



TOWN OF LOOMIS
ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL
LOOMIS TOWN HALL,
6140 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD, SUITE K
LOOMIS, CA 95650

TUESDAY	MARCH 13, 2007	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 – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9: Bickford Ranch Heritage Coalition v. County of Placer Placer County Case No. SCV 12793		
b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision Section 54956.9: Three potential cases		
TUESDAY	MARCH 13, 2007	7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Call to order by Mayor Millward at 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:
Mayor Millward
Councilmember Kelley
Councilmember Morillas
Councilmember Scherer
Councilmember Ucovich
Absent: None

STATEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

- a. No action
- b. Mayor Millward stated the Sierra de Montserrat lawsuit has been settled.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Scherer noted the following:

- he was asked by a resident if Council is going to do anything about illegal aliens in Loomis
- he explained that the town previously adopted a policy that the Council is not taking any positions that are not directly Loomis oriented issues
- SACOG is circulating their affordable housing allocation methodology and Housing and Community Development is now circulating numbers that they would like allocated out to the different jurisdictions
- there is a conflict between the affordable housing numbers generated by the California Department of Finance and those generated by the Housing Community Development
- the Housing Community Development came up with 90,000 more units to be distributed to Northern California and 69,000 has been transferred from Southern California
- the Town may end up with service numbers that don't have anything to do with Loomis or our region
- Dave Jones is sponsoring a Legislation AB 414, it relates directly to how we can use our mixed use zoning in satisfying affordable housing requirements and it is something that needs to be studied closely
- We need to put on the next agenda a discussion on self-certifying the Town's Housing Element, we will be required to do an update by 2008, and we can look at how we want to approach this

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- there was a request from the Earth Day committee asking if they could get some help from Placer County Transportation Planning Association (PCTPA)
- PCTPA can send literature and maybe someone down for the Earth Day event

Councilmember Ucovich pointed out the following:

- at the intersection of Horseshoe Bar and Taylor Roads he almost hit a man last night, on a bike, because it was so dark that he couldn't see him and suggested the town look at getting brighter lights for that intersection
- he also suggested inviting a Legislative Analyst with the California League of Cities to the next meeting regarding affordable housing numbers

Mayor Millward thanked Jim Holmes, Placer County Supervisor, for attending the meeting.

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 five minutes.** No public comment.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Morillas and passed by voice vote.

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 to adopt the Consent Agenda pulling items 7 and 9 forward for discussion. On motion by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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| 1. Council Minutes – 2/13/07 | <i>APPROVE</i> |
| 2. Monthly Check Register – February | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 3. Statement of Activity | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 4. Treasurer’s Report | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 5. Planning Status Report | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 6. A Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Loomis Designating General Fund Balances as of June 30, 2006 | <i>ADOPT RESOLUTION
Resolution 07-02</i> |
| 8. The Projected Schedule for Completing the 2007-08 Budget | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 10. A Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Loomis Supporting Clean Technology and Clean Technology Business Attraction and Investment in the Six-County Sacramento Region | <i>ADOPT RESOLUTION
Resolution 07-03</i> |

CONSENT ITEMS FORWARDED

7. Receipt of 2006 Fiscal Audit from Boler and Associates *RECEIVE AND FILE*

Councilmember Scherer requested that page 3 of the Table of Contents be revised to include the current Mayor, Council and Town Manager.

No public comment.

A motion was made to revise the 3rd page of the Table of Contents and to receive and file. On motion by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

9. Draft Agenda for Joint Council & Planning Commission Meeting *APPROVE*

Perry Beck, Town Manager, stated the following:

- he added Greg Asher, with Mercy Housing, who will give a discussion on affordable housing
- the joint meeting will need to be put off to another date because April 17th is a Planning Commission meeting and Homewood Lumber will be on that agenda

Councilmember Scherer suggested having a joint study session with the Planning Commission regarding Homewood Lumber where they might be able to mediate some of the issues using some of the tools that the Council has.

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- at the joint meeting he would like Council to come up with a policy for parks
- there has been no direction given to the Planning Commission regarding a policy for "when a park should go in a development."

