



# TOWN OF LOOMIS

**ACTION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL  
LOOMIS DEPOT  
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<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 10, 2023</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
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**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM BY MAYOR CARTWRIGHT**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	Mayor Danny Cartwright	PRESENT
	Mayor pro tempore Stephanie Youngblood	PRESENT
	Councilmember Amanda Cortez	PRESENT
	Councilmember Jenny Knisley	PRESENT
	Councilmember David Ring	PRESENT

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion to adopt agenda: Councilmember Ring, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Youngblood

Ayes: Ring, Youngblood, Cortez, Knisley, Cartwright

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**RECOGNITIONS:** None

**MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Ring spoke on the proliferation of Hate Speech, ask the Council to be proactive in ending this  
Councilmember Knisley highlighted the League of CA Cities conference attended by many of the council members.

Mayor Cartwright spoke on FPPC guidelines in regards to televised meetings.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Heathcock highlighted the following items in his Town Manager Report

- Finance Manager recruitment update
- UC Gardeners groundbreaking Ceremony
- Costco construction update
- WW Moulding Property
- Public Policy and Brown Act Training

**LOOMIS LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Library Director Sarah Comstock spoke on the many community programs offered by the Loomis Library and Community Learning Center – View their website to find a calendar of events - <https://loomislibrary.org/>

**LOOMIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Loomis Chamber of Commerce Director KD Molnar spoke on the success of the 2023 Eggplant Festival and the Upcoming Chamber Mixer and Coffee Connection. Click the following link to view their calendar of events.

**PARTNER AGENCIES UPDATE**

PCSO Deputy Bilodeau gave an update on PCSO activities and Statistics in the Town of Loomis.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Mindy Chadwick – Spoke against the posting of the Banned Books list and voiced concern about books found in the children’s area in the Library.

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Ring asked to pull item 11

**CONSENT AGENDA**

	<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>
1. Council Action Minutes – 9/12/2023	<i>APPROVE</i>
2. Disbursement Report September 2023	<i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i>
3. Treasurer’s Report 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	<i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i>
4. Quality Analysis Report 20230930	<i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i>
5. Investment Policy Compliance Report	<i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i>
6. Planning Status Report	<i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i>
7. General Plan Status Update	<i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i>
8. Engineering Status Update	<i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i>
9. Proclamation of the Town Council of the Town of Loomis Proclaiming November 1, 2023 Extra Mile Day	<i>APPROVE</i>
10. Town of Loomis response to Grand Jury Final Report - Spending on Homelessness Within Placer County dated June 21, 2023	<i>APPROVE RESPONSE</i>
11. Public Safety Committee Appointment	<i>APPROVE APPOINTMENT</i>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Motion to approve consent items 1 – 10: Cortez 2<sup>nd</sup>: Youngblood

Ayes: Cortez, Youngblood, Knisley, Ring, Cartwright

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Item 11: Councilmember Ring voiced his desire to have this item read aloud instead of placed on consent.

Motion to approve consent items 11: Ring 2<sup>nd</sup>: Youngblood

Ayes: Ring, Youngblood, Knisley, Cortez, Cartwright

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**BUSINESS:**

**12. NEEDLE EXCHANGE AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM – URGENCY ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Looms adopting Chapter 5.24 of the Municipal Code prohibiting the establishment, operation, use and/or participation needle exchange or distribution programs within the Town of Loomis.

At its meeting of September 12, the Town Council adopted Urgency Ordinance 23-293. The ordinance added Chapter 5.24 of the Loomis Municipal Code as an interim ban (until October 27<sup>th</sup>) on the establishment, operation, use and/or participation in needle exchange or distribution programs within the Town of Loomis. Staff recommends that the Town Council make Chapter 5.24 permanent.

The improper collection and disposal of used hypodermic needles and syringes presents an imminent threat to the health, property, safety and welfare of the public. Syringe services programs that provide services near schools, parks and playgrounds have especially negative effects since they result in improper disposal of syringes and the congregation of persons addicted to drugs near schools, parks and playgrounds.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Adopt an urgency ordinance prohibiting the establishment, operation, use, and/or participation in needle exchange or distribution programs within the Town of Loomis.
2. Determine that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) and is not a project pursuant to section 15378.

Councilmember Ring voiced his view on the net positive effect of the Syringe Exchange program and his concern that a ban limits the availability of other services.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The following members of the public spoke on this item

Dave Dalli - Delmar

Jean Wilson – Barton Road

Motion to approve recommended action with a note to revisit in the future for possible amendments:

Cortez 2<sup>nd</sup>: Youngblood

Ayes: Cortez, Youngblood, Knisley, Ring, Cartwright

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cortez - Placer County Economic Development – Spoke on Grant program developments

Youngblood – SPUMD Ad Hoc: Spoke on upcoming 2 x 2 public meetings

Ring – Homelessness Task Force will be changing directions in its approach. More discussions to follow

**Meeting adjourned at 08:12 pm by Mayor Cartwright**

*Signed, November 14, 2023 at Loomis, California*

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Deputy Town Clerk

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Mayor