
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2003**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Harris at 6:32 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2003, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Invocation/Moment of Personal Prayer

Flag Salute: Jennifer Hirschler and Kellie Rogers - 4th grade students from Big Bear Elementary School

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Liz Harris
Mayor Pro Tem Darrell Mulvihill
Councilmember S. O. Conklin
Councilmember Ken Dally
Councilmember Hertzmann

Councilmember Excused: None

Others Present: Michael Perry, City Manager
Katherine E. Jefferies, City Clerk/ACM
Molly Bogh, Deputy City Manager Development Services
Kathleen Smith, Finance Manager

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming events scheduled for the Performing Arts Center – Tickets are available at the Box Office at 866-4970

Sharon Rizzo presents *Bella Musica* – March 14.
City of Big Bear Lake presents *Barry Manilow's Copacabana* – March 18.
Center Stage presents a *Spring Variety Show* – March 21.

PRESENTATIONS

Representatives from Big Bear Disposal, San Manuel Band of Indians, and Verizon Wireless presented checks to the City in the amount of \$1,000, for City sponsored events held at the Performing Arts Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The MARTA Committee Report was given by Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill and MARTA General Manager Jerry Davis.

The SANBAG & Measure I Committee Reports were given by Councilmember Hertzmann.

The BBARWA Committee Report was given by Mayor Harris.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dr. Michael Erickson, Big Bear Christian Center: recited passages from the Scripture.

PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

City Manager Perry announced that Councilmember Hertzmann had been elected to serve on the LAFCO Commission; and Ron Peavy had been selected as “Man About Town 2003,” in the Soroptimist International of Big Bear Valley’s annual fund-raiser held at the PAC on March 8th. He stated that Soroptimist International has asked that the perpetual plaque, which honors each winner, be placed in Hofert Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill commended Soroptimist International for their success in raising \$101,000 for the Rainbow Kids Club.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Hertzmann, seconded by Councilmember Conklin to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

1.1 Approval of Demands – Check Issue Date 02/20/03 through 03/05/03 – Check Nos. 17678 through 17825, in the amount of \$370,365.50

Approved.

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting of February 10, 2003, and the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2003

Approved as presented.

1.3 Acceptance of Public Sewer Easement

Council consideration of a resolution accepting the irrevocable offer of dedication for the public sewer easement on lots 1 and 2 of Parcel Map 15590.

Adopted the following resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING AN IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR A PUBLIC SEWER EASEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 7050 OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE (PARCELS 1 AND 2 OF PARCEL MAP 15590)

1.4 Resolution Declaring a Local State of Emergency

Council consideration of a resolution declaring a local State of Emergency for the ongoing tree mortality in our local mountains caused by the bark beetle, in order to receive Federal and State disaster funds.

Adopted the following resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND TO SEEK A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

The Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Conklin, Dally, Harris, Hertzmann, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Increase Efforts to Remove Dead and Dying/Infested Trees

Council consideration of authorizing staff to begin an aggressive effort to have dead and dying/infested trees removed.

Motion by Councilmember Conklin, seconded by Councilmember Hertzmann to authorize staff to begin an aggressive effort to have dead and dying/infested trees removed; and, direct staff to schedule a public hearing for March 24, 2003, for further discussion of this matter and to receive public input. Meeting notification is to be given to all media sources, members of MAST, the Big Bear Valley Fire Safe Council, Supervisor Hansberger, County Fire, and members of the Community Services District.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Conklin, Dally, Harris, Hertzmann, Mulvihill
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Staff was directed to research options offering financial assistance to property owners for the removal of infested or dead trees. Staff was also directed to explain the abatement notice process at the March 24, 2003 City Council meeting.

At the hour of 7:44 p.m., Council adjourned to the Fire Protection District.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Fire Protection District proceedings are contained in separate minutes.

At the hour of 8:12 p.m., the Fire Protection District adjourned to Regular Council Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Hertzmann asked for a status report on the League of California Cities "Save our Services Program." City Manager Perry stated that a report should be forthcoming in May from our League representative.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Perry commended the Big Bear Lake Firefighters for their participation in the JPA process to have an ambulance assigned to Big Bear Lake.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill asked for a status report on the bright lights at the Prestige Resort Development Project in the Village.

Chief Building Official Mosley reported that he is hopeful that the issue will be resolved once the general contractor and the subcontractor report back to work on the project. Mayor Harris and Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill were assigned to meet with staff and the project representatives, to discuss the issue in more detail.

Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill stated that he was approached at a meeting of the Board of Realtors about the City's intention to allow the County to install grass at the Meadow Park swim beach, and asked the City Manager if he was aware of the proposal.

City Manager Perry responded that he plans to meet with the General Manager of DWP and the Manager of the Recreation and Parks District to discuss the matter.

Mayor Harris asked for an update regarding the appointment of the Chamber of Commerce Event Coordinator. City Manager Perry reported that the interview process is complete and the committee will make a final decision within a week or so.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Katherine E. Jefferies, City Clerk

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: May 12, 2003