

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CORTE MADERA TOWN COUNCIL AND SANITARY DISTRICT #2 BOARD

In the Town Hall of the Town of Corte Madera, on January 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Condon  
Councilmembers Furst, Lappert, Ravasio

Town Manager David Bracken  
Interim Planning Director Dan Bell

OPEN SESSION

Salute to the Flag

1. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No items were brought forth at this time.

2. COUNCIL AND TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

- Town Manager Report

The Town Manager provided the following report:

- § He attended mediation in the case of Richard Skaff vs. Town of Corte Madera. Another mediation session is scheduled for next week, with the hopes that a trial in September 2010 can be avoided. Assistant Town Attorney Abaci will brief the Council on the matter in closed session;
- § The Kleinberg case involving a bicycle colliding with a vehicle on Casa Buena Drive is scheduled to go to trial next month;
- § He met with the California Department of Boating and Waterways regarding Higgins Landing Dock. The project is on track and scheduled for Design Review and Conditional Use Permit consideration by the Planning Commission next month. In March the project will come to the Town Council for approval of the mitigated Negative Declaration and minor zoning amendments. The regulatory permitting process is estimated to take six months to a year, and construction is expected to commence June 1, 2011;
- § The Twin Cities Police Authority is in full operation at the temporary facility on Paradise Drive. The Twin Cities Police Council will approve hazardous materials abatement bids next month, and the project itself will go out to bid in March, with construction to begin in May;
- § Item 3b on the Consent Calendar pertains to a 5% pay reduction in battalion chiefs= salaries. He commended their understanding of the town=s fiscal situation and willingness to help in any way asked.

Mayor Condon noted that the Higgins Landing Dock project is entirely grant funded.

- Council Reports

Councilmember Lappert provided the following report:

§ He credited Captain Cusimano with the seamless transition in changing over computer and IT equipment today.

Mayor Condon provided the following report:

§ She attended a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) meeting. It was voted to shift money from one stalled project to the Fireside Housing Development in the Mill Valley/Manzanita area. The project has been taken over by Eden Housing and has new, but still viable, parameters;

§ She met with Judy Sills who is spearheading the BioBag project. The project attempts to gather local jurisdiction support for eliminating paper and plastic bags in shopping areas. She will attend a meeting this Thursday that Ms. Sills is holding for merchants of The Village.

Councilmember Lappert asked if this is a serious initiative and if the Council would have any input on the program. Mayor Condon assured him this is a serious project, noted that Ms. Sill=s was very successful with the Search for the Cause project several years ago, and said the legislation has already been relaxed some in an attempt to increase support.

CONSENT CALENDAR  
Town Items

- 3a. Approved Warrant and Payroll for the Period December 30, 2009, through January 12, 2010, Warrant Check Numbers 125063 through 125183 and Payroll Check Numbers 3162 Through 3 173, Payroll Direct Deposit Numbers 15363 through 15432, and Payroll Wire Transfer Numbers 988 through 991, and Semi-Annual Debt Payment C Park Madera Center
- 3b. Adopted Resolution No 3629 Fixing Compensation and Establishing Certain Benefits for Fire Department Mid-Management Employees Commencing January 11, 2010 and Ending January 9, 2011

MOTION: Moved by Lappert, seconded by Ravasio, and carried unanimously by those present, with Councilmember Cock absent,

To approve Consent Calendar items 3a and 3b.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 4. Appeal of Planning Commission=s Decision to Deny Conditional Use Permit for Madera Vista C Subject: 300-700 Robin Drive; 100-200 Upland Circle C A Public Hearing To Consider An Appeal Of The Planning Commission=s Action To Deny Conditional Use Permit No. 09-006 And Tentative Parcel Map No. 09-001 For A Condominium Conversion At Madera Vista Apartments And Review Of Planning Commission=s

Recommendation That The Town Council Not Amend Zoning Ordinance Section  
18.08.030(4)(G) To Allow An Alternative Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fee For  
Condominium Conversions

Interim Planning Director Bell stated that staff received a request by the applicant to continue the item to February 2, 2010.

Joanne Hanley, Madera Vista Apartments, said she is one of the 5 tenants remaining in Building 5. She questioned the sufficiency of available parking on site and said Corte Madera needs more rentals than it does condominiums.

Mr. Bracken advised that if tonight's discussion is limited to the continuance of the item, there would be no need for the Mayor to step down.

MOTION: Moved by Lappert, seconded by Ravasio, and carried unanimously by those present, with Councilmember Cock absent,

To continue Item 4 to February 2, 2010.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2010

MOTION: Moved by Lappert, seconded by Ravasio, and carried unanimously by those present, with Councilmember Cock absent

To approve minutes of January 5, 2010, as drafted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. to the next regular meeting on February 2, 2010.