

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NO. 706, NOVEMBER 8, 2006

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Driscoll called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Howard called the roll:

Present: Councilmembers Davis, Derwin and Merk, and Vice Mayor Driscoll
Absent: Mayor Toben
Others: Town Administrator Howard, Town Attorney Sloan, Asst. Town Administrator Willis, and Deputy Clerk Hanlon

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bill Lane, Westridge, congratulated the Council for holding its last meeting at The Sequoias. The comments he received had been very positive. He suggested holding additional Council meetings off site.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion of Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Derwin, the items listed below were approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Davis, Derwin and Merk, and Vice Mayor Driscoll
Noes: None

- (1) Minutes of Town Council Special Meeting on October 25, 2006, as amended.
- (2) Warrant List of November 8, 2006, in the amount of \$246,212.81.
- (3) Second Reading, by title only, and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2006-364 Adding Chapter 3.40 [Claims Against the Town of Portola Valley] of Title 3 [Revenue and Finance] of the Portola Valley Municipal Code, per Dep. Clerk's memo of 11/1/06.
- (4) Resolution No. 2281-2006 Continuing the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund Through Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program and Maintaining a Separate Budget Account for 2006-2007, per Asst. Town Administrator's memo of 11/1/06.

REGULAR AGENDA

- (5) Settlement Agreement in Regard to Tax Equity Allocation (TEA)

Ms. Sloan reviewed her memo of 11/2/06 on the settlement agreement with San Mateo County for the tax equity allocation dispute. Assuming all the cities involved signed the agreement, the County would issue a check to the Town in the amount of \$901,578.00 within five business days. Responding to Councilmember Merk, she said since Council's discussion of the matter in closed session, paragraph #6 was inserted into the agreement that addressed just Portola Valley. Councilmember Davis said he felt the settlement agreement was very balanced. Vice Mayor Driscoll agreed it was balanced and fair based on the laws. But, he felt the County still had \$4-5 million of the Town's money.

Councilmember Davis moved adoption of Resolution No. 2282-2006 Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release Between the County of San Mateo and the Town of Woodside,

Town of Portola Valley, City of Half Moon Bay, and the Town of Colma. Councilmember Derwin seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

(6) Additional Response to Grand Jury Report

Ms. Sloan reviewed her memo of 11/1/06 on the Town's response to the section of the Grand Jury Report on FCC mandated changes in county law enforcement radio networks. Councilmembers and staff discussed the role of the Grand Jury. By motion and second, the additional letter responding to the Grand Jury report was approved by a vote of 4-0.

(7) Authorization to Join Sustainable Silicon Valley (SSV) and International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)

Councilmember Derwin reviewed her memo on SSV and ICLEI and recommendation to: 1) become a pledging partner of SSV (\$600) and join ICLEI (\$1,000). Councilmember Davis noted that the Town contributed \$1,500 to SSV annually. Council agreed to discuss contributions to SSV during the next budget process.

Councilmember Merk said it would be worth the dues for the Town to join both groups for a year. Responding to Councilmember Merk, Ms. Howard said the money would come out of the dues budget. By motion of Councilmember Derwin, seconded by Councilmember Merk, Council agreed to join SSV and ICLEI commencing in 2007 by a vote of 4-0. Ms. Howard said staff would fill out the applications; the dues/expenditures would appear on the warrant list.

COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Agenda items reordered)

(10) Status of Town Center Project

Ms. Howard said the salvage work continued on the old buildings. The grading for the maintenance shed would start this week, and some of the trees would come down starting tomorrow afternoon. The next presentation to the ASCC would be on the 13th when interiors and lighting would be discussed. Vice Mayor Driscoll noted that not as much of the wood could be salvaged as had been hoped. Additionally, at the last ADT meeting, the tot lot had been discussed. Staff was working on trying to reuse some of the tree stumps. Responding to Vice Mayor Driscoll, Ms. Howard said: 1) the architects would be submitting their fees for additional work on the signage; and 2) the consultant working with the playground group would be submitting a proposal.

