

## MINUTES

### PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL

#### REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M. – MAY 26, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise was called to order by Mayor Rutledge at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California. Following the pledge of allegiance, the invocation was offered by Mayor Rutledge.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve "Woody" Culleton, Joe DiDuca, Scott Lotter, Alan White and Frankie Rutledge, Mayor.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Clerk Gutierrez, Town Manager Rough, Town Attorney Moore, Assistant Manager Ivey, Assistant to the Town Manager/Business & Housing Services Director Gill, Finance Director Will, Community Development Director McGreehan, Human Resources Manager Farrell, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Schmidt, Assistant Town Clerk Volenski, Fire Marshall Jensen, Division Fire Chief Main and Police Chief Carrigan.

**Agenda Item 1(e):** The "Fire Safe Home Award" was presented to Eugene & JoAnn Scherzer by Weldon Helmus, President of the Paradise Fire Safe Council.

**Agenda Item 2(e):** The "2008 Report" from the Paradise Fire Safe Council was presented by President, Weldon Helmus.

#### 2. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Agenda Item 3(a): Motion by Lotter, seconded by DiDuca,** TC (MIN) [APPR]  
Approved Minutes of the May 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Minutes of the 5/12/09  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Regular Meeting.

**Agenda Item 3(b): Motion by Lotter, seconded by DiDuca, (1)** TC (FIN) [APPR]  
Rejected the apparent low bid of \$37,583.63 from Cresco Equipment Authorized purchase of  
Rentals, Chico, CA as non-responsive; and, (2) Authorized the Crack Seal Machine  
purchase of one Crack Seal Machine in the amount of \$37,833.38 from Tri-American Inc. in  
from Tri-American Inc., Milpitas, CA. Roll call vote was unanimous. the amount of  
\$37,833.38 (380-45-46)

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE

Mayor Rutledge informed the public that there was no public hearing.

## **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Joe Canzoneiri informed the Council that he was recently in an accident at the intersection of Skyway and Clark and expressed his concern with the safety of the intersection, discussed all the possible types of collisions that could occur with the current configuration at the junction, and that he thinks the cost of a traffic report at \$15 is too high.

## **7. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

**Agenda Item 7(a): Motion by White, seconded by Lotter,** adopted Resolution No. 09-18, A Resolution Finding A Severe Fiscal Hardship For the Town of Paradise Will Exist if Additional Local Government Funds Are Seized and Additional Unfunded Mandates are Adopted by the State of California. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**TC (RES) [ADOPT]**  
Res. 09-18, Severe Fiscal Hardship for the Town of Paradise Will Exist if Additional Local Government Funds are Seized and Additional Unfunded Mandates are Adopted by the State of California. (340-05-53)

Business and Housing Services Director Gill presented a brief overview of the Community Development Block Grant Recovery monies received from the Stimulus Package and presented an eligible project that meets all the specific criteria for the money received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Agenda Item 7(b): Motion by White, seconded by Culleton,** (1) Amended the Town's CDBG 2008 Annual Plan by approving the budget proposal for the Town's Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act Funding (CDBG-R) in the Amount of \$59,677 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and, (2) Identified the eligible project for the CDBG-R funding as the addition of the Almond overlay and pedestrian improvements from Pearson Road to Foster Road. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**TC (P&CD) [APPR]**  
Amend CDBG Annual Plan and Approve CDBG-R Funding in amount of \$59,677 and Identified Eligible Project as Overlay and Pedestrian Improvements from Pearson to Foster Rd. (710-10-59)

Finance Director Will informed the Town Council that five of eleven banks solicited responded to the Town's RFP (Request for Proposal) for banking services that was due on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and then briefly reviewed the five proposals with the spreadsheet comparisons that were included in the staff report, stating that after review of the different services and options offered in each bank proposal, it was felt that US Bank offered the best complement of services to the Town.

Mayor Rutledge opened the matter for public input.

Vickie Perez, representing Wells Fargo Bank, addressed the comparisons on the spreadsheet and pointed out some specific differences that were not clearly identified on the RFP, such as, the fact that Wells Fargo has a team dedicated to government banking and manages finances for many cities throughout California; that reconciliation of positive pay was included in the fees and if removed, the fees would be comparable with the other banks; Electronic and LAIF transfers are also a part of their service as Wells Fargo has been a State depository bank prior to 1980; there is a local implementation coordinator in the Paradise area; Wells Fargo is the third largest commercial bank in the US and leads the industry in technology; and, Wells Fargo's hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Ms. Perez requested that Wells Fargo be reconsidered as a potential recipient after considering the items mentioned.

Discussion was held regarding the various services options and pricing. It was noted that there is no contract with the Town's current bank, Wells Fargo was the only bank in Town open during the fires last year, they have longer hours, which makes them more accessible to the Town employees, they invest in our community and were the only bank with a representative at this Council meeting to discuss banking services proposals.

Council asked if the new information regarding services would make Wells Fargo Bank more comparable to the previously selected bank. Director Will stated that all the banks that submitted proposals met the criteria established in the RFP and requested by the Council.

**Agenda Item 7(c):** Council concurred to direct staff to negotiate and clarify a contract with Wells Fargo Bank for banking services and bring back to the next Council meeting.

TC (FIN) [DIR] Banking  
Services Contract with  
Wells Fargo to be brought  
back to next Council  
Meeting. (380-60-01)

#### **8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION (Council Initiatives)**

Council Member White stated that he would not be attending BCAG or BCAQM and that Mayor Rutledge would be attending in his place and the RDA Steering Committee meeting will be held on May 25.

Council Member Lotter stated that he, Vice Mayor Culleton, Chief Haunschild and Fire Prevention Inspector Hunter attended a free wildland fire prevention seminar in Tahoe presented by California and Nevada Fire Safe Council, learned about the pine needle controversy which resulted in the removal of pine needles for fire safety, and ember travel awareness; and, the Tri Counties Economic Development will be changing their name to "Three Corp" which

may result in changing the governance structure and reducing the size of the board, making it more manageable, and creating an Advisory Board which would still allow representation from the cities, but allow more flexibility within the organization.

Council Member DiDuca stated that the Butte County General Plan Land Use Map was drawn and the southern flank of Paradise (Town limits to Kunkle reservoir all the way to Neal Road two miles down from the Town limits) is designated for specific plans at the Town's discretion; that there is joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meeting on Friday May 29 to review the Housing Element and Needs Assessment, attended the Water Advisory Committee meeting where Paul Goslin reported on groundwater monitoring and that 2009 is drier than 2008; and, attended the Memorial Day Service at Paradise Cemetery.

Council Member Culleton reported on the wildland fire meeting conference in Tahoe where they learned that neighborhoods have formed Fire Safe Councils and that Grant Funds from Bureau of Land Management are being used as rebates to provide incentives for residents to participate in fire safe measures and that insurance companies were encouraging residents to do photo or video inventories of the contents of their homes to document items; and, attended the Veterans Memorial Day Services at Paradise Cemetery.

Mayor Rutledge stated that she attended the Lake Oroville Supplemental Benefit Fund (SBF) meeting in Oroville where they presented the first draft of the 50 year regional strategic plan and wanted to be sure Lime Saddle Marina was included in the plan since it is a part of Lake Oroville, that the final plan will be presented in September and would like to ensure someone attends the meeting if she is unavailable. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick Off barbeque on May 16 was a great success serving approximately 400 people, and Mayor Rutledge thanked Paul Derr and Public Works, Police, Fire, Town Staff, Paradise Cinema Seven, Black Bear Diner, Rotary and Exchange Club for all their participation and help. The next meeting for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be on May 27 to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bluegrass Music and Old Fashioned Picnic in the Park, there are currently eight booths reserved and Rotary will be hosting the beer booth; and, the RDA Steering committee is tomorrow, May 27, 2009.

#### **9. STAFF/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

Town Manager Rough reported on the success of the cooperators meeting regarding EOC planning and how all the organizations have prepared themselves for any potential emergencies; and, the first

training of Logistics and Finance volunteers took place and there are still two more training sessions scheduled for next month. Beyond Fitness and the Senior Center have signed agreements to be prewired for generator backups in case of emergency to provide for shelters, transportation centers or any other needs during an emergency.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Lotter, seconded by White**, adjourned the Council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Council vote was unanimous.

**APPROVED:** June 9, 2009

  
FRANKIE RUTLEDGE, Mayor

  
JOANNA GUTIERREZ, CMC, Town Clerk

