

MT. SHASTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 28, 2013; 6:30 p.m.
Approved As Submitted – February 11, 2013

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

At the hour of 6:30 p.m. Mayor Moore called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: Council Members Michael Burns, Jeffrey Collings, Geoff Harkness, Tim Stearns, and Mayor Tom Moore.

Absent: None

3. Public Comment:

No public comments were noted.

4. Approval Of Minutes: Minutes of January 14, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting

At the hour of 6:32 p.m. Council Member Harkness made a motion seconded by Council Member Collings to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2013 Regular City Council meeting as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote of 4-0 with Council Member Stearns noted as abstaining.

5. Special Presentations & Announcements - None

6. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable: 01/03/13, 01/04/13, and 01/10/13
Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 01/06/2013

b. Adopt Resolution No. CCR-13-XX RE: Appointing Muriel Howarth Terrell As The City of Mt. Shasta's Alternate Representative To The Small Cities Organized Risk Effort Board of Directors (City Manager)

Council Action: Council Member Stearns made a motion seconded by Council Member Harkness to approve Consent Agenda Items **6a-6b** including the adoption of Resolution No. CCR-13-06 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mt. Shasta Appointing Muriel Howarth Terrell As The City of Mt. Shasta's Alternate Representative To The Small Cities Organized Risk Effort Board of Directors by title only. Motion carried on a voice vote of 5-0.

7. Consider Resolution No. CCR-13-XX RE: Appointing John Redmond and Barbara Wagner as Planning Commissioners for the City of Mt. Shasta (Deputy City Clerk)

Deputy City Clerk Studer presented the staff report.

No public comments were noted.

Council Action: Council Member Stearns made a motion seconded by Council Member Burns to approve and adopt Resolution No. CCR-13-07 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mt. Shasta Appointing John Redmond and Barbara Wagner as Planning Commissioners for the City of Mt. Shasta by title only. Motion carried on a voice vote of 5-0.

Mayor Moore took the opportunity to introduce John Redmond and Barbara Wagner who were present at the meeting as members of the audience and he thanked them for applying to fill the Planning Commission vacancies.

8. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Supporting A Constitutional Amendment or Other Action to Change the Result of the Supreme Court Decision in Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission (City Manager)

At the hour of 6:38 p.m. City Manager Marconi presented the staff report.

At the hour of 6:45 p.m. Bruce Hillman: Spoke in opposition of the Supreme Court's ruling and requested the City Council to adopt a resolution in support of a constitutional amendment.

At the hour of 6:49 p.m. Neil Posson: Suggested this issue is relevant to the City Council because the Council has the responsibility of making sure that all elections in the City are fair.

At the hour of 6:51 p.m. Stephen Concklin: Suggested the influence of corporations is already being seen in Mt. Shasta and he did not wish to see unlimited corporate influence affecting our local democracy.

At the hour of 6:53 p.m. Ralph Thomas: Suggested the more entities that pass a resolution opposing the Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission the more seriously the issue will be taken in Washington D.C.

At the hour of 6:55 p.m. Roslyn McCoy: Suggested the Council should stand up and say they are not in favor of the Supreme Court's decision in allowing corporations to spend unlimited resources during an election.

At the hour of 6:59 p.m. Mayor Moore turned the discussion over to Council.

Lengthy discussion ensued with the following comments being noted:

- Council Member Stearns stated he would have voted with the four dissenters in the case because he agrees that Citizens United has been able to put more money into politics, which is already greatly influenced by money. Council Member Stearns made the observation that the Supreme Court's decision not only affects matters on a federal level but on a state and local level as well. Council Member Stearns noted that, in the past, cities have been able to adopt Ordinances that limit the amount of money that can be spent on local elections and this is no longer the case. Council Member Stearns expressed the opinion this decision has an effect on the City of Mt. Shasta, upon the City Council of Mt. Shasta, and the government of Mt. Shasta because the City can no longer regulate the amount of money that can be spent on an election as long as this decision remains unchanged. Council Member Stearns made the observation that this decision does not protect local city, county, and state government against money pollution. Council Member Stearns expressed the opinion the City Council protocols allow the City Council to consider this matter. Council Member Stearns made the observation that even if Council were to determine that Citizens United has no effect upon the City of Mt. Shasta, the Mt. Shasta City Council, or the citizens of Mt. Shasta, the Council still has the discretion to consider the matter. Council Member Stearns made the observation that the City Council could not speak for all of the citizens in Mt. Shasta but the Council themselves could take a position on the matter.
- Council Member Collings stated that while he shares a passion for this issue, he does not feel this matter to be within the purview of the City Council and likened it to that of a Proposition. Council Member Collings made the observation that there are many tough issues the City Council will have to reach a consensus on within the next four years and by opening this door to groups that ask the Council to express its opinion in writing the City Council will find itself being pulled into social issues that will do more to divide the Council than it will to unite the Council. Council Member Collings expressed the opinion that this issue does not directly affect city business. Council Member Collings stated he understands the issue and supports the position of those who have spoken tonight and he himself has supported the same position by his having signed petitions; however he does not support it in this particular venue.

- Council Member Burns made the observation that this is a very passionate topic and stated he struggles with some of the same concerns expressed by Council Member Collings.
- Council Member Burns pointed out that there are liberties and freedoms that are established in this country and he has found that by getting individual people to exercise their rights, whether that be through pen in hand or voicing their views, there is the ability to convey those views. Council Member Burns stated his role as a Council person is to deal with the fiduciary and operational needs of the City of Mt. Shasta and he does not see this matter as falling into that category. Council Member Burns expressed concerns that many citizens across this country don't exercise their right to vote and have become complacent. Council Member Burns urged such individuals to take up the mantle and become accountable, whether it is for this issue or voting for their representatives. Council Member Burns expressed the opinion that this forum is not the right place to consider this matter and he could not support that.
- Council Member Harkness stated his concurrence with his fellow Council Members. Council Member Harkness stated that had he been a member of the Supreme Court he would also have voted with the dissenters regarding this matter. Council Member Harkness made the observation that corporations are not people nor do they vote. Council Member Harkness noted that with that said he also agrees that this matter is a federal issue that ultimately must be resolved at the federal level. Council Member Harkness stated he understands Council Member Stearns scenario as regards local elections, that the City can no longer regulate the amount of money spent on local elections. Council Member Harkness expressed concerns regarding the transparency issue of the non-disclosure part and the unbalanced spending that might result and the potential for voters to become disenfranchised if the opposition outspends them. Council Member Harkness expressed concerns regarding the potential that outside corporations could come to Mt. Shasta with outside interests and would be able to spend unlimited monies, something that has resulted from the decision of the Supreme Court in the Citizens United case. Council Member Harkness stated he also concurs with Council Members Collings and Burns that this is not a problem for this Council to address. Council Member Harkness noted this Council is not well versed in Constitutional Law or Federal Laws and the business of this Council is focused at the local level. Council Member Harkness took the opportunity to remind citizens that the only way to best an economic power when outspent financially is with sweat equity. Taking the time and energy to write ones local representatives to protest and make your views known at the right level and that is the way that citizens can prevail.
- Mayor Moore made the observation that the current City Council protocols are written in such a way that the City Council would not be supporting a Measure or Proposition because that would be like putting a placard on the front lawn at City Hall stating what the City supports and that is not the job of the Council. Mayor Moore stated he did not feel that this Citizens United thing and the non-transparency of money being spent at an election is right. Mayor Moore made the observation that those here tonight were asking for Council's support for what they feel is important and the protocols do not preclude the Council from doing that.

Mayor Moore made the observation that there were three Council Members who have stated they do not support any discussion of this matter. Mayor Moore asked whether there was a motion.

Council Member Stearns made the observation that a motion was not appropriate due to the fact that there are three Council Members who do not wish to consider the matter and he suggested going on to discussion of the next item.

Mayor Moore noted the concurrence of the Council to move on to the next item.

9. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Monitoring Report (City Manager and Finance Director)

At the hour of 7:15 p.m. City Manager Marconi presented the staff report and provided the City Council with an overview of the City's Community Development Block Grant Program.

City Manager Marconi stated that staff would be bringing forward an item at a future meeting for Council to revise some of the City's program policies and procedures to make corrections as suggested by the monitoring report. City Manager Marconi stated there would be a CDBG Public Hearing at the next meeting for Council to provide input on designing an application for programs this year. City Manager Marconi noted that Crystal Aston from Great Northern and Nancy Swift from JEDI were present this evening to answer any questions that Council might have.

No public comments were noted.

Council Member Harkness made the observation staff was recommending that the City change its focus away from the housing rehabilitation and the business construction aspect and requested information as to how the loans are marketed by the City and how many loans the City is currently holding.

City Manager Marconi stated he would let Crystal Aston respond to the marketing question and noted the City does its best to get the information out. City Manager Marconi made the observation that during the last three years there has been a reluctance of clients to take on any kind of loan. City Manager Marconi stated he was not suggesting that the City never do these programs again, it is just that due to the current climate and situation at HCD it might be better to focus on a different aspect of the program. City Manager Marconi pointed out that with this new program, the City could only apply for three different areas of activities and it appears that economic development activities are much easier to get funded than some of the other programs. City Manager Marconi stated the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program run by JEDI is an ongoing program and as the funding for this program will be running out this year it is timely to make an application to continue the program.

Crystal Aston of Great Northern: Stated that in terms of marketing of the CDBG Loans, advertisements are done in local newspapers, Great Northern staff has provided information through the Meals On Wheels and Senior Nutrition Program, pamphlets have been made available at libraries, and they have worked with the Community Resource Centers to get the word out. Ms. Aston stated they have worked with a variety of partners throughout the community and have made use of public radio and public access channels.

Nancy Swift of JEDI: Suggested the way the Program is managed is the biggest issue. CEDAC has developed a flier that is being utilized as a way of getting information out to businesses. Ms. Swift stated that the way that HCD goes about lending does not demonstrate they are business lenders. Ms. Swift stated that there have been times when businesses have needed a loan and the funding was not timely, by the time something is approved either the business no longer needs the loan or they don't want it. Ms. Swift stated that due to the fact that the funds are public monies, it comes with a lot of requirements that are often challenging for a business. Ms. Swift made the observation that the business assistance loans that are available do not fit the needs of our businesses.

Council Member Burns asked for clarification of Ms. Swift of his understanding that the system is broke.

Ms. Swift responded that it is not the City's system but the State's Program that is broken. Ms. Swift stated there are many different steps one has to go through at the jurisdictional level to find a business that is ready and willing to walk through the underwriting process with them and then that process gets repeated in Sacramento. Ms. Swift noted that the City's Loan Committee reviews the loan and their recommendation gets reviewed again in Sacramento with perhaps a different decision being made. Ms. Swift stated there are categories of funding and you don't get paid until a loan is made. Twenty hours may have been spent on trying to book the loan but until the loan is booked, there is no payment for those hours worked. Ms. Swift pointed out that the City and/or the consultant does not know whether or not they may get paid for all of the time spent to make a loan. Ms. Swift made the observation there is no incentive in that.

Ms. Swift suggested the positive is that the local jurisdiction are allowed to set the interest rate, which makes the rate competitive which is attractive to a business. Ms. Swift noted that interest in these loans has considerably dropped off in the last four years and the ability to respond to a client in a timely manner is almost impossible. Ms. Swift stated she has a different opinion when it comes to smaller loans, which may provide an opportunity, but again the program is broken if you can't pay anyone to make them. Ms. Swift made the observation that smaller loans for the smaller businesses are non-traditional and is a little more creative and is where there may be some interest in taking on some debt.

Mayor Moore expressed his thanks to Ms. Aston and Ms. Swift for being at the meeting to answer questions.

10. Discussion And Possible Action RE: Mid Year Budget Report (Finance Director)

At the hour of 7:47 p.m. Finance Director Terrell presented the staff report.

No public comments were noted.

Council Member Harkness asked whether the \$3.5 Million in reserve has any obligations tied to it or can it be considered a Rainy Day Fund.

Finance Director Terrell's response was unintelligible.

11. Monthly Finance/Investment Report - December 2012 Including Budget Cash Flow & Possible Policy Changes to Support Decrease in Expenses (Finance Director)

At the hour of 7:55 p.m. Finance Director Terrell presented the staff report.

No public comments were noted.

Council Member Harkness asked as to the proportion of the \$3.5 Million that is related to the General Fund and not related to any of the other Enterprise Funds.

Finance Director Terrell's response was unintelligible.

Council Member Harkness stated the understanding Finance Director Terrell was suggesting he take a look at the General Fund Balance Sheet which is a part of the supplemental document that had been provided to Council by Finance Director Terrell.

Finance Director Terrell pointed out that the Balance Sheet indicates there is \$468, 511 in total reserves in the General Fund.

Council Member Harkness made the observation that the other \$3.1 Million is related to other specific Enterprise Funds. Council Member Harkness asked whether there is a target amount that the City likes to see in that reserve. Council Member Harkness also asked whether the General Fund reserves are used to cover unexpected costs.

Finance Director Terrell responded in the affirmative. Finance Director Terrell responded that Council prefers to keep the General Fund Reserves at about 13 percent.

Council Member Stearns and Mayor Moore stated their understanding that Council prefers to keep that reserve amount at about 10-12 percent.

Council Member Harkness asked whether the LAIF investment has a floating interest rate.

Finance Director Terrell responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Harkness asked whether it might be of benefit to invest in longer term CD's.

Finance Director Terrell's responded that LAIF might be lower than some of those other investments so that may be something the City might want to look into.

City Manager Marconi stated that LAIF is the State of California pooled money investment account, and page 81 of the packet provides a market valuation report and LAIF can actually invest in a whole number of different instruments so the advantage of LAIF is it gets you longer term returns but the City still has the ability to move money in and out of LAIF on a 24 hour notice basis.

City Manager Marconi stated it is much like a demand deposit account at a lending institution and the City gets the full advantage of them spreading the money over a whole range of investments. City Manager Marconi pointed out that this allows LAIF to get much higher rates of return than the City would be able to get from a CD for a specific period of time and gives the City the advantage of being able to access the funds on a 24 hour turn around basis.

Council Member Harkness asked what percentage of that \$3.5 Million reserve would the City need access to in the next 1 month and what percentage would the City need in the next 6 months. Council Member Harkness stated he would like a feel for how often the City needs to withdraw from the LAIF funds.

Finance Director Terrell responded she was not sure about the percentage amount; however the City does not dip into the LAIF funds very often. Finance Director Terrell guessed that perhaps the City drew from the funds about once every three months perhaps and usually it is the other way around because when monies come in to the City from other sources the City is depositing those monies to the LAIF account versus taking out of the fund. Finance Director Terrell stated that staff does a cash flow projection on a weekly basis given the checks written and the payroll costs and if it appears the City's general reserves are short, then LAIF funds would be used to cover such shortages. Finance Director Terrell stated that staff does its best to avoid having to use LAIF funds unless absolutely necessary.

Council Member Burns asked Finance Director Terrell, in terms of the tiered CD structure, whether staff would be providing recommendations to the timelines and the amounts that Council might consider to pull from LAIF and deposit into Treasury Notes prior to doing so.

Finance Director Terrell responded in the affirmative.

12. Discussion And Possible Action RE: Strategic Planning Goal Setting:

At the hour of 8:09 p.m. City Manager Marconi stated there is no staff report or recommended action. City Manager Marconi stated he believed that with three new members on the City Council and seeing that the new members have just returned from the League of Cities training session he had thought it a good idea to provide this information to the Council. City Manager Marconi stated that Strategic Planning and Goal Setting can run the gamut from very broad based open ended strategic planning, described by Mayor Moore as "Deciding what we want to be when we grow up", to what we have done every year in setting short term goals for the next year to inform us in preparation of next year's budget. City Manager Marconi suggested doing so outside of a formal setting such as this, in a workshop setting, that allows for bringing in outside facilitators if necessary to help those meetings along. City Manager Marconi stated it can also be done in a manner in which all of the community is involved, with the Council, or with the Council and some of its partners and teams involved. City Manager Marconi suggested Council consider the dates to hold the meetings and noted that Department Heads would not be too happy in having to attend a workshop on a weekend and the rest of the staff would have to be paid overtime to do so. City Manager Marconi suggested that a series of morning or afternoon workshops would be possible and unfortunately since the City does not have a meeting room and has to rent this building for its meetings, holding workshops here can be cost prohibitive. City Manager Marconi made the observation there are other sites in the City that could be used. City Manager Marconi suggested it is difficult to do long range strategic planning and immediate short term goal setting at the same meeting so it is important to determine the goal of the meeting ahead of time. City Manager Marconi stated that a goal setting meeting would be held for the upcoming budget sometime in the next two months. City Manager Marconi stated that if strategic long term planning is the goal then that should not be combined with a meeting to consider the City's short term goals.

Council Member Collings stated support for moving forward with timing and the structure and process of setting the City's short to medium goals with a timeframe of about 2 years.

Council Member Stearns suggested a series of meetings that look beyond 1 year, perhaps 2 years as suggested by Council Member Collings, or 4 years because that is how long at least three of the Council Member's terms are. Council Member Stearns suggested setting up a 4 year projection that Council wishes to accomplish during that 4 year period. Council Member Stearns stated he would also like to suggest that the City holds a community forum because the City has not held such a forum in about 6 to 10 years. Council Member Stearns stated the City has a Community Action Plan that was developed as a result of holding community meetings. Council Member Stearns suggested the input from the community forum could be used by the Council in deciding where the City should be going. Council Member Stearns suggested the Council should meet within the next couple of weeks to consider our ideas and goals, then meet again in three to four weeks and include community visioning. Council Member Stearns suggested by using this delayed timeframe would provide time for noticing of the community meeting. Council Member Stearns suggested the Council could meet in a smaller forum and the community meeting would require use of the community building. Council Member Stearns suggested the budgetary process for next year could take place following these three meetings.

Council Member Burns stated his understanding of what Council Member Stearns was suggesting. Council Member Burns stated the understanding that after the first two meetings the Council would then hold a third meeting to take into consideration the information received through the community meeting in order for Council to then select the items.

Mayor Moore made the comment that the Council would then come up with a budget with projects the City cannot afford to do and then the budget would tell us not to.

Council Member Stearns acknowledged that the Mayor is correct.

Council Member Burns asked whether staff has a module in place for strategic planning and goal setting.

City Manager Marconi responded in the negative and stated there is no set procedure. City Manager Marconi suggested that if the whole community is going to be involved, then an outside facilitator should be considered to run the community meeting. City Manager Marconi made the observation he would not be capable of running a community forum effectively. City Manager Marconi made the observation there are people who are very good at that. City Manager Marconi agreed that use of a venue such as this would be better for such a meeting.

Council Member Burns asked how much lead time staff would need for setting up something like that.

City Manager Marconi suggested that it needed to be done in the next month to 6 weeks in order to be timely for next year's budget setting process. City Manager Marconi made the observation that community forums often depend on what's going on in the community, which sometimes leads to members of the community focusing on a particular topic and the broad long-range visioning sometimes gets set by the wayside. City Manager Marconi suggested that as being one of the pitfalls of those meetings or it may mean that the City only gets a small group of people coming out because everyone else is too busy with their own lives or are relatively content with the way the city is operating.

Council Member Harkness stated support for conducting a series of goal setting meetings as workshops outside the formal budget setting process with the objective of Council coming to agreement on 3-4 primary goals that could be accomplished in the next 2 years. Council Member Harkness stated his support for looking at a 2 year time period. Council Member Harkness made the observation that 2 years is a good timeframe because it is measurable, is not too far out, and the Council could look at what the current 5 Council Members, as a team, have to get done. Council Member Harkness suggested the exercise should include setting the priorities, defining what those goals are and outlining of the timetables.

Council Member Harkness suggested having 5 meetings in the month of February with the first meeting being one at which the City Manager can provide input from the various departments within the City to the Council and provide the information as to what the current priorities for each of those departments are and their needs for the next 2 years. Council Member Harkness suggested the second meeting could be the community forum and the third meeting would allow the Council to invite additional members from the community, leaders from the community, to speak about particular topics of interest that the Council would like more information about. Council Member Harkness suggested the fourth meeting would be to come together as a team, following the fact finding, and agree upon the areas of interest and define the goals to be pursued. Council Member Harkness suggested this should be done in February to free Council to be able to discuss the budget in March and April.

Mayor Moore stated he did not support the idea of holding five meetings within a one month period. Mayor Moore suggested holding that many meetings so close together would lower the expectations for those meetings. Mayor Moore suggested that by holding ourselves to task and seeing how things go and then making the determination as to whether that second meeting is needed. Mayor Moore liked the concept of having the Council meet together first and then holding a community meeting at which the leaders of the community i.e. CEDAC, Planning Commission etc. can be a part of that meeting. Mayor Moore stated support for Council Member Stearns suggestion of the Council Members meeting again following the community meeting and letting the Council decide from there where they want to go before the budget process begins. Mayor Moore made the observation that during the budget process each of the Department Heads bring forward their needs for the next 2 years to the Council and how the City is going to be able to afford those needs. Mayor Moore suggested that is totally different from what he sees from this because he sees this more of a grass roots "What are we going to be when we grow up?" that looks as far as 4 years out, not planning for that but where do we want to see ourselves in 4 years and how do plan to get there within the next 2 years to march in that direction.

Council Member Stearns suggested that Council and staff meet in about a week for a Council Workshop and then determine a time after that, in about 3 weeks, for the community forum if there is Council's support for his suggestion and then do a follow-up within days of that forum for another Council Workshop. Council Member Stearns asked whether that timing works for staff.

City Manager Marconi responded that staff could work with that. City Manager Marconi expressed the opinion that staff would not be able to conduct 5 meetings in the month of February. City Manager Marconi stated that the most critical matter is when everyone is available to meet together.

Council Member Stearns pointed out, in the past, Deputy City Clerk Studer has sent emails to everyone to determine available and unavailable dates for the participants. Council Member Stearns suggested in terms of the community forum, staff could line up a number of facilitators.

City Manager Marconi suggested a Monday evening for the community forum.

Mayor Moore made the comment that he hoped that the meetings are planned for evenings rather than during the day in respect for those who are working. Mayor Moore stated the hardship to him to commit to meetings during the day because he would have to leave work in order to do so.

Council Member Stearns asked whether a 4:00 PM starting time be workable.

Mayor Moore responded in the affirmative.

City Manager Marconi stated that Deputy City Clerk Studer could communicate with everyone to determine a date when all five of the Council Members and staff is available. City Manager Marconi noted the City Planner would be gone for two weeks. City Manager Marconi stated the importance that the Department Heads are in attendance at the first meeting to provide Council with an idea of what they have on their plates and what they are doing and they would be better at conveying that information to Council than he would be.

Council Member Stearns made the observation that, in the past, such workshops have lasted either a half-day or even a full day.

Mayor Moore made the comment that if a start time of 3:00 PM would help that would also work for him.

City Manager Marconi stated staff would try to find a date either next week or the week after for the first meeting and then set up a date for the community forum shortly thereafter.

Council Member Stearns suggested Council be provided with the Community Action Plan.

City Manager Marconi responded that it could be provided to Council for informational purposes and noted that it is terribly outdated.

Deputy City Clerk Studer clarified her understanding, through Council, as to the preferred days, times, and location for the meetings.

13. Brown Act Committee Minutes/Meetings:

a. Minutes of January 18, 2013 ATAC Regular Meeting

At the hour of 8:38 p.m. Mayor Moore noted there were no comments regarding the minutes provided and moved the discussions to the next item.

14. Reports RE: Attendance at Outside Meetings

At the hour of 8:39 p.m. Council Member Harkness stated it had been a great experience to attend the League of California Cities New Mayor & Council Members Conference in Sacramento. Council Member Harkness stated it had provided him the opportunity to not only network with his fellow Council Members but also with new Council Members throughout the State. Council Member Harkness stated it had been extremely educational and had covered a wide range of topics from finance and budget, to ethics, and how to work effectively with the City Manager. Council Member Harkness stated it was time well spent and he took the opportunity to thank the prior members of Council for providing the funding for the attendance at the conference by the new Council Members.

Council Member Collings agreed that his attendance at the conference had been of value. Council Member Collings stated he was shocked at the amount of material that, as new Council Members, they don't know. Council Member Collings made the analogy that it was like drinking out of a fire hose because there was a tremendous amount of material that Council needs to know. Council Member Collings suggested it provided the opportunity for him to realize just how many more areas there are that need further looking into.

Council Member Burns expressed his thanks to the prior Council for their support and recommendation for the attendance at the training by the new Council Members. Council Member Burns agreed with his fellow attendees as to the value in the training and stated their eyes had been opened up in many areas i.e. ethics, fiscal responsibilities and had also provided good and sound training.

Mayor Moore noted Council Member Stearns' strong support that the prior Council set up the funds in order for the new Council Members to be able to attend the training and stated he was glad that it had been so successful.

15. Future Agenda Items:

- **Annual Review and Acceptance of General Plan Annual Progress Report**
- **Adopting A Revised Operating Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-2013**
- **Goal Setting/Strategic Planning**

At the hour of 8:42 p.m. Council Member Stearns requested the addition of an item for consideration of the City implementing a program that provides City customers with the ability to make e-payments and credit card payments at no expense to the City. Council Member Stearns suggested this would make it easier for people to make their payments.

Council Member Collings and Council Member Burns stated support for such an item.

Mayor Moore suggested including debit payment capabilities, as his business has found that to be more feasible. Mayor Moore stated that Credit Card payments do have a charge associated with them.

Council Member Stearns made the comment that there are some companies that manage it such that the charge is paid by the customer rather than it being paid by the City.

Mayor Moore requested that recycling is brought back.

Council Member Burns asked about the item dealing with the grindings at the Roseburg Property.

City Manager Marconi responded that staff had requested some additional information from the proponent and when the proponent provides that additional information the matter would then be brought back to Council again, otherwise the Council would not be considering the issue again.

Council Member Stearns requested a future item of consideration of replacement of the current microphones with something that is more modern and he would like Council's discussion of the matter to take place prior to the budget considerations.

Mayor Moore suggested such an item should include what the cost of replacement of the microphones would be.

City Manager Marconi recommended that discussion of such an item should take place as a part of the budget discussions because it would require an outlay of money by the City and it is a question as to whether Council would be willing to spend the money on it.

Council Member Stearns acknowledged that this issue is very much tied to the budget and suggested Council could not take action tonight but would need to have it on a future agenda in order to take action to give direction to staff to research the matter. Council Member Stearns suggested the Mayor could get together with the City Manager and discuss the issue and put it on the Agenda after it has already been researched. Council Member Stearns stated he was following the protocols by requesting the matter to be put on a future agenda prior to the budget.

Council Member Burns stated his support of the matter for discussion purposes for the next Agenda.

16. Council and Staff Comments

At the hour of 8:54 p.m. no comments were noted.

At the hour of 8:56 p.m. Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting to Closed Session; reconvened at the hour of 9:10 p.m.

17. Closed Session

- a. Liability Claims – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.95 - 3 Cases
Claimants – 1) Patricia McCarthy; 2) Nathan S. Gilliam; and 3) Donna L. Saunders
Agency claimed against: City of Mt. Shasta

Mayor Moore reported that Council had provided direction to staff and had taken no action on the Closed Session items.

18. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 9:11 p.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra K. Studer

Sandra K. Studer, Deputy City Clerk
For John E. Kennedy Sr., City Clerk