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REGULAR GARIBALDI CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 19, 2010

Council Chambers, 7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Suzanne McCarthy called to order the regular City Council meeting at 7:10 p.m. Present were Council President Terry Kandle, Council Vice President Roberta Bettis, Council members Betty Thomas and Jerry Bartolomucci, City Administrator John O'Leary, Public Works Director Wayne Schultz, Joe Wrabek representing the Headlight Herald and Eugene Tish, owner of the Garibaldi Inn and Suites.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor McCarthy asked if there were any items that Council wanted removed from the consent calendar. Hearing none, the Mayor asked for a motion.

- A. Approval of June 21, 2010 Regular Council meeting minutes
- B. Approval of June 22, 2010 Special Council workshop minutes
- C. Acknowledgement of June 2010 financial reports
- D. Approval of a Special Event permit for the Garibaldi Lion's Club to hold Garibaldi Days, close Hwy 101 for a parade, place a banner over Hwy 101, use public property for the event vendors, and waive all City permit fees for this event.
- E. Approval of a Resolution revising the ballot title for a proposed amendment to the garibaldi city charter; approving an explanatory statement for the voter's pamphlet; and amending Resolution no. 2010-18.

MOTION made by Cn. Kandle to approve the consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Cn. Bartolomucci. AYES: McCarthy, Kandle, Bartolomucci, Bettis, Thomas. None opposed. MOTION PASSED.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

[None]

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

[None]

V. COMMUNITY REPORTS

[None]

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Resolutions to increase water and sewer rates:* O'Leary asked if the Council had any questions regarding his report. The Council clarified some of the budgetary numbers provided by O'Leary. The Mayor discussed the

option of suspending the Water System Improvement fee with the Council, and explained that this would allow for the increase in water and wastewater utility rates while avoiding an increase in the overall utility bill. O'Leary advised the Council that suspending the fee would delay the purchase of a new reservoir. The Council and staff discussed this option and the effect on long term capital purchases within the water and wastewater systems. O'Leary explained that his primary recommendation is to raise the rates – however, the Council has the option of suspending the Water System Improvement fee without significantly decreasing the reserves of the Water or Wastewater funds. The Council deliberated the matter further and Cn. Bettis made a **MOTION to adopt a Resolution Suspending The Water System Improvement Fee For The Fiscal Year 2010-2011, a Resolution Adjusting Service Rates For The Garibaldi Water System To Recover Increases In Water Fund Operating And Maintenance Expenses, and a Resolution Alternatively Adjusting Rates For Use Of The Municipal Sewer System To Accommodate An Economic Hardship. AYES: McCarthy, Kandle, Bartolomucci, Bettis, Thomas. None opposed. MOTION PASSED.** Council directed O'Leary to research the long range needs and issues of the water and sewer systems and report back to the Council before staff recommends another rate increase.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Discussion of the City forming a tourism program:* The Council and O'Leary discussed the concept of the City forming a committee or commission that would serve the function of a chamber of commerce. O'Leary explained that this group would identify the tourism needs for the community and make recommendations for appropriations of the City's Transient Room Tax. The Mayor recognized Eugene Tish, who expressed support for this concept and also felt the City needed a chamber of commerce in the future. Cn. Bettis noted that this would require staff time. The Council discussed this and O'Leary noted that there would be some initial start up tasks that the current administrative staff would have to address. The Mayor and O'Leary both noted that this program would need its own staff after the initial start-up process. Cn. Bettis asked O'Leary if TRT could support a program like this. O'Leary felt it could as long as the appropriations were reasonable. The Council and O'Leary discussed the level of interest from the community in being involved, and Cn. Kandle suggested that O'Leary determine if he could form a committee before investing too much time in developing the program. The Council directed O'Leary to work on this as his time allowed.

STAFF REPORTS

Legal: No report.

Fire: Council acknowledged the Chief's written report.

Police: The Council acknowledged Deputy Pippenger's report. Cn. Kandle asked O'Leary if Pippenger would be able to attend the next meeting. Hearing no objections from the rest of Council O'Leary said that he would do so.

Public Works: Schultz commented on tasks associated with Garibaldi Day's. The Council discussed the coordination of Garibaldi Day's with staff.

Planning: No report.

Admin: Cn. Kandle asked O'Leary about his note on scheduling a meeting with the Garibaldi Rural Fire Protection district. O'Leary suggested that Cn. Kandle help work on scheduling a preliminary meeting with the GRFPD board. Cn. Kandle said he would work with O'Leary on this next week.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Cn. Kandle asked Cn. Bettis about the status of revising the City's nuisance code. Cn. Bettis said she would work with O'Leary on a draft in the coming months. Cn. Bartolomucci noted the positive comments he received regarding the 4th Street project.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Hon. Suzanne McCarthy, Mayor

ATTEST:

John O'Leary, City Administrator