

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING NO. 846 SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Mayor Derwin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Hanlon called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Jeff Aalfs and Ann Wengert; Councilmember Driscoll; and Mayor Maryann Derwin

Absent: Vice Mayor John Richards

Others: Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk
Sandy Sloan, Town Attorney

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS [7:32 p.m.]

Jerry Hearn, with Acterra, encouraged Council to attend the upcoming Silicon Valley Watershed Summit being held on Saturday, September 22, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Foothill College. The Watershed Summit will discuss protection and enhancement of the waters and surrounding lands within Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Program workshops include; Watersheds 101, hand-on projects, legislation & policy, and a case study on restoring steelhead trout. The keynote speaker will be Lester Snow, former California Secretary of Natural Resources and current Director of the California Water Foundation.

CONSENT AGENDA [7:38 p.m.]

- (1) Approval of Minutes: Special Town Council Meeting of August 29, 2012 [*removed from Consent Agenda*]
- (2) Approval of Warrant List: September 12, 2012 in the amount of \$362,704.75 [*removed from Consent Agenda*]
- (3) Approval of Response Letter to the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury
- (4) Endorsement of Applications to the County of Santa Clara for available funding of Recreational Facilities

By motion of Councilmember Driscoll, seconded by Councilmember Aalfs, Items 3-4 on the Consent Agenda were approved with the following roll call vote:

Aye: Councilmember Aalfs, Driscoll, Councilmember Wengert, Mayor Derwin

No: None

REGULAR AGENDA [7:42 p.m.]

- (1) Approval of Minutes: Special Town Council Meeting of August 29, 2012

Councilmember Wengert moved to approve the minutes of the Special Town Council meeting of August 29, 2012. Seconded by Councilmember Aalfs, the motion carried 3-1 with Councilmember Driscoll abstaining.

- (2) Warrant List of September 12, 2012

By motion of Councilmember Aalfs, seconded by Councilmember Driscoll, the Warrant List of 9/12/12 in the amount of \$362,704.75 was approved with the following roll call vote:

Aye: Aye: Councilmember Aalfs, Driscoll, Councilmember Wengert and Mayor Derwin

- (5) Discussion of Planning Commission and ASCC Commissioner Vacancies: Application and Selection Process [7:45 p.m.]

Town Manager Nick Pegueros reported that in January 2013 there will be three vacancies for both the Planning Commission and the ASCC. Additionally, following Councilmember Wengert's appointment to the Council in December 2007, Denise Gilbert was appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy. This atypical appointment created an off cycle term for Commissioner Gilbert. Council approved extending Commissioner Gilbert's term limit to coincide with even year appointments.

Town Manager Nick Pegueros reviewed current application/selection process and possible options. Mayor Derwin said she felt the current interview process was awkward. Town Attorney suggested interviews take place in the daytime.

Staff will look into options for process change and bring back to the Council for their review at a November Council meeting.

Council agreed to vacancy ads being placed on the Town's website, PV Forum, in the Almanac and to reach out to former applicants.

Councilmember Aalfs moved to approve recommended changes in the current interview and selection process. Seconded by Councilmember Wengert, the motion carried 4-0.

COUNCIL, STAFF, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- (6) Reports from Commission and Committee Liaisons [7:55 p.m.]

Councilmember Aalfs:

- (a) ASCC

The ASCC reviewed the proposed new athletic field at the Priory. With regard to the Priory Project the Commission agreed that the berm removal was positive, with qualifications, and generally concurred with proposed track & field improvements. The topic of an artificial turf was not discussed at this meeting, but will be considered at the meeting with the planning commission. The ASCC did discuss the turf a bit and agreed it was a visual issue that they needed to look at in detail with the opening of views with the project.

With clarifications from the Neely project architect, the ASCC found the plans generally acceptable and in conformity with the CUP, but several conditions need to be satisfied before any formal action can be taken to approve plans.

Councilmember Driscoll:

- (a) Cable and Utilities Undergrounding Committee

Current available funds, under Rule 20A, can underground approximately 800 feet. (Phase 1, Nathhorst to Hillbrook). Funding options for Phase 2 (Hillbrook to Alpine Swim and Tennis) approximately 1100 feet, could be funded through normal Rule 20A funding

process or alternatively to complete the project sooner the Town can elect to fund the cost of the project itself through Rule 20B process. The Committee will bring to the Council an amended resolution addressing the new Rule 20A requirements and establishing a revised scope of work as recommended by Committee and PG&E.

Councilmember Wengert:

(a) Airport Roundtable

Meeting had representation from Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley and Redwood City. There is disbelief in the readings of recorded noise data. Next meeting scheduled for October.

Mayor Derwin:

(a) League of California Cities Annual Conference

The League's governing board voted to defer consideration of a proposal from the City of Needles for the League to lobby for the suspension or rollback of AB32 implementation. As a result, the League retains its "no position" stance on this proposal from the City of Needles. Additional conference sessions included food trucks, social media and pension reform.

(b) Library JPA

Mayor Derwin was voted JPA's new chair.

(c) Meeting with Dr. Fogarty

The Mayor attended a meeting with Dr. Fogarty to hear his concerns of restricted hours and CUP requiring a trail through his property.

(d) SamTrans

The Mayor met with SamTrans Board of Directors Vice Chair, Carol Groome, to resolve the problem of missed pick-ups of transfer bus for Menlo Atherton. The problem has since been corrected.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS [8:00 p.m.]

(7) Town Council August 31, 2012 Weekly Digest

- (a) #1 – Councilmember Driscoll reported that the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee (BP&TS) is considering the installation of a crosswalk flagging system at Alpine & Golden Oaks to make the crosswalk safer.

(8) Town Council September 7, 2012 Weekly Digest

- (a) #7 – The Tuesday Harvest Presentation held on September 11 heard speaker Marc Hellman discussing water harvesting and conservation.
- (b) #9 – The September Council of Cities dinner meeting looks to be interesting with scheduled program "Restore or Retain the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir"?

CLOSED SESSION [8:10 p.m.]

(9) **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Properties: Town-owned lots in Blue Oaks subdivision

Town negotiators: Town Attorney and Councilmember Wengert

Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Council voted (4-0, with Richards absent) to enter into a broker's agreement with Coldwell Banker to have Ginny Kavanaugh and Jose Kavanaugh be the listing agenda for the Blue Oaks property owned by the Town.

ADJOURNMENT [8:55 p.m.]

Mayor

Town Clerk