

MINUTES
PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM – April 10, 2018

1. OPENING

The Regular meeting of the Paradise Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jones at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber located at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. An invocation was offered by Council Member Zuccolillo.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Bolin, Scott Lotter, Melissa Schuster, Mike Zuccolillo and Jody Jones, Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Lauren Gill, Town Attorney Dwight Moore, Town Clerk Dina Volenski, Administrative Services Director Gina Will, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Marc Mattox, Administrative Analyst Colette Curtis, Business and Housing Services Director Kate Anderson, Acting Police Chief Eric Reinbold, Division Chief David Hawks and Community Development Director Craig Baker.

- 1a. The proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month was accepted by Cinda Trembath from Rape Crises Intervention and Prevention. (180-40-26)
- 1b. The proclamation recognizing April as National Donate Life Month was accepted by Cheryl Dawson, Volunteer Ambassador Donor Network West and Jean Aldridge from Live Well Center. (180-40-26)
- 1c. A presentation to inform and update the Town Council about the current Systemic Safety Analysis Progress Report was given by Erin M. Ferguson, Associate Engineer, from Kittelson & Associates, Inc. The website to provide feedback for safety comments and concerns is safestreetsforparadise.com.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Zuccolillo requested that item 2d be removed from the consent calendar due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION by Lotter, seconded by Schuster, approved consent calendar items 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2e as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- 2a. Approved minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Town Council meeting.
- 2b. Approved March 2018 Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$1,862,154.62. (310-10-32)

- 2c. Adopted Resolution No. 18-05, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2018-19 Funded By SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. (650-15-01)
- 2d. Item removed from consent calendar.
- 2e. Adopted Resolution No. 18-07, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise, approving a job description and adding a temporary position to the salary pay plan for the fiscal year 2017-2018; and, 2. Authorized the Public Works Department to seek a qualified candidate. (610-10-17)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Council member Zuccolillo left the dais at 6:28 p.m.

- 2d. **Motion by Lotter, seconded by Schuster**, Adopted Resolution No. 18-06, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise approving the plans and specifications for the Downtown Paradise Equal Mobility Project. Roll call vote was unanimous with Zuccolillo absent and not voting. (950-40-035)

Council member Zuccolillo returned to the dais at 6:29 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

- 1. Claudie Benike informed the Town Council that the 60th Annual Gold Nugget Days is the weekend of April 26-29 and that the deep pit barbeque is returning and will be on Sunday, April 29th at the Gold Nugget Museum. Ms. Benike also invited the Council to attend the Paradise Symphony final concert of the year on May 6th at the Paradise Performing Arts Center.
- 2. Sue Griffin requested that a representative from Paradise Police Department attend the monthly meetings of the Human Relations Network of Butte County held on the first Monday of the month from 3-5 p.m. She thinks the Town would benefit by attending the meetings.
- 3. Ward Habriel stated that citizens think Lt. Eric Reinbold should be appointed as the permanent Chief.
- 4. James Holmes stated that his spouse is a soldier and that he spoke with Veterans from the area who were disappointed that spectators at the Gold Nugget Parade did not stand when the flag drove by and suggested that the police officer driving the vehicle request that spectators stand as a sign of respect to the flag.
- 5. Wayne Medley witnessed a motorcycle fatality in front of his home on Wagstaff Road, stated that the speed on Wagstaff Rd. between Skyway and Oliver is out of control, and suggested that stop signs be placed at Oliver Rd./ Roberts Rd. and Graham Rd./ Wagstaff Rd.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

6. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6a. The Town Council considered and filed the 2017/2018 budget information presented by Administrative Services Director Gina Will. (340-40-15)

6b. Consider waiving the entire reading of proposed Ordinance No. 569 and approve reading by title only; and 2. Consider introducing Ordinance No. 569, An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise amending Chapter 3.22 of the Paradise Municipal Code Extending, subject to Voter Approval, the Town's Existing General Transactions and Use Tax for an Additional Ten Years to March 31, 2031, Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 7251 Et Seq. (The ordinance would extend the one-half percent Transactions and Use Tax "Measure C" for a period of ten years to maintain Town services such as Police, Fire, Roads and Animal Control.) (530-10-056)

Town Manager Gill presented an overview of proposed ordinance No. 569 that would extend the Town's Existing General Transactions and Use Tax for an additional ten years to March 31, 2031. Manager Gill highlighted the benefits that Measure C has provided for the community over the last three years that it has been in place which include:

