



TOWN OF LOOMIS

ACTION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL LOOMIS DEPOT

5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD, LOOMIS, CA 95650

TUESDAY

MARCH 9, 2010

7:30 P.M.

Note: These are action minutes only. A copy of the meeting on audio recording can be requested at Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER Call to order by Mayor Liss at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Liss
Councilmember Kelley
Councilmember Morillas
Councilmember Scherer
Councilmember Ucovich

Absent: None

Council continued the presentations for the Loomis Downtown Park Design services at 7:35 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Liss called a recess from 8:30 p.m. to 8:43 p.m.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COUNCILMEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Ucovich pointed out the following:

- there was an article in Loomis News regarding Sunrise Loomis park not being maintained properly
- he disagrees and asked if staff could send a letter to the editor clarifying what has been done

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- he would like to discuss at the next Council meeting the Open Space Committee 2 Recommendations, Section B.1. Zoning Ordinance that was approved at the last Council meeting
- the final motion given and approved was not what he understood it to be, when he voted, and he would like to discuss it again

Councilmember Scherer stated the following:

- Caltrans will be having a public meeting at the Depot on March 30th on the raising of the Horseshoe Bar Road overpass
- at the same time they are proposing to close down Pacific Street on-ramp in Rocklin
- they are not considering what those two actions will do to our community
- he would like the borders committee to meet with Rocklin between now and March 30th meeting to come to a joint effort and strategy to deal with both closures and will report back to Council

Mayor Liss stated the following:

- he talked with Rocklin about the Mayors of Loomis and Rocklin doing a joint use conference on the Sierra College Boulevard improvements
- Loomis News gave great coverage on the housing letter and subsequently we received coverage from KCRA
- we received two requests for a housing letters (one decided they didn't need it)

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.

Jeff Bordelon, volunteer with Placer Sustain, stated the following:

- Placer Sustain is dedicated to building community and a local grassroots effort
- requested to have an item put on a future agenda to discuss Placer Sustain and proposals on relationships with the Town of Loomis

Roger Smith, 6755 Wells Avenue, stated the following:

- the Caltrans bridge raising of both overpasses are the most disruptive projects in the history of Loomis
- he hopes there will be a lot of publicity about the meetings that Caltrans will be holding in regards to these projects
- he hopes there will be other alternatives to be looked at and more education going on regarding this

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 Morillas, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich 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 was made to adopt the Consent Agenda pulling items 8, 12, and 13 forward for discussion and changing the recommendation for item 13 to "hold first reading." On motion by Councilmember Morillas, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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| 1. | Council Minutes – 1/16/10 a.m.
2/9/10 With Councilmember Morillas abstaining. | <i>APPROVE</i>
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| 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. | 2010/11 Goals Update | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 7. | Select Rocklin Development Projects Update | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 9. | 2010 Goal Session Summary | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 10. | Summer Swim 2010 Update | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 11. | A Resolution Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Loomis Accepting The Proposal From The Firm Of Kimley-Horn & Associates And Authorizing The Town Manager To Execute An Agreement Acceptable To The Town Attorney For The Preparation Of Improvement Plans, Specifications And Estimates For The New Traffic Signal At The Intersection Of King Road And Swetzer Road For A Not-To Exceed Amount Of \$20,000 | <i>ADOPT RESOLUTION</i>
<i>Resolution 10-07</i> |

CONSENT ITEMS FORWARDED

8. LAFCO Board and PROSC Committee Assignments 2010 *APPROVE*

Perry Beck, Town Manager, pointed out that Councilmember Ucovich does not have a nominee for the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee (PROSC) at this time.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to appoint Councilmember Ucovich to serve as alternate on the Local Agency Formation Commission. On motion by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

12. California Department Of Transportation (Caltrans) Bridge Raising *RECEIVE AND FILE* Project - Update

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- he gave an update on what has been discussed by the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and noted Celia McAdams met with Area 3 Caltrans representative to express Loomis's concerns about the bridge
- the public needs to be involved and the next opportunity is at the meeting on March 30th

Brian Fragio, Town Engineer/Public Works Director, stated the following:

- he met with Caltrans engineers last week
- they understand Horseshoe Bar Road is the most critical of all the bridges that are being worked on
- they are shaving the hill at the Newcastle bridge and he asked why they couldn't do it at Horseshoe Bar Road bridge
- they said it was flatter and would have drainage issues
- they are putting together a spread sheet to show the difference in raising the bridge and cutting into the ground
- they base a lot of their information on vehicle user cost and not on how it will affect the community
- we don't care about the vehicles on Interstate 80, we care about what is happening in our town
- they had two main issues: the trucks passing through (need a minimum of 16 feet under the bridges) and national security

Received and filed.

13. First Reading of Ordinance 246 Amending The Municipal Code By Adding Setback And Height Requirements For Ground Mounted Solar Collectors *HOLD FIRST READING*

Dave Larsen, Town Attorney, stated the following:

- recommended holding first reading based on the Planning Commission's recommendation
- he gave a letter to the Council from the Attorney General to the City of Glendale regarding exempting solar energy systems in their zoning code
- in the State law there are two different areas: 1) not to create unreasonable barriers, and 2) having to examine only for health and safety

Janet Thew, 5572 St. Francis Circle and Planning Commission Chair, clarified why they came up with their conclusions:

- the Planning Commission felt they couldn't regulate based on aesthetics
- State law does mention a minimum height of ten feet
- her solar installer expressed concern about the six foot limitation that could force larger arrays in order to get the efficiency they need
- they couldn't see a health and safety reason to change what they had proposed
- they didn't want to discourage solar, as per State law, or create an un-enforceable ordinance, or one that could be challenged legally
- a suggestion was made to include a statement that "Town encourages being aware of neighbors concerns"

Roger Smith, 6755 Wells Avenue, stated the following:

- concerned that people will want the solar arrays farther from their own house and closer to the neighbors
- there should be a maximum size limit tied to the square footage of a house that is part of an equation that represents some reasonable amount of power that is needed for a house that size
- he doesn't want a homeowner in the business of generating excess and selling to the utilities
- there should be a statement in our ordinance that states that the Town will be looking at having it installed with more respect to the neighbors (in terms of their view and intrusion on the neighbors)

Jean Wilson, 4301 Barton Road, stated she understood that the Planning Commission is recommending 6 feet within the setback and 15 feet beyond the setback.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to introduce and hold first reading of Ordinance 246, amending the Municipal Code by adding setback and height requirements for ground mounted solar with the following amendment: deleting Section b.(1); modifying Section b. (2) by changing it to Section b.(1) and deleting "which are six (6) feet or more in height"; and to come back at a future date to reconsider the setback requirements of all of the uses (as it relates to safety issues) and to consider ground mounted solar rays to be only allowed if roof mounted is not feasible. On motion by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote. (5-0)

BUSINESS

14. Lot Coverage and Floor Area Ratio

Councilmember Ucovich asks that the Council discuss the issue of lot coverage and floor area ratio, lot size and related topics in the Zoning Ordinance

Recommended action: Discuss and give direction as to how Council wants to proceed

Public comment:

No public comment.

Councilmember Scherer left the room.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to table this item. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Kelley and passed by voice vote. Councilmember Scherer was absent.

Councilmember Scherer returned to the table.

15. Downtown and Freeway Signs

Council requested that information be brought back to solicit the services of a consultant to prepare a sign plan for freeway and other signs with a goal of directing people to and around the downtown and other places in order to do business in Loomis

Recommended action: Authorize sending out request for proposals

Public comment:

Continued to the April 13, 2010 Council meeting.

16. Meeting With Swetzer Road Property and Business Owners

Council decided to meet with property and business owners on Swetzer Road in order to discuss business opportunities and problems in that area of Town

Recommended action: Discuss and decide when Council would like to meet and approve the agenda presented as written or as edited

Public comment:

Bob Ferreira, 3415 Brennans Road and Loomis Chamber of Commerce President, stated the following:

- he will check to see how many Chamber members are on Swetzer Road that can be emailed
- he agreed with Councilmember Kelley that it is important to ask the business owners what they need and not tell them what they need
- the Chamber can work with the Council to help come up with the questions for a survey and help put it out

Council discussed the following:

- Rippey Road businesses need to be included
- have bi-annual meetings with businesses, in April focus on the Swetzer and Rippey Road businesses
- the meeting should be at noon with lunch offered
- should send out a survey on business needs
- need to formulate a plan and identify our expectations and theirs
- need to rely on our Chamber members that are already connected to many of the businesses to work with us
- inform businesses of the advantages of AB 811 and the signal at King and Swetzer Road
- work on bringing new businesses in to fill the empty buildings
- after survey comes back set a meeting with businesses

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Scherer and passed by voice vote.

Mayor

Town Clerk