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SPECIAL GARIBALDI CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Council Chambers, 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Suzanne McCarthy called to order a special City Council workshop to discuss legislating exterior lighting in Garibaldi at 6:30 p.m. Present were Council President Terry Kandle, Council members Jerry Bartolomucci, Betty Thomas, Roberta Bettis, City Administrator John O'Leary, Planning Commission Chair Bil Luth, Planning Commission members Emmy Lou Orahod and Everett Brown, Port of Garibaldi Chair Val Folkema, Joe Wrabek representing the Headlight Herald, Mill Superintendent Roby Lane representing Weyerhaeuser Co., Bob White and Dave Wimpy representing Tillamook PUD, Master Chief Michael Saindon representing the US Coast Guard, Eugene Tish, Mike and Niki Sheldon, Bill Fidler, Pat Patterson, Oscor Boliger, Michael Parker, Larry Cantrell, Lorraine Vandecoevering, Robert King, Larry Watson, Londa Kandle, and approximately two or three others.

II. EXTERIOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Mayor McCarthy explained that this would be a workshop for Council to discuss the possibility of regulating exterior lighting in Garibaldi. The Mayor noted that no decisions would be made tonight and that this item would be placed on a future Council agenda for a decision. The Mayor explained that this workshop was simply to allow the Council to discuss this topic in an open forum. The Mayor asked Cn. Kandle to present his recommendation to the Council for this legislation.

Cn. Kandle explained the background of this proposal, noting that this originated with a letter to the Council requesting regulation that would prevent light trespass in residential zone, and commented on his own preference that this regulation apply to the entire City. Cn. Kandle recognized those people who have contributed to the development of the proposed language, and then explained how the proposed regulation would affect exterior lighting in Garibaldi. Cn. Kandle's recommendation would create a standard for exterior lighting that would prevent light trespass and reduce glare-light throughout the City. Cn. Kandle noted that the details of this regulation would need to be deliberated, and commented on how this legislation would benefit the community.

The Council deliberated the matter and invited the public to comment. Dave Wimpy explained the differences in lighting standards to the Council and public, and noted that the proposed standard was unique from the recognized Dark Sky

standard. The Council discussed the issues of enforcing this regulation. O'Leary explained the overall enforcement process and confirmed that this legislation would incur an enforcement cost to the City. The Council reviewed the effect this legislation would have on the local community and discussed this with those present in the audience. Comments included how this regulation would impact businesses and property owners financially, how long before a property owner would have to comply with this regulation, and whether a property owner would be allowed an exemption from this regulation. Cn. Kandle suggested regulation that would allow businesses time to bring lighting into compliance.

O'Leary asked the Council to consider if they wanted this legislation to be nuisance regulation or land use code. O'Leary explained that incorporating this into the City's land use code would create non-conforming uses that would be resolved through the gradual development and rebuilding of structures in Garibaldi. The Council discussed this and directed staff to refine this legislation into a land use component to be incorporated into the City's land use code, and to develop a nuisance regulation component that would prevent light trespass. The Council and staff also discussed the overall refinement of the City's nuisance code to reflect current resources and enforcement abilities. O'Leary noted that a comprehensive revision to the nuisance regulation code would be beneficial - however, the Council would need to decide how important this is and how soon it would need to be addressed. The Mayor directed O'Leary to include this with the City's goal setting process later this summer.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Hon. Suzanne McCarthy, Mayor

ATTEST:

John O'Leary, City Administrator