Fiscal Year 2015/2016

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| •New Investigation Sgt at PD | •Maintain Cal Fire Contract |
| •Sponsor 2 Police Academy Cadets | •New Fire Engine |
| •3 Police cars (Ford Interceptors) | •Firefighter breathing apparatus |
| •Police Body Cameras | •Exhaust extraction unit for Fire Stations |
| •Police K9 Program | •Increased Hours for AC Officer |
| •Enhanced Police Officer Training | •Pressure Washer/Sanitation Unit for Animal Shelter |
| •LiveScan Machine for Police Dept. | •Pedestrian Safety Crossings |
| •Police Dept. siding and repairs | •Pearson Rd. Overlay/Drainage |

Fiscal Year 2016/2017

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| •Increased hours for AC Officer | • 3 new Police Vehicles |
| •Training for Animal Control Officer | • Body Cameras (Year 2 of 5) |
| •Animal Control System Training | • Police Officer Training |
| •Supplies for animals at the Shelter | • K9 Program training, food, vet costs |
| •4 Animal Isolation Units | • Sponsor 2 Police Academy Cadets |
| •Online Dog Licensing setup | • Emergency 9-1-1 MIS |
| •Maintain Cal Fire Contract | • Patrol Cameras with durable cases |
| •New Fire Engine | • Sawmill Peak Communication Study |
| •Matching funds for SCBU's | • PD Men's Locker room floor repair |
| •2nd Detective for Police Department | • 2nd Phase of PD Siding replacement |
| | • 2016 Road rehabilitation project |

Fiscal Year 2017/2018

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| •Funds for 2 Animal Control Officers | •3 new Police Vehicles |
| •Training for AC Officers | •Body Cameras (yr 3 of 5) |
| •Computer for AC Supervisor | •Police Officer Training |
| •Online dog licensing maintenance | •K9 Program, food, vet. costs |
| •Rendering setup and maintenance | •Police Dept. Roof replacement |
| •Concrete Repair at Animal Shelter | •Sponsor 2 Police Academy Cadets |
| •Maintain Cal Fire Contract | •Maxwell Dr. Safe Routes to School |
| •Payments on two new Fire engines previously acquired | •Bille Rd. Overlay from Fern to Oliver |
| | •10% Fixed Reserve |

Mayor Jones asked for public comments:

1. Jim Broshears, represents PCA (Paradise Citizens Alliance), stated that he thinks that everything that was promised has been delivered and used for the correct purpose; he doesn't want to think about not having Measure C in the future and strongly supports the extension of Measure C.
2. Kelly Conner, represents PCA, stated that when the population stays the same and there is no sprawl or growth it is difficult to generate revenue. She thinks that the town needs to grow with more quality, to be fiscally responsible and Measure C is allowing that to happen and supports the extension of Measure C.
3. Ward Habriel has received negative feedback from what was in the paper; thinks there's work to do and public outreach should happen over the next four months with public forums each month to let people know what has been done in the four areas for Police, Fire, Roads and Animal Control. He thinks people should see what has been done with the money and be educated so that they can vote smart.
4. Chuck Rough, represents PCA, stated that it is very unique that political leaders make a promise, keep it and even exceed it. He stated that with Measure C the Town has accomplished great things in a short amount of time and that it is a bright light for the community. Mr. Rough strongly supports the extension of Measure C and hopes to see the school resource officer program re-established. Mr. Rough also suggested that there will be another economic downturn in the future and that the Town needs to plan for it.
5. Sharon Simonton, Measure C Oversight Committee member, stated that the community needs to know that the money has been spent correctly.
6. Molly Knappen, Measure C Oversight Committee Chair, stated that she voted against Measure C and wanted to be on the Oversight Committee to make sure the money was spent correctly and it absolutely has been. The money has been

used to leverage grants and provide a greater benefit to the community. She stated that the Measure C Oversight committee voted unanimously to support the extension of Measure C.

7. James Holmes stated that he was not aware of all the benefits Measure C has provided, likes the roads, police cars, additional enforcement, supported the idea of the School Resource Officer and supports the extension of Measure C.

Manager Gill announced the Measure C Appreciation Day on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at Paradise Community Park and invited everyone to attend and see all the equipment that has been purchased with Measure C funds.

Council Member Bolin stated that he was the lone descending vote last time, but he has seen what the Measure C money has done for the Town; he has seen that the Town has a plan to wean off of Measure C after 10 years and supports the extension of Measure C.

Council Member Schuster stated that we all pay taxes and it is rare that we get to see what that money does for us; she thinks the tax is fair because everyone pays into it and that it is a contribution into our own community and overall economy. She stated that citizens from Magalia also use our roads and when they purchase things in Paradise they are contributing to the roads that they use. She thinks the Town of Paradise has done a good job with the money and supports the extension of Measure C.

Council Member Zuccolillo stated that he has concerns; the money has been spent on what it was supposed to be spent on which is admirable, but it was originally for six years, the Town is barely hanging on by a thread with the budget and now we are asking for ten years. Additionally, this current election cycle will include the gas tax, the school board may try to pass a bond, the timing may be poor and hard to pass the measure. Some of our community members may not make a lot of money, but the money adds up; the main issue is that we can't create revenues, we can't continue to tax ourselves. He thinks the money is being spent correctly and will accomplish a lot, but at the end of ten years the Town will be asking for the tax to be extended again and thinks the Town will need the tax revenue in perpetuity. He sees what good the money is doing and also knows the reason the Town needs the funding is because the state raids our funds, but thinks we are just putting a band-aid on the issues.

Council Member Lotter stated that with more shopping online, sales tax revenues are shrinking and Measure C is one of the best ways of combating that since the town receives the full one-half percent sales tax that is charged to online sales. Mr. Lotter stated that when this ordinance was originally placed on the ballot, six years was arbitrary because the Town needed to prove to the community that the money could be spent responsibly and the way it was promised. The Town has shown that the money is spent the way it was promised. Now the citizens will

have the opportunity to re-affirm their commitment to our community and it is important that voters are allowed to vote again. Although there may be a lot of local items on the ballot, he thinks it is appropriate to move forward at this time and supports the extension of Measure C.

Mayor Jones stated that there is a good rationale for extending the measure for ten years because there is a PERS Obligation Bond that will be paid off in that time which will give the town a lot more room in the budget to pay for the things that are being paid out of Measure C because there is no other money to pay for them. Voters need to have the opportunity to vote prior to the measure expiring or we could see a bad situation in the Town of Paradise, the Animal Shelter would not be able to stay open, there would not be any sponsored cadets at the police academy, no second detective position, the same level of fire support and the same level of service would not be able to be sustained. Mayor Jones is in support of extending the measure for 10 years.

MOTION by Lotter, seconded by Schuster, waived the entire reading of proposed Ordinance No. 569 and approved reading by title only; and 2 Introduced Ordinance No. 569, An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise amending Chapter 3.22 of the Paradise Municipal Code Extending, subject to Voter Approval, the Town's Existing General Transactions and Use Tax for an Additional Ten Years to March 31, 2031, Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 7251 Et Seq. (The ordinance would extend the one-half percent Transactions and Use Tax "Measure C" for a period of ten years to maintain Town services such as Police, Fire, Roads and Animal Control.) Ayes of Bolin, Lotter, Schuster and Mayor Jones. Noes of Zuccolillo. Motion passed four to one.

6c. **MOTION by Zuccolillo, seconded by Lotter**, adopted the 2018-19 Subrecipient funding recommendations regarding grant funding for local organizations; and, 2. Adopted the final 2018-2019 Annual Plan as submitted; and, 3. Authorized staff to submit the adopted 2018-2019 Annual Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Roll call vote was unanimous. (710-10-91)

6d. **MOTION by Lotter, seconded by Schuster**, Acknowledged receipt of and filed the Planning Commission's annual report concerning implementation status of the 1994 Paradise General Plan for the 2017 calendar year. Roll call vote was unanimous. (760-40-55P)

Mayor Jones stated that the 1994 General Plan is defensible, but it is 24 years old, some things have changed, thinks the Plan warrants a review and asked that the 1994 General Plan be reviewed in the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

7. COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS AND REPORTS

7a. Council initiated agenda items - None

7b. Council reports on committee representation

Council Member Zuccolillo attended the CDBG subrecipient interviews with Council Member Schuster.

Council Member Schuster attended the following meetings: Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District, PCA, Gold Nugget Days and Blue Zones. Council Member Schuster announced the Love Paradise event on April 21 & 22.

Council Member Lotter participated in Friends Benefitting the Ridge event, attended the swear in of the new Animal Control Officer, attended LAFCO meeting and announced that the League of Cities Legislative Action Day is Wednesday after the Measure C event.

Council Member Bolin attended the Animal Control and Finance Committee meetings.

Mayor Jones stated that citizens and Feather River Hospital brought experts in Blue Zones to town to see if an initiative could be started to move towards becoming a Blue Zone. Mayor Jones was a judge at the Butte County Spelling Bee, attended BCAG, BCAQMD and City Selection Committee.

7c. Future Agenda Items - None

8. STAFF COMMUNICATION

8a. Town Manager Gill announced the Measure C Tax Appreciation day on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 11:30 a.m. at Paradise Community Park

- Community Development Director Baker provided an update on the following projects: Skyway Black Olive Village Drive Project, Starbucks, Lynn's Optimo, Mamma Celeste's Pizzeria and Gastropub, Woodview Retirement Cottages, parcel map on East Dottie Lane and Oakhill Mobile Home Park.

9. CLOSED SESSION - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jones adjourned the Council meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Date Approved: May 8, 2018

By:

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Jody Jones, Mayor

Attest:

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk

