TOWN OF LOOMIS

ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL
LOOMIS DEPOT
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD, LOOMIS, CA 95650 AND
COURTYARD, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS 60126
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TUESDAY	APRIL 8, 2014	7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to cited authority, the Town Council will hold a closed session to discuss the following listed items. A report of any action taken will be presented prior to adjournment of the regular meeting.

a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.** Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: One case

TUESDAY	APRIL 8, 2014	7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order by Mayor Wheeler at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Wheeler
Councilmember Black
Councilmember Calvert by phone
Councilmember Morillas
Councilmember Ucovich

STATEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

a. No action taken.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATION

Hamid Noorani

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COUNCILMEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Morillas asked to put on the next agenda a discussion on a policy for renting out the Town facilities.

Councilmember Ucovich agrees with Councilmember Morillas and said we need to go into a little more depth as far as categories for charging.

Mayor Wheeler invited the Council and Town staff to attend the Life Senior Center on April 29th at 11:30 to serve lunch to the seniors.

Councilmember Calvert stated she was a board member of Placer County Senior's First and encouraged everyone to like the seniors Facebook page because May 6th "is Day of Giving," and any donation that is given is matched.

Councilmember Morillas noted the following:
- **Soroptimist has been one of the sponsors for the Loomis Senior Center for thirty-eight years**
- **the Loomis Seniors love having fresh produce and anyone can drop off extra produce from their gardens at Hebard Insurance office and it will be taken to the Senior Center**

TOWN REPORT

LOOMIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Jenny Knisley, Loomis Chamber Executive, stated the following:
- **she showed the first concept of the boards that are going to go on the Walmart wall**
- **the Chamber is putting on the "Blues, Burgers and Brews" concert and will be hanging the poster on the Walmart wall along with the**

Eggplant Festival, etc.
- the Chamber would like to be in on the discussions with the town on the aesthetics and improvements of the town
- they are interested in signage at both ends of town and the trees that might be covering the signage
- they would like to discuss historical markers that they would like to have go through town
- they are having a community yard sale on May 3rd

All items on the agenda will be open for public comment before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a five minute time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.
Written Material Introduced Into the Record: Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public hearing on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing date so that the material may be distributed to the Town Council prior to the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This time is reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Town Council on subjects that are not on the Agenda. The audience should be aware that the Council may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda. Please **note that comments from the public will also be taken on any item on the agenda. The time allotted to each speaker** is three minutes but can be changed by the Mayor.

Jenny Knisley, 4135 Hunters Drive, announced the following:
- Soroptimist is having their "40th anniversary on April 16th at Venita Rhea's at 5:30 p.m.
- she is on the Board of the Loomis Senior Life Center and noted it was a good program and they appreciate all the help they receive

Walt Scherer, Frost Lane, stated the following:
- the Rotary is preparing lunch next Thursday for the Senior Life Center
- any group organization that is interested in sponsoring and serving the lunch should contact Chris Hebard
- we lost a very important member of our community last week, Gary Doupnik
- tomorrow his service will be at 11 a.m. at the Methodist Church on Brace Road and afterwards there will be a function at the Blue Goose
- he suggested ending the meeting with a motion to adjourn in the memory of Gary Doupnik

Pat Brechtal, 5815 Brace Road, stated the following:
- he is the President of the Loomis Chamber of Commerce and he tries to attend all of the Council meetings
- as citizens we need to keep informed on what is going on in town and during public comment it is our time to voice our opinion

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Council will typically adopt the agenda in the order listed or modify the order in a way that can best accommodate the time of people in attendance who wish to speak on particular items.

