
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Jahn at 6:37 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2007, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Moment of Silence

Flag Salute: Led by Councilmember Herrick

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Bill Jahn
Councilmember Liz Harris
Councilmember Rick Herrick
Councilmember Michael Karp
Councilmember Darrell Mulvihill

Councilmembers Excused: None

Others Present: Jeff Mathieu, City Manager
Stephen P. Deitsch, City Attorney
Katherine E Jefferies, City Clerk
Kathleen Smith, Administrative Services Director

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered to oath of office to Councilmember Rick Herrick.

RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)**

Name of Parties: Center for Biological Diversity; San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society; Sierra Club; Friends of Big Bear Valley; and Christians for the Earth v. City of Big Bear Lake; City Council for the City of Big Bear Lake; and Does 1-10

Case Number: Superior Court Case No. SCVSS140492

No reportable action.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Name of Parties: James R. McLean v City of Big Bear Lake, United States District Court
Case Number: ED CV 06-00575

No reportable action.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)
Number of potential cases: 2

No reportable action.

4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
City Designated Representative: City Council and City Attorney
Unrepresented Employees: City Manager, Senior and Mid-Management Employees

No reportable action.

5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title of Position: City Manager

No reportable action.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION

6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
District Designated Representative: Fire Protection District Board and District Counsel
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief

No reportable action.

7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title of Position: Fire Chief

No reportable action.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Herrick to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming events scheduled for the Performing Arts Center – For ticket information please contact the box office at 866-4970

- Bear Valley Community Hospital Foundation presents *Love Letters* – February 10
- Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center Foundation presents *Incredible Shanghai Acrobats* – February 21

City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2007, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jahn presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Deputy Stan Wijnhamer, County of San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, for his assistance on the Phoenix Program Anti-Crime Task Force.

Mayor Jahn read a Proclamation proclaiming January 2007 as "National Blood Donor Month."

PUBLIC FORUM (City Council, Fire Protection District and Improvement Agency)

Tanya Perry, Healthy Start Program Coordinator: gave an overview of the Healthy Start Program stating that it is a community collaborative effort, under the umbrella of the Bear Valley Unified School District, committed to improving student and family success at home, at school and in society by maximizing access to community resources. She urged the Council to support the Bear Valley Healthy Communities Grant application, as presented under Item 1.4, as well as future Healthy Start Grant opportunities.

Dixie Allison, Big Bear Lake: discussed the lack of affordable housing in the City of Big Bear Lake and the financial plight of our lodging industry because several lodges have permanent residents living in them. She discussed the need for the City to work on changing the Development Code to allow permanent residency in commercial zoned areas if the prior use was a lodge. She suggested that if upgrades were found to be necessary due to health and safety reasons, a viable solution would be for the City to use low-mod housing set aside funds to do the improvements, and urged the Council to look into the matter.

PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

None.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Herrick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

1.1 Approval of Demands – Check Issue Date 12/05/06 through 1/03/07 – Check Nos. 35191 through 35477, in the amount of \$2,271,593.66

1.2 Continuance of the Declaration of Local State of Emergency

Continued the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency due to the drought and Bark Beetle infestation.

1.3 City Council Committee Assignments

Received and filed the list of Committees for 2007.

1.4 Bear Valley Healthy Communities Grant Application

Council consideration of authorizing the City Manager to send a letter of support to the County of San Bernardino on behalf of the Bear Valley Healthy Communities Grant application, and to continue to support other Healthy Start Grant opportunities.

Approved.

The Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Harris, Herrick, Karp, Mulvihill, Jahn
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Mulvihill on Item 1.1

2. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Big Bear Lake

Council selected Councilmember Jahn as Mayor and Councilmember Herrick as Mayor Pro Tem.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Department of Water & Power Board of Commissioner Vacancy

Council consideration of filing the vacancy on the Department of Water & Power Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember to direct staff to advertise for the vacancy on the Department of Water & Power Board of Commissioners for a term of four years.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Harris, Herrick, Karp, Mulvihill, Jahn
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

At the hour of 7:10 p.m., Council adjourned to the Improvement Agency.

IMPROVEMENT AGENCY

Improvement Agency proceedings are contained in separate minutes.

At the hour of 7:13 p.m., the Improvement Agency adjourned to the Fire Protection District.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Fire Protection District proceedings are contained in separate minutes.

At the hour of 7:17 p.m., the Fire Protection District adjourned to the Financing Authority.

FINANCING AUTHORITY

Financing Authority proceedings are contained in separate minutes.

At the hour of 7:18 p.m., the Financing Authority adjourned to City Council Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Karp requested that staff look into the suggestions brought up by Ms. Allison regarding the lodging industry and low-cost housing.

Councilmember Mulvihill discussed the need to look into utilizing all of the various landscape companies in Big Bear Lake rather than contracting with the same ones for projects at City Hall or in the Village.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Mulvihill reminded the Council and staff to continue to try to purchase all goods in Big Bear Lake before purchasing outside our area. He requested a status report on how the new 24/7 Private Home Rental Local Response Program was working.

City Manager Mathieu responded that the program was in a 90-day trial phase and that he would report back to the Council in a month or so with a progress report on the program, as well as alternatives that the Council may want to consider regarding neighborhood compatibility.

Councilmember Herrick stated that he is looking forward to the next four years working with the Council on the many challenges that face the City.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Jahn adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Katherine E. Jefferies, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: February 12, 2007