
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF
OCTOBER 21, 2004**

A Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Harris at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, October 21, 2004, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Flag Salute: Led by Rick Rey

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

1. Village Maintenance Assessment District No. 1-92 – Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Actual Expenses and Possible Reduction in Services

Council consideration of reviewing the Village Maintenance Assessment District No. 1-92 comparison of the projected typical year to actual revenue and expenditures for fiscal year 2003-2004, and discussion with staff regarding service reduction options.

City Manager Perry gave an overview of the history of the Village Maintenance Assessment District from the date of formation in 1992 to present. He stated that, during the fiscal year 2003/2004 Budget process, the City Council directed staff to prepare an analysis tracking the actual expenses in the Village Maintenance District, and report the results back to Council. He stated that staff has completed the report and has presented the findings to the Village Committee, and is prepared to go over the results with the full Council. He also reported that all Village property and business owners have been invited to attend the meeting.

Deputy City Manager Administrative Services Vasquez, and Finance Director Smith gave an overview of, and discussed with the Council, the Village Assessment District Statement of Actual Revenues and Expenditures for fiscal year 2003-2004.

Hal Schoettger, Big Bear Lake: discussed that, because the City owns the streets and sidewalks throughout the Village, they should be maintained by the City in the same way that the City provides services along the boulevard. He announced that he intends to contact all Village property owners to suggest either eliminating the Village Assessment District, or amend it to have it maintained by a private contractor, rather than the City.

Rick Rey, Big Bear Lake: stated that the City is going to have to make a decision to either reduce the level of service, or continue to provide the same level of service at the City's expense, in order to provide an attractive place for our citizens and visitors.

Margaret Tiefenthaler, Big Bear Lake: stated that people come to the Village because it is an attractive area, and the Village business owners are willing to pay to keep it attractive. However, the entire financial burden should not be placed totally on the business owners. She stated that the City should be equally willing to spend whatever funds are necessary to keep our downtown area nice, since it helps to increase the City's sales tax. She suggested that perhaps it would be cost effective for the City to look into hiring a private contractor to plow the snow and provide the maintenance and landscaping.

Upon further discussion with staff, the City Council took the following actions:

Motion by Councilmember Hertzmann, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill to direct staff to send out a Request for Proposal to provide all services in the Village Assessment District, with the exclusion of trash service, which is already under a private contract.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Hertzmann, seconded by Councilmember Dally for the City to match the Village Assessment District funds received through the assessment during fiscal year 2005/2006.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Hertzmann, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mulvihill to revise the budget for the Village Assessment District for fiscal year 2004/2005, from \$196,611.00 to \$122,000.00, and direct the City Manager to report back to the City Council for additional direction, if the fiscal year 2004/2005 expenditures exceed the budget.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Hertzmann, seconded by Councilmember Dally to direct the City Manager to prepare a letter to all Village Maintenance District Property and Business Owners informing them of the actions taken by the City Council at this meeting, and request their input on whether they would be willing to support an assessment cost of living escalator clause, in order to maintain the current level of service provided to the District.

Said Motion was approved by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Katherine E. Jefferies, City Clerk

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: December 13, 2004