

## Mt. Shasta City Council Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street

Monday, February 22, 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.”

Item
1. Call to Order and Flag Salute: At the hour of 5:35 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: Kathy Morter, Tim Stearns, Geoff Harkness, and Mayor Jeffrey Collings. Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Burns Sr.
3. Special Presentations & Announcements: Mt. Shasta Audubon Society - Rebeca Franco, Director of the Mt. Shasta area Audubon Society's 'Weeds to Native Plants Program,' will present information regarding the organization's work to coordinate a community effort to remove invasive plants from the Mt. Shasta area in April.
4. Public Comment: <u>Dan Parkin</u> – Comment regarding Justin H. Sisson's historical significance. Suggestion that the City consider acknowledging April 2 <sup>nd</sup> as 'Sisson Day.' Requested that the idea be put on the future agenda items list for future consideration. <u>Larry Stock</u> – Comment regarding pro-business group and concern over loss of EDA grant money. Would like information on how residents can help with funding issues. <u>Francis Mangels</u> – Comment regarding Crystal Geyser air blast for cleaning plastic bottled and the impact of that system on air quality and the environment. <u>John Kennedy</u> – Comment regarding concern about future of City, growth, and jobs. Comment indicating that Mt. Shasta needs to have a business friendly attitude. Comment listing several business opportunities in the past that were lost. Requested information on how the pro-business group can support City efforts concerning jobs and economic development. <u>Vixie Javier</u> – Comment indicating concern about living in proximity to a toxic plume from plastic. Concerned about Crystal Geyser practices not aligning with community good. Understands job creation needs, but is concerned that Crystal Geyser jobs will be filled from people outside of the community. <u>Zahn Lascot</u> – Comment indicating concern about Crystal Geyser pollution and business ruining the spiritual mecca of Mt. Shasta. Indicated that he will leave the City if Crystal Geyser opens operations. <u>Dennis King</u> – Comment regarding newspaper article about EDA and concern about blame placed on people not in favor of Crystal Geyser. Concerned about comments that were forwarded. Concerned about City Council serving Crystal Geyser. <u>Councilmember Tim Stearns</u> - Comment indicating that the \$3 million EDA grant was for the sewage treatment plant and separate from Crystal Geyser.

Afa Garrigan – Comment regarding local engagement in community through various groups and organizations. Would like to see local community and generations unite. Comment regarding changes this year. Sang and spoke indicating that it was medicine for the community.

Vicki Gold – Comment regarding sustainable business development and water rights. Comment regarding Crystal Geysers representatives and suggested transpacific partnership. Comment regarding Flint Michigan water quality issues and the potential funding opportunities that may result to cover wastewater treatment plant needs.

Mike Brown - Comment regarding lost money with the EDA grant being eliminated. Comment indicating concern about the City moving forward. Offered support to City Council.

Mary Saint-Marie – Comment regarding misunderstanding about ‘for’ and ‘against.’ Comment regarding Mt. Shasta as a purity and pristine community. Comment regarding misunderstanding about ‘we’ and ‘them’ within the community and what people want to see happen. Suggested finding a grant to do an ‘eco-cultural’ center at the Landing.

Jill Phillips – Comment about appreciating work that City Council does. Would like to see truth and accuracy in information even when people disagree.

William Brahma – Comment regarding restoring the Republic and common law. Comment indicating that Mt. Shasta is where life comes from for the whole planet. Discussed spiritual experiences.

Marave – Comment regarding decision to move to Mt. Shasta from the San Francisco Bay Area because of natural environment and spirituality. Would like to see more unity in the community.

Roslyn McCoy – Comment regarding industrial application from Crystal Geysers and questioned if the City will be the lead agency. Requested that the City’s plans be put on the next City Council meeting agenda.

David – Comment that he lived in Mt. Shasta in the 70s and is visiting the area. Comment indicating that he hopes the City never changes.

Dorian – Comment regarding economy in town and sewer system needing upgrades. Would like to see City Council keep this in mind.

