

**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – 9:00 A.M. – April 26, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise was called to order by Mayor White at 9:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve “Woody” Culleton, Joe DiDuca, Scott Lotter, Tim Titus, and Alan White, Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Clerk Gutierrez, Town Manager Rough, Town Attorney Moore, Police Chief Buzzard, Interim Fire Chief Cone, Community Development Director Baker, Public Works Director Schmidt, Assistant Town Manager Gill, Assistant Town Clerk Volenski, Assistant Public Works Director Derr, Police Lieutenant Tazzari, Battalion Chief Hasek, Battalion Chief Lawrie, IT Manager Marquis, Human Resource Manager Ivey, Assistant Human Resources Manager Peters, Special Projects Manager McGreehan, Onsite Official Danz and CDD/PW Projects Coordinator Danz.

2. STAFF/COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

2a. Town Manager Rough reported orally to Council on the status of the budget planning process for Fiscal Years 2011/12 and 2012/13; explained that the goal setting session gives Council the opportunity to establish primary policy goals for each of the Town’s three primary missions to set direction for the Town for the next year; and, provides an opportunity for staff to report on their departments’ accomplishments, goals and challenges. Manager Rough stated the primary objectives are to stabilize the Town’s financial situation and ensure future, long term fiscal solvency; enhance general fund revenues through business and economic growth; and, preserve and maintain the effectiveness of public safety in our community. Proposed changes in organization, operations, and delivery of services are under review and will be submitted to Council for consideration as part of the proposed budget. Manager Rough stated that the proposed Wal Mart store and the proposed wastewater treatment project are key factors in generating economic growth in our community, that there are other promising opportunities to forge partnerships and facilitate business expansion and recruitment, and that different approaches are being investigated with regard to providing public safety services, including the investigation of a fire services contract with Cal-Fire.

2b. The following department directors provided oral and power presentations regarding their various department’s Fiscal Year 2011/2012 objectives, challenges and opportunities:

- Town Clerk Joanna Gutierrez: Town Clerk Department
- Assistant Town Manager Lauren Gill: Development Services, Housing and IT

- Community Development Director Craig Baker: Planning, Community Safety Services, Code Enforcement; Solid Waste and Transit
- Town Engineer/Public Works Director Dennis Schmidt: Engineering, Onsite and Street Maintenance
- Finance Director Gina Will: Finance
- Police Chief Chris Buzzard: Police Department
- Interim Fire Chief Rob Cone: Fire Department

At 10:45 am Mayor White called for a recess and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor White opened the meeting for public comment.

1. Ward Habriel commented on the effects of downturn of the economy within the community, that citizens have had to make cuts in their personal budgets, that it is expected that government do the same, and encouraged the Town to go to the public to utilize more volunteer services.
2. Loren Harvey stated that he thinks the Town needs to balance needs vs. wants, and that mandates obviously need to come first.
3. Jon Remalia stated fire and police services and road maintenance are the priorities, that other issues can be looked at when times get better, that grant monies also come from the public, and that he thinks each dollar must be looked at as if it is the last dollar.

3. COUNCIL DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

a. The Town Council members discussed their individual concerns and goals for the Town's Fiscal Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 and concurred to establish the following priorities for each of the Town's three primary missions:

1. To maintain the Town's financial stability and fiscal solvency

- Balanced budget/Protect reserves
- Budget based on current employee contracts
- Streamline processes with technology

2. To provide for the public safety, security and protection of our citizens

- Road maintenance
- Crosswalks & Striping for pedestrian safety
- Enhance Police and Fire services
- Additional CSO officer
- Evaluate Reserve Officer Program

3. To promote, support and encourage the business growth, development and economic revitalization of our community

- Use tax information to attract business into Town
- Job creation and training
- Evaluate Mello-Roos policy/Business Improvement District
- Build wastewater treatment system

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the special Town Council Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED: May 3, 2011



ALAN WHITE, Mayor



JOANNA GUTIERREZ, CMC, Town Clerk