

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CORTE MADERA TOWN COUNCIL

In the Town Hall of the Town of Corte Madera, on January 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Lappert,
Councilmembers Cock, Condon, Dupar Ravasio

Town Manager David Bracken
Director of Emergency Services Bob Fox
Town Clerk Christine Green
Twin Cities Police Chief Phil Green

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Planning Commissioner Bruce Mace

OPEN SESSION

Salute to the Flag

1. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

George Topor questioned whether the Town uses incremental or zero-based budgeting, and the Town Manager agreed to respond to Mr. Topor's question, in writing.

2. COUNCIL AND TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

- Town Manager Report

The Town Manager gave the following report:

- Caltrans will be replacing steel cables on the Tamalpais over crossing on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The southbound on-ramp will be closed and crews will be working under the structure from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) will be holding their third public workshop on the Highway 101/Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor Project on Saturday, January 26th at Redwood High School Cafeteria, with a session beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- In order to save time, money and paper, Town staff will be emailing weekly reports to the Town Council starting this Friday. Staff is looking into starting an E-newsletter which would be linked to the Town's website;
- The Town Council received a floral arrangement and thank you letter from the Redwood High School Student Association in gratitude for waiving fees;
- Town offices will be closed on Monday in recognition of Martin Luther King Day;
- On March 26th, Corte Madera will be hosting the MCCMC business meeting and dinner.

- Council Reports

Councilmember Ravasio referred to the proposed E-newsletter and confirmed with the Town Manager that staff was also considering a broadcast notification list for use in emergency notification situations.

Councilmember Condon gave the following report:

- She was notified by two concerned individuals that Planning Commissioners had not made site visits to see neighbors' perspectives. She said the matter had been addressed previously by the Council, it had been expected that all Commissioners visit the sites; however, the policy had changed which she felt resulted in appeals. She encouraged the Council and the Planning Commission to revisit this policy and make it incumbent upon Commissioners to visit the neighboring impacted sites if there is written opposition.
- She attended the MCCMC Legislative meeting on Monday. Tiburon's Vice Mayor Alice Fredericks reported on the expansion of the San Francisco and Santa Rosa airports which will result in more flyovers; a committee is proposed to be formed to protect the rights of those communities affected.
- She asked that the Town be cautious in its spending in light of the state budget.

Mayor Lappert confirmed with staff that the Planning Commission and Town Council held joint meetings in the past and that scheduling one in the near future would serve as an opportunity to discuss the process Commissioners utilize when sensitive applications are under review. Councilmember Cock discussed the situation of neighbors wanting Commissioners to personally visit their residences in order to advocate their positions, and Councilmember Condon said it was her belief that Commissioners should not discuss or provide their opinions during such visits. The Council agreed the matter should be discussed in a future joint meeting.

Bruce Mace, Planning Commissioner, said most all Planning Commissioners visit controversial sites; however, they do not necessarily meet and discuss the applications with the neighbors.

Councilmember Dupar gave the following report:

- The Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) met last week and San Rafael has formally withdrawn from consolidation discussion due to concerns with procedural issues with Ross Valley. He noted at the December meeting, discussion was held regarding Ross Valley renting space from CMSA and their expiring lease. He said there is a possibility that Ross Valley will be asked to vacate the CMSA facilities sometime this year;
- The Marin Telecommunications Agency met and appointed two officers. The Agency bid farewell to Dan Hillmer for his 12 years of service, and Councilmember Dupar said he was now the longest serving member of the agency.

Councilmember Cock gave the following report:

- She has been familiarizing herself with the Highway 101/Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor Project and recently met with the Town Manager and Bill Whitney of TAM.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Moved by Condon, seconded by Dupar, and carried unanimously by those present,

To approve Items 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g and 3h on the Consent Calendar.

- 3a. Approved Warrant and Payroll for the Period December 12, 2007 through January 7, 2008, Warrant Check Numbers 118534 through 118748 and Payroll Check Numbers 2247 Through 2281, Payroll Direct Deposit Numbers 10507 through 10672, and Payroll Wire Transfer Numbers 672 Through 683
- 3b. Adopted Resolution No. 3541 Appointing Norma LaRosa to the Disaster Council
- 3c. Approved Investment Transactions for the Month of November, 2007
- 3d. Approved One-Year Extension of the Third Amended and Restated Subcontract to Advanced and Basic Life Support Between the Town of Corte Madera and the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority and Authorize the Town Manager to Sign Said Agreement
- 3e. Adopted Resolution No. 3542 Increasing Fees for Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Services and Supplies
- 3f. Fire Station # 14 Sprinkler System Project, Project No. 07-016 - Adopt Resolution No. 3543 Awarding Contract And Authorization Of Expenditures For Construction
- 3g. Accept Staff's Recommendation Concerning the Disbursement of the Street Impact Fees as Stated in the Disbursement Report
- 3h. Adopt Resolution No. 3540 Honoring and Thanking Battalion Chief Gregory Schaefer Upon His Retirement for His Service to the Town of Corte Madera

BUSINESS ITEMS

4. Approve Minutes of December 3, 2007

MOTION: Moved by Dupar, seconded by Ravasio, and carried unanimously by those present,

To approve the Minutes of December 3, 2007.

Approve Minutes of December 18, 2007

Vice Mayor Dupar requested amendment to Page 2, Line 28 of the December 18, 2007 minutes:

“The Central Marin Sanitation District met and he reported that Sanitation District No. 1 moved their facility onto CMSA’s property and is leasing on a temporary basis. They are to return with a permanent plan to lease or move off, discussed the contention that their financial status was at risk which may affect Corte Madera in the long term ~~with a bond issue~~ with the recently issued wet weather improvement project bonds by CMSA.”

Councilmember Cock requested amendments throughout the document to add a “t” to Mayor Lappert’s name.

MOTION: Moved by Condon, seconded by Dupar and carried unanimously by those present,

To approve the Minutes of December 18, 2007, as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on February 5, 2008.