarifying questions and comments from Council. Staff directed to take the item back to the Planning Commission with recommendations from Council.

11. Public Hearing: For the Re-Zoning of 403 Orem Street, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067, APN 057-382-020

Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner – Review of the item

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve the rezoning application for 403 Orem Street from an R-1 “Low Density Residential” to an R-1-U “Low Density Residential Urban”

MOTION TO APPROVE: Councilmember Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Morter

AYES: Councilmembers Morter, Harkness, Stearns, Burns, Mayor Collings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

12. Community Building Use Agreement

Parish Cross, Chief of Police – Review of item and changes needed.

Council discussion about cost and alternative locations.

COUNCIL ACTION: Table the item to the October 24, 2016 City Council Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Councilmember Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Morter

AYES: Councilmembers Morter, Harkness, Stearns, Burns, Mayor Collings

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

13. Temporary Adjustment to Authorized Positions at Police Department

Parish Cross, Chief of Police – Review of item.

Clarifying questions.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve the recommendation to temporarily adjust the authorized positions within the Police Department.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Councilmember Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Morter

AYES: Councilmembers Morter, Harkness, Stearns, Burns, Mayor Collings

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CITY COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTING PERIOD

14. Council Reports on Attendance at Appointed/Outside Meetings:

Kathy Morter, Councilmember – Open for Business Meeting, meeting with Planning Commission members.

Tim Stearns, Councilmember – Start-up Weekend Meeting

Geoff Harkness, Councilmember – Regional Water Action Group

15. Future Agenda Items (Appearing on the agenda within 60-90 days):

COUNCIL ACTION: Reviewed Items a through k.

- a. Illegal Campfire Ordinance – 10/24/16
- b. Landing Costs for Future Discussion with the County – 10/24/16
- c. Review of CCO-98-05, Extraction and Exportation of Groundwater – 11/14/16
- d. Presentation – Overview of the last four years – 11/14/16
- e. Discussion Regarding Senate Bill 628 – 12/12/16
- f. Possible Downtown Traffic Flow Changes/Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – TBD
- g. Orchard Property Annexation – TBD
- h. Smoking Limitations – TBD
- i. Purchase of Mini-Rescue and New Fire Chief's Vehicle – TBD
- j. Crystal Geyser Industrial User Permit – TBD, Pending County CEQA

15. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 – Acting City manager

COUNCIL ACTION: Item tabled.

16. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kathryn M. Wilson, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk