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**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF  
MAY 13, 2002**

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An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Cortez at 1:03 p.m., Monday, May 13, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Mary Cortez  
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Mellen  
Liz Harris  
Neal Hertzmann  
Darrell Mulvihill

Flag Salute: Mayor Pro Tem Mellen

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Establishment, Decrease and Increase of Certain Development Impact Fees and Service Fees**

Continued Public Hearing regarding the establishment, decrease and increase of Development Impact Fees and Service Fees.

At the hour of 1:06 p.m., Mayor Cortez re-opened the Public Hearing.

Loren Hafen, President of the Chamber of Commerce: spoke in opposition to the proposed fee increases. He stated that after reviewing each of the fees, the Chamber was unable to substantiate the increases as recommended by City staff, and that although the report appeared to be valid, there did not seem to be information available to support the conclusions. He stated that the Chamber is also concerned about the economic impact the fees will have on Big Bear Lake if adopted as proposed.

Jim McLean, Big Bear Lake: stated that he is comfortable with the proposed service fee increases, but is strongly opposed to the Development Impact fee increase. He discussed that per California Government Code Section 66001, the City cannot charge new development for fire protection facilities and equipment if the City and the Fire Protection District are one of the same, or charge new development to fix old problems. He suggested that, because there has been a large increase in tourism in

Big Bear Lake, perhaps a tourism tax should be implemented to help pay for street improvements and emergency services.

Jan Stoll, Boardmember of the Chamber of Commerce: spoke in support of the position of the Chamber of Commerce.

Norm Danskin, Big Bear Lake: stated that he would support a tourism tax to be used for street improvements.

### **RECESS**

At the hour of 2:45 p.m., Mayor Cortez declared a recess. At the hour of 2:55 p.m., Council reconvened.

Greg Boll, Boardmember of the Chamber of Commerce: discussed that he felt that the fee study appeared to be thorough but incomplete, and many areas were left to speculation which would allow particular departments to decide how much they were going to allocate.

At the hour of 3:11 p.m., Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing.

Staff was directed to place the City and Fire Protection District Service Fees on the May 28, 2002, City Council agenda for further discussion and adoption. The Council will review the Development Impact Fees at a later date.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

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Katherine E. Jefferies, City Clerk

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: June 24, 2002