



**TOWN OF LOOMIS**  
ACTION MINUTES  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL  
LOOMIS DEPOT  
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD,  
LOOMIS, CA 95650

MONDAY

DECEMBER 15, 2008

7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order by Mayor Scherer at 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mayor Scherer  
Councilmember Kelley  
Councilmember Liss  
Councilmember Morillas  
Councilmember Ucovich

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 Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Liss and passed by voice vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **#06-10 Homewood Lumber Relocation Project** (Continued from 12/9/08) TC 11/12/08  
The Homewood Lumber project requires a development agreement in order to establish the methods that will be used to deal with tree mitigation, development fees and certain road improvements  
**Recommended action:** Approve development agreement as written or as modified by the Council and hold first reading of the ordinance.  
**Public comment:**

Perry Beck, Town Manager, stated that Hamid Noorani asked to pull this item tonight to reconsider the development agreement and it is indefinite when this will be heard again.

No public comment.

The Resolution approved on December 9, 2008, regarding "substituting or modifying mitigation measures concerning Homewood Lumber" will not take effect unless there is a development agreement approval.

## BUSINESS

2. **Development Fee Update** (Continued from 12/9/08) TC 12/9/08

Development fees have been evaluated for adjustment per the Construction Cost Index and a land sales analysis has been done to adjust park and open space fees

**Recommended action:** Approve resolution increasing development fees and utilize higher land costs to set the passive park/open space land fees

**Public comment:**

Tom Sinclair, Town consultant, expounded on the process for the fees and answered questions.

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- he disagreed with the figures for the price of land
- he questioned the accuracy and timeliness of the figures given
- he questioned whether the properties that were used for the source of data were located in the Town limits

Mr. Sinclair noted that they used any source that was designated in the Loomis area that was on the Placer County Assessor's office records.

Jean Wilson pointed out that the figures seem to be old, considering the drop in the market.

Council agreed that the sources used for this study need to be within the Town limits only.

Following further discussion on the matter, the Council consensus was to direct the consultant to go back and only look at properties that are in the Town limits and come back with new figures.

3. **Select Rocklin Development Projects Update** (Continued from December 9, 2008) TC 7/8/08

The City of Rocklin has a number of development projects moving along in the area along Sierra College Boulevard and on Del Mar Avenue that could impact Loomis Residents, Roads, and the general quality of the Loomis community.

**Recommended action:** Review development information and direct the Council sub-committee (Mayor Kelley and Vice Mayor Scherer) that has met once with Rocklin, as to any actions the Council would like the Committee and/or Special Legal Counsel and staff to take.

**Public comment:**

No public comment.

Councilmember Liss pointed out that we are not against Rocklin proceeding with their projects only with the size, scope, design, mitigation and impacts on Loomis.

Staff has direction on this item.

4. **Proposed Capital Improvement Program** (Continued from December 9, 2008) TC 12/9/08

Consider the updated 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and incorporate any revisions made during discussions

**Recommended action:** Approve the updated 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and incorporate any revisions made during discussions

**Public comment:**

Jean Wilson, 4301 Barton Road, suggested the following:

- when the time comes to look at the Brace Road bridge think about alternatives for taking it apart
- some people consider it an historic bridge
- it is clearly marked 1934

Councilmember Ucovich suggested the following:

- recommended doing a 1 year CIP so it can come before them annually
- include on the I-80/King Road freeway access project an "off-ramp from eastbound I-80"

Councilmember Liss stated the following:

- his priority is on maintenance and repair and less on widening
- widening roads will only attract more traffic and higher speeds
- there is no parking in the shoulder along Taylor Road in front of Del Oro High School so now they are parking in front of the Foothill Feed store and that needs to be addressed
- there was a recent accident on King Road off of Day Avenue and he would like to see some kind of traffic calming on King Road coming from over the freeway and not widening

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- he would like to have bike lanes on Laird Road and work on a Bikeway Masterplan
- the most serious traffic problems are in downtown and the noises are getting louder
- he would like to set aside reserve funds for emergencies and when issues get critical

Mayor Scherer stated the following:

- questioned if we should put in a request for crossing at Webb/Taylor Road and Walnut/Taylor Road intersections
- suggested some kind of traffic calming such as bulbing those intersections
- he would like to focus more on maintenance in order to preserve, such as Del Mar Avenue and Bankhead Road
- King/Switzer Road signalization goes to SACOG

Councilmember Morillas pointed out that some roads need improvements to make it safe to drive on.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to adopt Resolution 08-38, approving the updated Capital Improvement Program covering 2008 through 2013 with the following amendments:

- include the Bikeway Master Plan
- I-80/King Road freeway access project needs to include "an off-ramp from eastbound I-80"
- Del Mar Avenue and Bankhead Road will only consist of cape sealing the existing roadway and not reconstruction
- Taylor Road reconstruction – South Town limits to Sierra College Boulevard shall be moved forward to 2008/2009 improvements
- King/Switzer Road signalization moved back to 2009/2010 improvements

On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

5. **Master Plan Design Guidelines** (Continued from December 9, 2008)

TC 12/9/08

Councilmember Ucovich requested that adoption of the 1992 Calthorpe Land Use and Master Plan Design Guidelines be placed on this agenda

**Recommended action:** Review and discuss staff report and direct staff with Council objectives for adoption of design guidelines, downtown planning or uses

**Public comment:**

No public comment.

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- there seems to be a lack of guidelines when a project comes in
- we need to have standards and designs in place for the downtown
- We need a plan for the Union Pacific property and as soon as possible
- the Union Pacific property needs to tie in with the shed to shed idea and other developments as they come in

Councilmember Liss stated the following:

- suggested having promotions, economic development activities, signage, and public improvements to help the downtown businesses
- questioned what is meant by the downtown core, if it includes the shopping center, the village, etc.
- he suggested updating the Calthorpe plan with the downtown area component focusing on shed to shed
- he would like to see how all of these projects can work together and come up with a clear vision

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- questioned why we are not using form base codes
- pointing out that form base codes address all the things we can use to get things done or use a specific plan that helps get the developer ready

Mayor Scherer pointed out the following:

- the downtown core is between Sierra College Boulevard, up King Road, and bordered by the railroad tracks and Interstate 80
- we did have this plan put together to specifically deal with the issues stated tonight
- these issues are a good basis to give guidance for what the Council expects

Perry Beck stated in February staff will be bringing forward a firm that will be planning this area.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to approve priorities for the downtown master plan, for the shed to shed area, Union Pacific property, to build on the Calthorpe plan for the downtown core area, and to address parking, traffic, plaza, park, and community events. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kelley, Liss, Scherer, Ucovich

Noes: Morillas

A motion was made to promote and assist existing businesses, working in concert with the businesses, to develop a plan and budget items to support the downtown businesses. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Kelley and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kelley, Liss, Morillas, Scherer, Ucovich

Noes: None

Council directed staff to bring back as soon as possible (by Spring) the options for adopting the design guidelines based on Calthorpe in outreach to the businesses.

A motion was made to direct staff to compile the Calthorpe plan guidelines for the next agenda. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

Recess at 9:00 to 9:10 p.m.

Councilmember Morillas was not feeling well and left at 9:00 p.m.

6. **Open Space Committee 2 Recommendations Review** (Continued from December 9, 2008)  
At the February 2008 joint meeting of Planning Commission and Park & Open Space Commission the Council developed work plan goals for the Park & Open Space Commission that included a Council review of recommendations from Open Space Committee 2 to determine which to submit to the Park & Open Space Commission as matters to include in the update of the 1998 Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
**Recommended action:** Consider the next section of Open Space Committee 2 recommendations, including the Summary of Key Recommendations, and decide what to refer to the Park and Open Space Commission for inclusion in the update of the 1998 Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
**Public comment:**

Continued to January 13, 2009.

7. **Earth Day Celebration 2009** (Continued from December 9, 2008) TC 12/9/08  
Earth Day 2009 will be held in April and this will be an opportunity to educate citizens on things they could consider doing to help achieve park and open space goals in Loomis  
**Recommended action:** Determine Town's involvement in a 2009 Earth Day Celebration  
**Public comment:**

No public comment.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to allocate \$500 for Earth Day and Arbor Day. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Liss and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kelley, Liss, Scherer, Ucovich  
Noes: None  
Absent: Morillas

8. **Goal Setting and Accomplishment** (Continued from December 9, 2008) TC 12/9/08  
Consider strategies and/or techniques to help identify and accomplish Town goals  
**Recommended action:** Determine if there are strategies and/or techniques that the Council may wish to implement in the new calendar year to help identify and accomplish Town goals  
**Public comment;**

Councilmember Liss suggested the following:

- having a second meeting date reserved if needed for Council meetings
- starting at 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. with public items later
- he is not inclined to have workshop sessions because there can be no action

Councilmember Ucovich agrees with having two Council meetings a month.

Mayor Scherer suggested having a facilitated workshop on goals.

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- Council should be 100% prepared before coming to the Council meeting
- he supports having a facilitated workshop on goals

Jean Wilson pointed out that the Planning Commission has been criticized for having meetings at times that some of the public could not attend.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to have a goal and goal setting workshop with a facilitator no later than April 30, 2009. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Liss and passed by voice vote.

9. **Brown Act** (Continued from December 9, 2008) TC 11/11/08  
Consider having a review of the Brown Act  
**Recommended action:** Discuss and direct staff  
**Public comment:**

Continued to January 13, 2009.

10. **Meeting Records Retention** (Continued from December 9, 2008)

TC 11/11/08

Planning Commissioner, Janet Thew, asked that the Council consider changing the way meetings are archived

**Recommended action:** Discuss and direct staff

**Public comment:**

Continued to January 13, 2009.

Council adjourned to a close session at 9:36 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 LABOR NEGOTIATOR.** Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code:

**Agency Negotiator:** Perry Beck, Town Manager

**Employee Organizations:** Maintenance Workers (Operating Engineers Local 39) and Loomis Diversified Employees Group

a. Mayor Scherer noted that the action taken in close session was to approve a 3.8% Cost of Living raise for the Town staff.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. On motion by Councilmember Liss, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

/Russ Kelley/

Mayor

/Crickett Strock/

Town Clerk