
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2004**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Harris at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2004, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

OPEN SESSION

Invocation: Moment of Silence

Flag Salute: Ashley Michalski

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Liz Harris
Mayor Pro Tem Darrell Mulvihill
Councilmember S. O. Conklin
Councilmember Ken Dally
Councilmember Neal Hertzmann

Councilmembers Excused: None

Others Present: Michael Perry, City Manager
Marco Martinez, Best Best & Krieger, LLP City Attorney
Katherine E. Jefferies, City Clerk/ACM

RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
City Designated Representatives: City Attorney, Fire Administrator, Fire Chief, and Deputy City Manager of Administration
Employee Organization: Big Bear Lake Fire Employees

No reportable action.

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California
Negotiating Parties: City Attorney, City Manager, Acting City Planner, and Verizon Wireless
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

No reportable action.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Hertzmann to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming events scheduled for the Performing Arts Center – For ticket information please contact the box office at 866-4970.

- ❖ Big Bear High School presents “Cinderella” – April 29, 30 & May 1
- ❖ City of Big Bear Lake presents “Coyote Tales” – May 3
- ❖ Mountain Master Chorale presentation – May 8
- ❖ Big Bear Middle School presents “Animal Farm” – May 13 – 16

PRESENTATIONS

Proclaimed May 2 – 8, 2004 as “Mining Awareness Week.”

Mayor Harris presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 9 – 15, 2004 as “National Poppy Week.” Little Miss Poppy, Ashley Michalski, presented a bouquet of red poppies to Mayor Harris.

Mayor Harris presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 2 – 8, 2004 as “National Drinking Water Week.”

Sheri Davis, Director of the Inland Empire Film Commission gave an overview of the IEFC, which is a division of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, a non-profit organization designed to attract and retain business in the Inland Empire, as well as assist production companies looking to film in the Inland Empire and the Mountain communities.

Joan Mulcare, Program Manager for the San Bernardino County Environmental Health Department gave an overview of the environmental services provided by the County Health Department to Big Bear Lake.

San Bernardino County Fire Marshal Peter Brierty gave a presentation regarding tree removal in the Big Bear Valley. He presented a map that identifies the various areas targeted for removing dead and dying trees on private and public lands, and stated that funding will be provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

MARTA General Manager Jerry Davis gave a presentation on the new Bear Valley Visitors Trolley that has been purchased and will begin operating this summer. The trolley will provide several daily trips from the west end of Big Bear Lake, through the Village, Snow Summit, Bear Mountain, the Moonridge Zoo, Rite Aid to the Discovery Center and back to the west end.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chris Segovia, Big Bear Lake: discussed the dangers of pellet guns that are being used in residential areas, and the need for the City to prepare an ordinance that will prohibit the use of pellet and BB guns within the City limits.

Nancy Sargent, Big Bear Lake: presented a letter to Council regarding enforcement of illegal vacation home rentals, and the illegal operation of bed and breakfast establishments in R-1 zoned neighborhoods throughout the City of Big Bear Lake.

Victor Hatten, Big Bear Lake: stated that he resides at Big Bear Mobile Estates and has been under attack by park management who is trying to evict him. He reported that eight months ago the park residents had been informed that the space rent would be raised 5%, however, his rent is being raised 113%, which is a hardship for him as he is on a fixed income. He discussed numerous complaints that the residents have about park management, and reported that a trailer had recently been removed by the park and left on City-owned property.

PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

City Manager Perry stated that he would look into all of the concerns raised tonight and report back to the City Council.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Hertzmann to approve the Consent Calendar as follow:

1.1 Approval of Demands – Check Issue Date 4/8/04 through 4/21/04 – Check Nos. 22421 through 22648, in the amount of \$1,681,575.97

Approved as presented.

1.2 Continuance of the Declaration of Local State of Emergency

Continued the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency due to the drought and Bark Beetle infestation.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes from the Workshop Meeting of March 1, 2004, the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2004, and the Workshop Meeting of March 12, 2004

Approved as presented.

2. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Recycling Program at Special Events

Council consideration of approving the additional time required to provide recycling bins at the special events for which the City provides in-kind services.

Council authorized staff to pick two or three special events as a test program, and to provide recycling bins to be used during each event, for the collection of aluminum cans and plastic bottles, and deliver them to the Buy Back Center. Staff will report back to the Council on how the process worked, and the amount of staff time that was required.

3.2 Water Conservation

Council consideration of approving a letter from the General Manager of the Department of Water & Power, encouraging local business owners to assist in landscape water conservation.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill, seconded by Councilmember Conklin to approve a letter from the General Manager of the Department of Water & Power encouraging all local business owners to assist in landscape water conservation, emphasizing that the evapotranspiration irrigation controllers would be free of charge. City Manager Perry was directed to write a second letter to the local

business owners urging them to remove their grass and replace it with native and drought tolerant type plants, as the City, and many of the businesses have already done, in keeping with the spirit of making this summer's water conservation campaign a success.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Conklin, Dally, Harris, Hertzmann, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3.3 Contract Employee for the Healthy Forest Initiative Program (HUFİ)

Council consideration of authorizing staff to hire a contract employee to assist the City in implementing HUFİ related projects.

Motion by Councilmember Hertzmann, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill to authorize staff to hire a contract employee to assist the City in implementing HUFİ related projects, to seek grant funds to fund the position, and approve the HUFİ budget as revised and presented by staff.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Conklin, Dally, Harris, Hertzmann, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Hertzmann asked if staff could contact the County of San Bernardino to provide a proposal for vector control services.

Councilmember Conklin requested staff to look into what would be needed for the City to become more involved in the permit process for drilling private water wells. City Manager Perry stated that he would ask the City Attorney to look into it.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Perry announced that the first Cinco De Mayo Fiesta will be held Sunday, May 2, 2004, at the Big Bear Lake Convention Center, and encouraged all citizens to attend. He reported that the plans for the new pavilion for Veterans' Park are in final review, and it is anticipated that the pavilion would be completed by Labor Day.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Katherine E. Jefferies
City Clerk

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: June 14, 2004