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Morillas and passed by the following vote:
Ayes: Black, Calvert, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler
Noes: None

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Council to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless an audience member or Councilmember requests otherwise, in which case, the item will be removed for separate consideration.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment to pull item 8 forward for discussion. On motion by Councilmember Morillas, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by the following vote:
Ayes: Black, Calvert, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler
Noes: None

CONSENT AGENDA		RECOMMENDED ACTION
1.	Council Minutes – 3/11/14	*APPROVE*
2.	Monthly Check Register – March	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
3.	Statement of Activity	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
4.	Treasurer's Report	*RECEIVE AND FILE*
5.	Planning Status Report	*RECEIVE AND FILE*

6. Update on Council Committee Reports *RECEIVE AND FILE*

7. A Resolution Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Loomis Proclaiming Mosquito And West Nile Virus Awareness Week 2014 *ADOPT RESOLUTION* **Resolution 14-04**

CONSENT ITEMS FORWARDED

8. Loomis Town Center Master Plan Project Update *RECEIVE AND FILE*

Councilmember Calvert stated the following:
- **she asked if the contractor is talking to the businesses or only to the property owners**
- **it is beneficial that you talk to the property owners as well as the tenants.**
- **she suggested having a street named after Gary Doupnik or something suggested through input from the community**

Brian Fragiao, Town Engineer/Public Works Director, stated they are having a hard time coordinating with the property owners and the business owners.

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following;
- **the project started out with the idea that the downtown needed to be beautified**
- **in talking to people in the community they say downtown Loomis looks like it did forty years ago**
- **he questions putting in islands and trees, especially when it will cost about 1.5 million dollars**
- **we could use the money to fix our roads before we spend the money downtown**
- **he would like to put this project on hold until we evaluate the rationale in doing this**

Mayor Wheeler stated the following:
- **he would like to have a presentation on where they are at in the project and clarify what the numbers on the report mean**
- **the contractor hasn't talked to many business owners to get their input**

Gary Liss, 4395 Gold Trail Way, stated the following:
- **he reminded the Council that in the MIG study, part of the rationale was to improve accessibility in the downtown**
- **Loomis Hardware Emporium was driven out of business because of ADA compliance**
- **previous Council had a workshop and went around the downtown in wheelchairs to experience what it would be like in that situation**
- **he suggested combining not only the street and sidewalk improvements, but also a review of the business loan fund (as an economic development strategy)**
- **the whole idea behind the MIG study was to revitalize the downtown from shed to shed with the anchor tenants of High Hand at one end and the Blue Goose at the other end**
- **this was part of an economic development strategy on how to help the businesses**

Jenny Knisley stated the following:
- **she is speaking for herself and not the Chamber Board**
- **the Chamber wants to bring people into Town**
- **she suggested having a meeting with the Chamber Board and see if they can partner with the Council and go out and talk to the business owners and get some input back**

Councilmember Morillas stated the following:
- **asked if they are contacting the business owners or the property owners**
- **Nelthorpe and Son has not been contacted yet**

Brian Fragiao, Town Engineer/Public Works Director, stated the following:
- **they are focused on contacting property owners first**
- **Bennett Engineering will give a presentation at the May Council meeting**

A motion was made to receive and file the report. On motion by Councilmember Morillas, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by the following vote:
Ayes: Black, Calvert, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler
Noes: None

BUSINESS

9. <u>Caltrans Bridge Raising Project</u>
Presentation by Caltrans regarding the upcoming Bridge Raising Project on Interstate 80
Recommended action: Hear presentation, discuss and take public comment, and no action taken.
Public comment:

Rochelle Jenkins, Public Relations Officer for Caltrans, gave a presentation on the raising of the overcrossings, the schedules, the detours, the website for information (<u>www.raise80.com</u>), holding a public workshop in May and answered questions.

Ed Yarbrough, Construction Safety Engineer, expounded on the process of raising the bridge and answered questions.

Councilmember Ucovich pointed out that Loomis requested to have the construction done in the summer due to the impact it would have on the schools any other time.

Brian Fragiao pointed out the following:
- they talked to the engineers about scheduling in the summer and they are still working on it, they have a schedule they haven't shown yet
- the artwork and planting trees in the loops will be a separate project under an encroachment permit with Caltrans and they are working with the Caltrans staff on the encroachment

Rochelle Jenkins stated that Horseshoe Bar Road will be done the second year in late May or early June and King Road will be done in the summer.

Mayor Wheeler stated the following:
- he agreed that there is a concern about traffic during the school year and they were looking at June as the ideal window
- he suggested swapping the construction date for King Road with Horseshoe Bar Road because the alternate to King is Penryn Road and the Horseshoe Bar Road detour is more significant

Sam Vandell, resident engineer for the Caltrans contract, expounded on the following:
- trees that are around the embankment, where there will be construction, may need to be removed
- he will let the manager know if they will have to take out any of the trees on the Raley's side of the freeway

Laurence Bettencourt, South Placer Fire Chief, stated that they will need to know when the Penryn overpass is going to be closed and how much advance lead time will they have before it is closed?

Ed Yarbrough stated that there will be at least a two week notice for all agencies.

Irene Smith, 6755 Wells Avenue stated the following:
- this is Loomis's opportunity to create some identity
- aesthetics is not Caltrans strength
- this is our opportunity to ask for colored or patterned concrete and design features (symbols or the name of our Town)

Anna Nakashoji, 3899 Martin Lane, stated the following:
- questioned if raising the bridge could affect the integrity of the bridge
- asked if the rails will be taller across the bridge

Ed Yarbrough stated the following:
- the bridge is stabilized and braced and is done routinely
- there will be taller rails across the bridge

Terri Lavell, owns a wellness center by the Sheriff's Department, asked if there will be easy access on and off the freeway and where will the Caltrans crew be parking?

Ed Yarbrough stated the contractors will stay in the Caltrans right of way and in most cases the ramps will remain open but they won't be able to cross over the bridge during the construction.

Pat Brechtal, 5815 Brace Road, stated he doesn't want this to be delayed because someone wants to change the color of the concrete.

Ed Yarbrough stated that the contract has been awarded and any change from this time forward is a change order with an additional cost.

Jenny Knisley questioned how they measure that this bridge is safe for earthquakes.

Ed Yarbrough stated that is the standard consideration.

No action taken.

10. **Loomis Sunset Rotary Club Request**
Loomis Sunset Rotary Club is requesting for the Town to co-sponsor and provide support for Creek Week and implement long-term maintenance projects in a specific area of Secret Ravine
Recommended action: Hear presentation, discuss request and approve co-sponsorship and financial support in the amount of $250 towards the project.
Public comment:

Walt Scherer, representing the Sunset Rotary Club, stated the following:
- we need the town as a partner because the town has the license to go in and do the work
- we have a certified biologist, in the Rotary, and John Williams, with the Dry Creek Conservancy, has a permit to apply any chemicals that might be needed
- historically the Town has paid $500 for Creek Week and this year we will be partnering with the Town and asking for $250 for the Dry Creek Conservancy cost for being a partner in their advertising
- at this time they are only dealing with the area along the Turtle Island property

Anna, with Sunset Rotary Club, stated they have the Loomis Basin Charter School as part of their club and they will be actively assisting them as one of their service projects.

John Williams stated they are working in a lot of areas and with High Schools, Junior High Schools and Special Needs Programs, businesses, non-profit programs, and other municipalities.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to co-sponsor with the Loomis Sunset Rotary Club in the Creek program and give a donation of $250. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Cavlert and passed by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Black, Calvert, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler
Noes: None

Recess at 9:02 p.m. to 9:12 p.m.

11. **Del Oro Jr. Golden Eagles Football Request**
Del Oro Jr. Golden Eagles Football program requests the following: 1) the use of the Train Depot at no cost for board meetings every 4th Monday; 2) waive the Town fees for a "Fill the Helmet" special event on May 3rd at the Depot; 3) waive the fees for the depot and surrounding area for the Football Kick Off Rally with the High School Football team on August 22nd; 4) waive the banner fees for hanging a banner across Taylor Road in August; and 5) donate cash to the Del Oro Jr. Golden Eagles Football program.
Recommended action: Hear presentation, discuss and approve requests
Public comment

Kristine Taylor, President of Del Oro Jr. Golden Eagles Football organization, stated the following:
- **they are going through a hardship right now, they had funds misused and a past debt of $23,000 that they are trying to pay-off from last year**
- **the League is moving forward and they have the support/help from Casey Taylor, Del Oro coach, so they will have a good season this year**
- **they have some fund raisers they will be doing but right now their funds are sparse**
- **they are asking for the Town's help by waiving the fees at the depot for their fund raising events, board meetings, banner fee and asked for a donation**

Following further discussion on the motion, a motion was made to waive the fees for May, donate $1000 and direct staff to come back in May with a policy for the use of the Town facilities. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Black and passed by roll call vote:
Ayes: Black, Calvert, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler
Noes: None

12. **Proposed Second Residential Unit Fee Policy**
Discuss implementing a policy of lowering application fees for second residential units
Recommended action: Direct staff to implement a policy of lowering application fees and treating the second unit applications as Multi Family, provided the proposed second unit meets all other criteria in the Town Codes (size, location, etc.).
Public comment:

Jean Wilson stated the following:
- **she questioned if this was really necessary**
- **not everyone is trying to cheat the system and suggested looking at this as code enforcement**
- **this assumes that everybody that wants to build an art studio or a pool house is trying to build a second unit**
- **many artists have a studio and have not turned them into second units**
- **this punishes people by assuming that that a pool house or a studio will be a second unit and if they want to add a second unit later they won't be able to because the pool house was considered a second unit**

Rick Angelocci, Town Manager, stated the following:
- **this policy is to encourage the people who want to build a second unit but don't want to pay that extra $6700 for the second unit to actually come in because the fees would be lower**
- **if you want to build an art studio, you are only charged for an art studio**

Councilmember Ucovich stated that this would be a gold mine for the developers and doesn't support this.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to implement the policy of lowering the application fees and treat the second unit applications as Multi Family, provided the proposed second unit meets all other criteria in the Town's codes. On motion by Councilmember Black, seconded by Mayor Wheeler and passed by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Black, Calvert, Morillas, Wheeler
Noes: Ucovich

13. **Proposed Revised Tree Ordinance**
On February 1, 2014 a tree ordinance workshop was held and staff was directed to return with a revised tree ordinance that was based on comments received at the meeting.
Recommendation: Discuss, take public comment and provide a recommendation to staff to return with the proposed ordinance for first reading at the May 13, 2014 Council meeting.
Public comment:

No public comment.

Gary Liss, 4395 Gold Trail Way, stated April 22nd is Earth Day and it will be difficult for many to come out that evening and requested having the meeting on another date.

A motion was made to continue this item to Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 7 p.m. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Black and passed by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Black, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler
Noes: Calvert

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Project Go, Inc. – Community Action Agency – Morillas/Ucovich
15. Placer County Economic Development Board – Black/Wheeler
16. Placer County Flood Control/Water Conservation District – Morillas
17. Placer County Transportation Planning Agency – Ucovich/Calvert
18. Placer County Mosquito Abatement – Russ Kelley as citizen rep
19. Placer County Air Pollution Control District – Black/Ucovich
20. Local Agency Formation Commission – Ucovich
21. Sacramento Area Council of Governments – Wheeler/Black
22. Placer Land Trust ex-officio representative – Calvert
23. Borders Committee – Wheeler/Morillas
24. Business Committee – Black/Morillas
25. Schools Liaison – Black/Wheeler
26. SPMUD Ad Hoc Committee – Wheeler/Morillas

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Black and passed by the following vote:
Ayes: Black, Calvert, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler
Noes: None

Mayor

Town Clerk