No public comment.

Staff will follow-up on dates for the joint meetings.

BUSINESS

11. Request for Donations – Eagle Scout Project and Loomis Grammar School

Michael Verdooner seeks a donation to complete an Eagle Scout project building a Frisbee golf course at H. Clark Powers School; and Loomis Grammar School seeks a donation to participate in MATHCOUNTS, a national math enrichment competition for middle schools

Recommended action: Hear presentations and decide if Council wishes to donate to these activities. If so, decide how much. The Eagle Scout is requesting \$500 and Loomis Grammar School hopes to raise \$600.

Public comment:

Michael Verdooner stated the following:

- For his Eagle Scout project he is building a nine hole Frisbee golf course at H. Clark Powers School
- the project will cost about \$4500 and he is asking the Council for a donation of \$500
- citizens will be able to use it after school

No public comment.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to donate \$500 for a nine hole Frisbee golf course at H. Clark Powers School. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Morillas and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kelley, Millward, Morillas, Scherer, Ucovich

Noes: None

The following math students from Loomis School Mathcounts team division addressed the Council requesting a donation to support their program by purchasing scientific calculators:

- Aidan O'Farrell
- Taylor Cummings
- Theo Mathias
- Michael Kurnett
- Ryan Jahnsen

Mrs. Sohrakoff, Loomis 7th grade teacher, stated the following:

- it was hard being there at 7:30 a.m. but it was a great experience seeing the children so engaged in math
- this is something they want to have grow and become just as important as sports
- they hope to buy 30 scientific calculators, one for each student, which will cost about \$700
- this year the top team worked with programmable graphing calculators involving parent volunteers

Nancy Turner, Loomis School Resource Specialist, stated the following:

- the school competition was in February
- they are asking a donation for next years entrance fees, calculators and treats
- this year, through donations, they were able to buy 4 graphing calculators and t-shirts

Michelle Jahnsen stated the following:

- she has two children that started with the Mathcounts program
- the teachers made it fun in the morning and had treats
- her children have improved their math skills and she supports the program

Rory O'Farrell stated the following;

- America needs more people in math and science
- he supports the program

Bill Kurnett stated the following:

- he taught at Del Oro in the science department
- the other schools will be competing with graphing calculators and Mrs. Sohrakoff is asking for scientific calculators
- the \$700 will not buy graphing calculators and that is what they need to compete against the other schools on a State level
- encouraged Council to give enough money to buy graphing calculators, which are about \$100 each

Following further discussion on the matter, Council recommended having Ms. Sohrakoff or Ms Turner submit a detailed request, broken down, on how much they will need for the next year Mathcounts and it will be reviewed for the 2007/08 Fiscal budget in June.

Recess at 8:58 p.m. to 9:12 p.m.

12. Two Story Construction Guidelines

Consider new two story residence and additions construction guidelines

Recommended action: Review proposal, revise as appropriate, adopt by resolution

Public comment:

Jean Wilson, 4301 Barton Road, stated the following:

- there needs to be flexibility in the construction guidelines
- the flexibility will be taken away if the "should's" in the two story construction guidelines are changed to "shall"

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to adopt Resolution 07-04, adopting two story construction guidelines with the following amendment in Exhibit A: changing "should" to "shall" in #1 and #3 and in #4 changing "should be" to "shall be located, when feasible." On motion by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kelley, Millward, Morillas, Scherer, Ucovich
Noes: None

13. Loomis Fire District Update

The Loomis Fire District Board is planning to discuss strategies to address District financial issues

Recommended action: Discuss and advise the Council committee about thoughts and ideas to pass on to the Fire District Board or questions to ask

Public comment:

Greg Fellers, Loomis Fire District Board member, stated the following:

- they want to be pro-active
- they are considering adopting an emergency staffing plan and have enough reserves to last until 2008 election
- there is time to do some strategic planning, the way it is presented to the voters will be important
- they have operated on a balanced budget until now

Karl Fowler, Loomis Fire Chief, expounded on the ambulance services and answered questions.