(11) Reports from Commission and Committee Liaisons

(a) ABAG Fall General Assembly

Councilmember Derwin said the meeting on "Environmental Challenges-Local Solutions" was fantastic. David Yarnold, Executive Vice President of Environmental Defense, and L. Hunter Lovin, co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute were among the speakers. Topics included: 1) CA green legislation; 2) the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement; 3) city/agency programs; 4) changes in the business community; 5) zero waste/composting; 6) the importance of grass roots level; 7) sustainability and jobs; 8) the need for leadership; 9) economic impacts of climate change, etc.

(b) San Mateo County Council of Cities

Councilmember Derwin discussed the Council of Cities meeting held in Hillsborough. She said Tom Campbell, UC Berkeley, spoke about California's budget and deficits. She noted that the revised bylaws

of the Council of Cities had been distributed, and she provided Councilmembers with copies. Councilmember Davis added that the bylaws had been streamlined. Changes included: 1) combining the Secretary and Treasurer function and eliminating the parliamentarian (p. 2); 2) establishing the meeting schedule (p. 3), and 3) generic cleanup and clarification. He said the bylaws would be voted on at the next meeting, and he would vote in favor. He added that he found interfacing with councilmembers from the other cities and towns very rewarding.

(c) Library JPA

Councilmember Derwin said a review of after school homework programs had been done. She noted that Half Moon Bay was going to try to build a new library with a bond issue. Atherton was going to redo their library and build a town hall, and she would be meeting with Atherton's mayor to discuss the Town's project. The "One Book – One Community" event attracted 1,800 people and was very well received.

(d) Teen Committee

Councilmember Derwin said the Committee would be having a dance on January 19 at Corte Madera School. A ski trip was scheduled for March 10, and a moonwalk was scheduled for June 1. The Nature and Science Committee would be invited on the moonwalk.

(e) Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

Councilmember Derwin said she would be attending the Climate Protection Summit hosted by BAAQMD in San Francisco on Friday. Al Gore would be attending.

(8) Portola Valley Community Fund (PVCF) Request for Approval of 4th Quarter Budget

Beth Rabuczewski, PVCF Treasurer, reviewed her memo on this year's expenses and the proposed 4th quarter budget. She discussed additional expenditures proposed for the 4th quarter due to a wider PR campaign and signage. Responding to Vice Mayor Driscoll, she confirmed that the 4th quarter total should be \$42,750.

By motion and second, the 4th quarter budget was approved by a vote of 3-0, with Councilmember Merk abstaining.

(9) Portola Valley Community Fund (PVCF) Request for Sign Placement

Vice Mayor Driscoll referred to Ms. Lambert's memo of 11/1/06 on the fund raising sign for the Town Center project. Ms. Rabuczewski described the size of the sign. Responding to Councilmember Davis, she confirmed that the sign would need to last at least 12 months. She welcomed suggestions for what the sign would say, colors, etc. Councilmembers discussed language. She recommended coming back at a later time with a mock-up of the sign. Council agreed and approved the request.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

(12) Town Council 10/27/06 Weekly Digest

(a) Ethics Training

Referring to Ms. Hanlon's memo, Ms. Howard reminded Councilmembers that ethics training was required by January 1, 2007, and every two years thereafter due to the Town's newly adopted reimbursement policy.

(13) Town Council 11/03/06 Weekly Digest

(a) Post Office Update

Ms. Howard referred to Ms. Lambert's memo of 10/31/06 on the post office substation. She said no applications had been received, and the deadline had been extended to 12/8/06. Responding to Councilmember Derwin, she said Atherton had a small substation in their town hall. It was not cost effective, staff was required, there had to be backup, etc. Unfortunately, the post office no longer made it cost effective to have a substation. Councilmembers discussed options and the application process.

(b) Proposed Schedule Changes for Ormondale and Corte Madera Schools

Referring to Ms. Howard's memo of 11/3/06 on the school schedule changes, Councilmembers discussed the changes and potential impacts. Vice Mayor Driscoll asked the schools liaison, Councilmember Derwin, to convey Ranch residents' concerns about impacts on traffic.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk