



CITY OF **BIG BEAR LAKE** *California*

Special Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2023

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Putz at 9:01 a.m., Friday, May 12, 2023, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

OPEN SESSION

Flag Salute: Flag Salute led by Councilmember Mote

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Randall Putz
Mayor Pro Tem Perri Melnick
Councilmember Rick Herrick
Councilmember Bynette Mote
Councilmember Kendi Segovia

Others Present: City Manager Erik Sund
City Clerk Erica Stephenson

Others Participating Remotely: City Attorney Stephen Deitsch

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY (BBARWA); CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

On April 10, 2023, the City received a notice of rate adjustments from BBARWA for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024. In response to the notice, the City Council received an overview from BBARWA General Manager David Lawrence on this new rate schedule.

Kelly Ent, Director of Administrative Services, presented a 5-year Sanitation Fund projection and discussed the proposed rates that would appear on the Fiscal Year 2023-24 tax roll should Council approve the BBARWA rate increase.

At the hour of 10:26 p.m., Mayor Putz called a short recess.

At the hour of 10:30 p.m., Mayor Putz reconvened the meeting.

Sean Sullivan, Director of Public Services, reviewed the City's 5-year capital improvement and investment plans for the City's sanitation system.

Erik Sund, City Manager, reviewed the process and timeline to adopt the ordinance that is to be proposed; recommended that Council authorize staff to issue a Proposition 218 Notice to all Big Bear Lake property owners for the 5-year BBARWA rate schedule and stated that a Special Meeting

would be held on June 29 to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed rate schedule should Council direct staff to issue the Proposition 218 Notice.

Mayor Putz invited up speakers who wanted to speak on this item. The following individual approached Council:

John Green, BBARWA/CSD/BBFA Board Member, said that it would be irresponsible for the City and other agencies to not plan ahead and secure water for our valley- like this project will accomplish; indicated that very few Proposition 218 cases meet the required threshold of protestors; believes there is a possible savings with a few of the City's sanitation projects should the City collaborate with BBARWA.

Following Council discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Herrick, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Melnick, to authorize staff to issue a Proposition 218 Notice to Big Bear Lake property owners.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Herrick, Melnick, Mote, Segovia, Putz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ADOPT FUTURE NEW OR INCREASED RATES FOR WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEES BY RESOLUTION

Revisions to the Health and Safety Code provide the City with more flexibility in adopting fees as the state statute now allows an agency to adopt fees and charges by resolution or ordinance. In response to these revisions, City Manager Erik Sund introduced an ordinance authorizing the City to adopt future new or increased rates for wastewater and solid waste services by resolution. This ordinance would expressly allow the City to adopt fees and charges for sewer and solid waste services by resolution without having to bring forth an ordinance to adopt those fees and charges. Mayor Putz & Council Mote read aloud the title of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mote, seconded by Councilmember Herrick, to approve staff's recommendation and read the title, waive further reading and formally introduce an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-xxx


ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ADOPT FUTURE NEW OR INCREASED RATES FOR WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEES BY RESOLUTION

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Segovia, Melnick, Herrick, Mote, Putz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this Special Meeting, Mayor Putz adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.



Erica Stephenson, City Clerk