

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2021

Please note that this meeting was held to allow Council Members, Staff, and the public to participate via ZOOM, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

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 Roll Call:** At the hour of 5:30 p.m. Mayor John Redmond called the meeting to order.
Council Members Present: Redmond, Collings, Montgomery, Stearns, Stackfleth
Council Members Absent: None

2. Public Comment:

Deputy City Clerk Kathy Joyce read public comment emails into the record.

Barbara Ulbrich – Comments expressing concern about communication, General Plan vision and process.

Mark Russell – Comments from the Lake Siskiyou Mutual Water Company. Concern about the draft Land Use Element.

Debbie Derby – Concern about public engagement in relation to the General Plan process.

Letter submitted by 30 members of the public posing questions about the draft General Plan.

Nadine Aiello – Comments regarding the draft General Plan and public participation.

Kristen Candaux – Comments regarding General Plan 2045 and opposition to the draft Land Use Element.

Tim Shannon – Comments in opposition to the draft Land Use Element.

Ana Daniel – Comments in opposition to the draft General Plan and public process.

Kenneth Burger – Comments as president of the Monte Shasta Mutual Water Company; in opposition to annexation of the Monte Shasta subdivision.

Arthur & Jaime Stanley – Comments in opposition to the draft Land Use Element.

Vicki Gold – Comments in opposition to the draft Land Use Element, suggestions for proceeding.

Daryl Kennedy – Comments in opposition to the draft Land Use Element.

Troika Saint Germaine – In opposition to draft Land Use Element and zoning changes.

Michael Savarese – In opposition to proposed changes to the General Plan.

Johanna Altorfer – Comments regarding past and future surveys; suggestions for future land development.

Michael Williams – Comments regarding active transportation facilities and the construction of bike trails.

Patricia Satariano – Comments regarding the draft Land Use Element.

Gentle Thunder – Comments on the draft General Plan.

Stacia – Concern regarding the proposed Land Use Element.

Barbara Wagner – Comments about development of the Roseburg property.

Beverly Harlan – Comments expressing agreement with other speakers, in opposition to continuing the General Plan process.

Theresa Hart Chiodo – Concern about the General Plan process and public participation, in opposition to change.

Mary Saint Marie – Read a parable called "Visitation by an Oracle".

3. Council and Staff Comments:

Bruce Pope, City Manager – Review of fuel management project. Informed Council of impending retirement.
Jeffrey Collings, Councilmember – Review of vote on General Plan process from previous meeting.
Tim Stearns, Councilmember – Review of League of Local Agencies meeting.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

4. 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 Disbursements: Accounts Payable 4/8 and 4/21/21; Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 4/4/21
- b. Monthly Investment Report

MOTION TO APPROVE: Redmond

SECOND: Montgomery

AYES: Redmond, Collings, Stackfleth, Montgomery, Stearns

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Fourth of July Annual Fireworks Display Location Change

Tom Hastings, Pyrotechnician, Mt. Shasta Community Fireworks – Review of the history of fireworks in an around Mt. Shasta. Review of proposed location change and planning. Review of event including safety measures for fire and COVID. Review of qualifications as a licensed pyrotechnic operator. Addressed traffic flow and parking.

Clarifying questions from Council.

Stacia – Concern for pets and fire danger, in opposition of fireworks.

Barbara Wagner – Concerns about social distancing, in support of fireworks at Shastice.

Joyce Dufficy – Concerns about fire hazard and animals, in opposition of fireworks.

Deb McDowell – In support of fireworks at Shastice Park.

Betty Kreeger – Concern about smoke and fire, in opposition of fireworks.

Mary Lynn Girard – In support of fireworks.

Beverly Harlan – Concern about pets and fire, opposed to fireworks.

Troika Saint Germain – In opposition of fireworks.

Richard McDowell – In support of fireworks at Shastice Park.

David Campbell – In opposition to fireworks, in support of other event.

Lynda Hardy – Concerns about fire and COVID, suggested alternatives.

Jim Hardy – Concern about fire and COVID.

Vicki Gold – Concern about fire, suggested alternatives.

Gentle Thunder – Concerned with the risk of fire, suggested alternatives. In opposition to fireworks at Shastice.

Dale – Comments about California Environmental Quality Act exemptions.

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve and support the Fourth of July Fireworks display to take place at Shastice Park.

MOTION: Stearns

SECOND: Stackfleth

AYES: Redmond, Collings, Stackfleth, Montgomery, Stearns

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Recess: 7:57 pm – 8:05 pm

6. Project Update from Johnson Controls Regarding the City Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Improvement Project

Brian LaBrie, Johnson Controls – Update on Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Improvement Project. Review of background, challenges, solutions, financial implications, and next steps.

Clarifying questions from Council.

Scott Krebs, Johnson Controls – Responded to questions from Council.

Michael Williams – Comments about overflow from City tanks.

Betty Kreeger – Appreciation for Johnson Controls and the City Manager.

COUNCIL ACTION: No action, information only.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Fire Department Staffing

Bruce Pope, City Manager – Review of staff report: Current fire department staffing, grant funding, possible long and short-term solutions to maintain staffing and fund the department.

Matt Melo, Fire Chief – Review of the history and evolution of the department, potential options for the department for the future.

Clarifying questions from Council.

Peggy Risch – Concern for fire safety of the City, western United States.

Raven Stevens – Gratitude for Matt Melo and the Melo family's fire legacy. In support of sales tax to fund fire.

Troika Saint Germain – Comments in opposition to fireworks. Concern about loss of fire protection, in support of sales tax to fund fire department.

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Table the item until May 24th with full Council consensus.

8. Discussion and Possible Action: Censure of Councilmember Tim Stearns

Tessa Montgomery, Councilmember – Review of requested censure and reasons why approval recommended. Clarifying questions from Council.

Kathy Joyce, Deputy City Clerk – Review of history of history with Councilmember Stearns.

Kathy Morter – Comments regarding time spent on Council with Councilmember Stearns, in support of censure.

Betty Kreeger – Comments opposed to censure of Councilmember Stearns, in support of censure of other Councilmembers and staff.

Barbara Wagner – Comments in support of healthy work environment, opposed to Councilmember Stearns' actions.

Peggy Risch – Comments opposed to singling out one Councilmember.

Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner – Review of harassment claim against Councilmember Stearns.

Michael Williams – Comments regarding lack of staff support for committees and opposed to process of censure.

Troika Saint Germaine – Comments regarding former Councilmember, staff members. Comments regarding Councilmember Stearns.

Johanna Altorfer – Comments opposed to censure, in support of Councilmember Stearns.

Deb McDowell – Comments opposed to censure.

Vicki Gold – Comments regarding Councilmember Stearns, opposed to censure, in support of apology.

Julia Lynn Rose – Comments regarding other commenters, Councilmember Stearns.

Richard McDowell – Comments in opposition to censure.

Bruce Pope, City Manager – Review of censure process and procedure. Comments regarding history with

<p>Councilmember Stearns and behavior. <u>John Kenny, City Attorney</u> – Review of censure process and procedure. Council discussion. <u>COUNCIL ACTION:</u> Approve CCR-21-14 with amendment. <u>MOTION:</u> Montgomery <u>SECOND:</u> Redmond AYES: Stackfleth, Montgomery, Redmond NOES: Stearns, Collings ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None</p>
<p>9. Discussion and Possible Action: Request for Qualifications or Proposals for Development of the East side of the Roseburg Landing Project Area <u>Bruce Pope, City Manager</u> – Review of staff report, recommendation. <u>Tim Stearns, Councilmember</u> – Review of request for agenda item. Clarifying questions from Council. <u>Peggy Risch</u> – Comments regarding rezoning. <u>Dale La Forest</u> – Comments regarding housing on the east side of the Roseburg property, zoning, infrastructure. <u>Vicki Gold</u> – Offer to purchase property for \$2. <u>Troika Saint Germaine</u> – Offer to purchase property for \$10. Council discussion. <u>COUNCIL ACTION:</u> Table for discussion at a later date.</p>
<p>10. Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Recruitment for the Position of City Manager <u>Bruce Pope, City Manager</u> – Review of impending retirement, recruitment and interim appointment process. Clarifying questions and Council discussion. <u>Troika Saint Germaine</u> – Comments regarding ad hoc appointments. <u>Deb McDowell</u> – Comments regarding ad hoc appointments. Discussion. <u>COUNCIL ACTION:</u> Table for discussion regarding interim appointment and recruitment firm.</p>
<p>11. Future Agenda Items (Appearing on the agenda within 60-90 days):</p> <p><u>COUNCIL ACTION:</u> Reviewed Items a through f. Items added to future agendas: Discussion and Possible Action: Active Transportation grant application; Interim City Manager/Recruitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. City Council Workshop to Discuss City Priorities – 4/2021b. Bid Award and Notice to Proceed for Tank 1 – 5/10/2021c. Budget discussion re: Funding the Visitor’s Center and Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance – 5/2021d. Discussion and Possible Action: Returning to Open Meetings – 6/14/2021e. Discussion and Possible Action: City-Wide Cleanup Day – TBDf. Sharing of Code Enforcement services with other cities – TBD
<p>12. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted By: Kathryn M. Joyce, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk</p>