Rui Cunha, Office of Emergency Services Program Manager, stated the following:

- the Loomis Fire District is a critical component of the community emergency preparedness
- the best condition is that the Loomis Fire Protection District continue to function in it's current role
- it is important to make the District, through our collective support, a viable entity

Receive and file.

14. Financial Workshop

Councilmember Scherer asks that Council consider convening a financial planning workshop with interested agencies

Recommended action: Discuss and direct. If a workshop meeting is to be scheduled determine date, time and whether the workshop should be facilitated with consultant assistance. An initial workshop with invitees only to determine level of interest and how a consultant might help could be a least costly first step.

Public comment:

No public comment.

Councilmember Scherer noted the following:

- we want to find out the needs of each of the agencies, individually, so we can assess the collective needs for ballot financing community wide and craft a solution to get there
- we should find out who needs to be invited, see if they want to come, if so, schedule the event and sponsor it
- if they expect to put anything on the ballot in Loomis, they need to participate in the community discussion, then it should be done as a community

Council discussed the following:

- a couple of communities have done this and it has been successful
- suggested adding Loomis Basin Park and Recreation Foundation to the contact list with Dot Shiro and Helen Florance
- it would be beneficial to find out what other cities did it and see how it worked, don't re-invent the wheel
- suggested having the California League of Cities come and tell what has been done in other places

Staff has direction.

15. **Cap to Cap Trip to Washington DC**

TC 2.13.07

The annual Cap to Cap trip is being coordinated and Council is asked to advise Mayor Millward about any matters to bring up during this Federal legislative lobbying endeavor

Recommended action: Determine if there are particular matters that Council would like Mayor Millward to include in the lobby effort during this year's Cap to Cap trip

Public comment:

No public comment.

Council suggested including in the lobby effort the following matters:

- an open space tax credit Bill that will allow individuals donating land for open space to get an enhanced tax credit
- an agency that might help us with the beautification along Taylor Road (landscaping)
- a way to get Union Pacific to allow the running of more trains
- Core of Engineers response time

16. **2007/08 GOALS AND BUDGETING** (Continued from February 13, 2007)

TC 2.13.07

Discuss goals and projects in preparation to develop the 2007/08 budget

Recommended action: Discuss and give direction

Public comment:

No public comment.

Council discussed and gave direction on the following:

- prioritize the General Plan review
- development planning on lands back of Raleys should be moved forward as a priority, they are coming in for an application submittal
- conduct a survey with the General Plan update
- depot building - a high priority, look at new construction versus reconstruction (restoration) and cost estimates to move forward
- we need someone focused on code enforcement
- Council agreed to have a Christmas program and tree lighting on November 30, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Blue Goose

17. **Aunt Cynthia's Bed & Biscuit Inn, 3190 Swetzer Road**

Consider process for handling temporary modular structures. Aunt Cynthia's Bed & Biscuit Inn burned down and now she wishes to locate a modular structure on the site temporarily to house the 20 dogs and 8 cats allowed under the Conditional Use Permit.

Recommended action: Review the options and give direction.

Public comment:

Due to conflict of interest Councilmember Ucovich left the room.

Cynthia McCoy, owner of Aunt Cynthia's Bed and Biscuit Inn, stated the following:

- before the fire she was allowed 20 dogs and would like to get back to having 20 dogs again
- they have been conducting business for 12 dogs out of the 600 square foot cottage since the fire

- she requested to continue the current use with a temporary 1000 square foot modular that would be placed further away from Kathy Way residents

No public comment.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to allow a temporary modular structure with the required building permits for a maximum of one year. On motion by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Morillas and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kelley, Millward, Morillas, Scherer

Noes: None

Absent: Ucovich

Councilmember Ucovich returned to the room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

18. Placer County Economic Development Commission – Ucovich
19. Placer County Flood Control/Water Conservation District – Morillas
20. Placer County Transportation Planning Agency – Kelley/Millward
21. Placer County Mosquito Abatement – Ucovich
22. Placer County Air Pollution Control District – Millward/Ucovich
23. Sacramento Area Council of Governments – Scherer/Kelley
24. Placer Land Trust ex-officio representative - Scherer

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Millward stated there was no further business and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk