



July 12, 2010 Minutes
Regular Joint City Council/★ Redevelopment Agency Meeting
130 S Second St., Civic Center Plaza, Chowchilla
6:00 PM Closed Session - 7:00 PM Open Session

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mayor/Chairman: Kopshever
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: Alexander
Council/Board Members: Chavez, Haworth, White

City staff and contract employees present: Acting City Administrator/Police Chief Jay Varney, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Wayne Padilla, Fire Chief/Interim Deputy Director of Public Services Harry Turner, Acting City Clerk Cindy Black, Contract Attorney Neal Costanzo

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Eric Haupt, 1528 Hoover, Chowchilla, Pat DeWall, 516 Ventura, Chowchilla and Don Eliason, 124 Birch, Chowchilla spoke in favor of keeping Community Development services in house rather than contracting with Madera County.

6:00 pm CLOSED SESSION

- 1: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending litigation Gov. Code Section 54956(a)**
Name of Case: City of Chowchilla vs. Rabon
- 2: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (b)**
Number of Cases: 7
- 3: **Public Employee Evaluation, Gov. Code Section 54957**
Position: All Public Employees

John Chavez arrived at 6:05 pm.

7:00 pm OPEN SESSION

INVOCATION: Officer Carter
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman White
CLOSED SESSION REPORT: Meeting of 06/28/2010: No reportable action.

CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Jackie Flanagan, 7400 Avenue 18.5, Chamber Manager, thanked staff for putting on the procurement seminar.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2

- 2.1: **COUNCIL REPORTS:** Legislative Items:
Oral / Written Reports:

Councilman White attended a Saint Joachim's Catholic Church fundraiser, All-Star game baseball game for the 10-year old team, and commended the Community Cleanup event.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander congratulated and attended the 10-year old All-Star win v. Dos Palos. He also thanked cleanup participants.

Councilman Haworth attended an Action Commission meeting.

2.2: AD HOC/COMMITTEE UPDATES: Oral / Written Reports:

2.3: STAFF REPORTS: Written/Oral Reports:

CONSENT CALENDAR - Section 3

- 3.1: Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Joint Council/Redevelopment Agency Meetings of June 21, 28, 2010 & the Public Finance Authority meeting of June 21, 2010 (Black)
- 3.2: Consideration of General Payments and Payroll for the Month of June 2010 (Padilla)
- 3.3: Consideration of Allowing East Bay Boat Club to Conduct Races at Berenda Reservoir (Turner)
- 3.4: Consideration of Acceptance of donation from Claude and Rose McCombs for the Chowchilla Fire Department (Turner)

Motion by Councilman White, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5

- 5.1: Continued Discussion of the FY 2010-2011 Budget and Cost Reduction Alternatives (Padilla)

John Kirwin, 808 Trinity Avenue, Chowchilla, expressed his concern of the Police Department layoff proposal and spoke in favor of keeping the department in tact.

Ron Seals, 14165 Lindy Lane, Chowchilla, commented positively regarding the CRO program and offered his assistance in being able to retain the CRO program.

Motion by Mayor Kopshever, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, to remove items 14 (Parks & Rec Staffing Reductions), 15 (PERS- Increase Employee Contribution) and 17 (PD – Takes Over a Portion of Policing the County) from "Cost Savings Under Consideration" handout. Motion passed with Councilman Haworth and Councilman White voting "no".

Motion by Mayor Kopshever, seconded by Councilman Chavez, to remove item 22 (Temporary Sales Tax Increase) from "Cost Savings Under Consideration" handout. Motion passed with Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and Councilman White voting "no".

Stacy Burns, 713 Ventura, Chowchilla, commented on Cost Savings item 18 which would eliminate police dispatch. She commented that it doesn't work; it would make City emergency calls a low priority.

John Kirwin, 808 Trinity Avenue, Chowchilla, asked if and how the City receives tax base monies that are paid to the County. Finance Director Padilla explained how the City receives its share of property tax increment including the portion that goes to RDA. Today, there is a significant drop in property values, especially and primarily in the Greenhills area. That fact is causing the City to receive severely reduced property tax revenue.

Manuel Ramirez, Dos Palos, commented that if cuts are made in the Police Department, eventually there will be more crime within the city. He commented that the City of Chowchilla is one of the safest city's he has experienced and is one of the reasons why he decided to move his family here from Dos Palos.

Peggy Haupt, 1528 Hoover, Chowchilla, commented on although there are reductions in staff, there are still the same high numbers in population and trying to maintain the services needed to support the community. She also noted that there are many employees who are wearing many hats due to past staff reductions. Although there is a need to reduce expense, doing so by reducing staff will cause the remaining employees to become even more overwhelmed and may cause illness due to stress. She asked the Council to consider other cost savings besides reducing the already limited staff.

Council and Staff will plan to meet again on this item next week. Monday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

- ★6.1: **Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution #__-10 Authorizing Execution of First Amendment to Regulatory Agreement Between Redevelopment Agency of the City of Chowchilla and to Shasta Court LP, a California Limited Partnership, as Owner, and Corporation for Better Housing, a Non-profit Benefit Corporation as a General Partner of the Owner Correcting Legal Description to Conform to Developments Following Execution of Regulatory Agreement (Costanzo)**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting. Council directed staff to contact the neighborhood group that was involved with the Shasta Villas project.

- 6.2: **Consideration of Council Resolution #50-10, Intention to Levy and Collect the Annual Assessment for Landscape Maintenance and Lighting District No. 90-1 of the City of Chowchilla (Giersch)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Haworth to approve Council Resolution #50-10, Intention to Levy and Collect the Annual Assessment for Landscape Maintenance and Lighting District No. 90-1 of the City of Chowchilla. Motion passed by roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

July 14	Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, Civic Center, noon
July 15	Heritage Preservation Committee Meeting, Civic center, 7PM
July 16	City Offices, with the exception of Public Safety, will be closed every Friday during July 2010
July 17	CUHS Class of 1978, 1979 & 1980 Reunion, Pheasant Run, 5PM
July 18	Mexican Bull Riding, Fairgrounds, 3PM
July 19	Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4PM
July 20	Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
July 21	Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
July 23	City Offices Closed, Furlough Day
July 24	CUHS Class of 1975 Reunion, 23674 Road 16, 4PM
July 26	July 12 Council/RDA Meeting, Civic Center, 6PM Closed, 7PM Open Session
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ADJOURNMENT

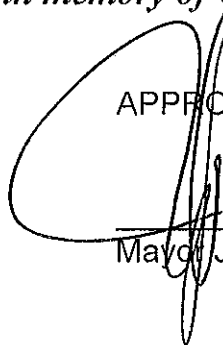
This meeting was adjourned in memory of Gail Boyett at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Cindy Black, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:



 Mayor Jim Kopshever

Next Available Resolution Numbers:
 City Council: 51-10
 Redevelopment Agency: 10-10
 Public Finance Authority: 02-10