Dorey – Comment regarding being a former business owner. Indicated that she lived in Flint, Michigan prior to Mt. Shasta. Comment regarding lead poisoning in children. Comment indicating that she moved to Mt. Shasta because of fresh air and clean water. Encouraged City Council to think in new ways, consider more appealing economic development opportunities, and ways to come together.

Sarah Jewett – Comment about absorbent pads around sewer areas.

5. Meeting Recess: None

6. Council & Staff Comments:

Paul Eckert, City Manager – Update about noise ordinance going to the Planning Commission in March and then City Council in April. Indicated that the website revamp has completed. Provided update about working the land trust on the development of trails and meters to manage water use efficiently. Provided information regarding Business Retention, Enhancement, and Attraction (BREA) Program initiatives.

Councilmember Tim Stearns – Comment regarding CEDAC marketing efforts. Comment

acknowledging business needs in the City. Comment relating to limited population growth and recent school closure risk due to low enrollment. Comment acknowledging financially struggling families, loss of recent city staff (City Planner), and overall need for economic development. Suggested a 'Why I love Mt. Shasta' theme for marketing from citizens. Requested that these comments be sent to City Hall so that CEDAC may receive ideas. Would like for comments to help address business attraction needs, new business ideas, and help to build a community of 'yes.' Requested that the Mayor designate all citizens as community ambassadors as part of an economic development / development outreach team. Asked that residents submit leads about business ideas and why the ideas are good to City Hall.

Councilmember Geoff Harkness – Requested a status update regarding the Crystal Geyser industrial users permit.

Paul Eckert, City Manager – Provided update about making the permit materials immediately available. Materials are now with PACE Engineering, who is reviewing them and making a determination within 30 days. Appreciates people wanting answers right away. Materials are currently being reviewed by experts. It is expected that in 6-8 weeks there will be more information to present at a City Council meeting.

Councilmember Geoff Harkness – Question regarding Enplan and Crystal Geyser application review timeline.

Paul Eckert, City Manager – Indicated that the application review will be taking place mid-March. Underscored that the project is in the County but the City will most likely be the one taking on work. Pacific Energy is in the process of updating the substation on Lassen.

Councilmember Geoff Harkness – Question regarding CEQA presentation.

Paul Eckert, City Manager – Indicated that a CEQA presentation is on the future agenda items list.

Mayor Jeffrey Collings – Comment acknowledging both sides of the Crystal Geyser and EDA dialogue. Comment regarding 'opinions versus facts' and the importance of focusing on facts to come together. Comment regarding staying away from 'right and wrong' because the concepts create exclusiveness. Suggested the idea of 'EIR+Jobs'.

Councilmember Kathy Morter - Asked people to stay enthusiastic and positive. Comment regarding importance of personal accountability and positivity. Thank you for your engagement.

Mayor Jeffrey Collings - Comment in reference to FOIA materials brought up at the last meeting by Raven Stevens. Indicated that the numbers of water extraction were daily not annual. Called a 5 minutes recess.

7. Consent Agenda - The City Manager recommends approval of 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: February 8, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.
  - b. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable: February 3, 2016 and February, 4 2016; Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending February, 9 2016 (Muriel Howarth Terrell, Finance Director)
  - c. Monthly Investment and Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2016

(Muriel Howarth Terrell, Finance Director)

- d. Approval of Resolution No. CCR-16-9 authorizing the creation of Fire Captain and Fire Battalion Chief job description, the commensurate salary for the new positions, and the editing of the existing Firefighter and Fire Chief job descriptions to bring them in line with the other job descriptions for the department (Fire Chief Matt Melo)

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve agenda item number 7 a-d. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this item were introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof was waived.

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Geoff Harkness

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Burns Sr.

ABSTAIN: None

#### 8. Overview of Proposition 218

COUNCIL ACTION: Receive overview.

Public Comment:

Councilmember Geoff Harkness – Question regarding casting protest procedures.

John Kenny, City Attorney – Indicated that this is done in person and in writing.

Jack Philips – Comment regarding concern over user fees for sewer and water, city government loosing funds by imposing assessments, and violating proposition 218.

Ted Palfini - Comment regarding fact versus opinion in prior comment and concern over loss of \$3 mill EDA grant.

Vicki Gold – Question about complex with 20 renters and how landowner is counting votes. Comment that a clean water grant would be better than the EDA grant. Requested that EDA loss and process be reviewed.

John Kenny, City Attorney – Clarified assessment feed versus property fee and procedures.

Jack Philips – Comment asking that everyone read Proposition 218 and disagreed with the City Attorney's interpretation.

Councilmember Geoff Harkness – Summarized process for Proposition 218.

#### 9. Approval of Agreement for City Engineering Services

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve agenda item 9. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this item were introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof was waived.

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Geoff Harkness

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Burns Sr.

ABSTAIN: None

Council & Staff Comments:

Paul Eckert, City Manager – Comment regarding bid process and the quality of PACE Engineering customer service.

Councilmember Kathy Morter – Comment regarding responsiveness. Question about the term of the agreement and the president of having the agreement on going.

Paul Eckert, City Manager – Comment that the terms of the agreement are not uncommon.

Councilmember Geoff Harkness – Comment regarding appreciation of PACE Engineering’s expertise and service.

10. Approval of Resolution No. CCR-16-7 Awarding the Big Lakes Water Line

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve agenda item 10. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this item were introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof was waived.

MOTION: Councilmember Geoff Harkness

SECOND: Councilmember Tim Stearns

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Burns Sr.

ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment:

Robert Care – Comment indicating concern about waterline project and construction on property associated with the abandonment of the current line.

Rod Bryan, Public Works Director – Comment providing context and an overview of the process.

11. Second Reading of Planning Commission Ordinance

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve agenda item 11. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this item were introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof was waived.

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Kathy Morter

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Burns Sr.

ABSTAIN: None

Council & Staff Comments:

Councilmember Kathy Morter – Questioned if the interview process could be altered so that interviews are done separately.

12. City Website Revamp & Financial Dashboard

COUNCIL ACTION: Receive overview.

13. City Grant Application Submission to the State Water Resources Control Board

COUNCIL ACTION: Direct staff to move forward. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this item were introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof was waived.

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Stearns

SECOND: Councilmember Kathy Morter

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Burns Sr.

ABSTAIN: None

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

Councilmember Kathy Morter – Attended DEAC meeting with Councilmember Tim Stearns and attended a BC meeting. Indicated that a ‘First Impressions’ meeting with a workshop will be happening in April.

Councilmember Geoff Harkness – Attended CEDAC meeting.

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

- State Mandated Waste Water Plant Project, Public Hearing – TBD
- First Reading of Community Policing Ordinance Concerning Panhandling – TBD
- Strategic Plan Workshop – TBD
- Code Enforcement Organization Changes – 3/14
- Impact Fees Potential Changes – 3/14/2016
- Fire Prevention & Environment – 3/14/2016
- Alternatives for Capital Improvements Project – 3/14/2016
- Noise Ordinance – 3/14/2016
- Streamlining Solar Project – 3/14/2016
- Agreement for City Engineering Services – 3/14/2016
- Overview of CEQA / EIR Laws – 3/28/2016
- Expanding Downtown Business District – 4/11/2016
- Update on the Landing & Brownfields – 4/11/16
- Land Use Management Plan of City Owned Properties (City Springs & Westside of The Landing) – 4/24/2016
- Presentation Regarding Potential Forest Service Use of Treated Effluent for Fire Suppression & Dust Control – 4/24/2016

The following items were requested to be added:

\*Funding authorization for Planning Commission training

\*Internship program

\*Heritage Day / Sisson Day

*Crystal Geysers Application Update (6-8 weeks out)
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16. Closed Session Item: None.
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17. Adjourn
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.
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