

**CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014**

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL – 5:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Members Stephanie Harlan, Dennis Norton, Ed Bottorff, Michael Termini, and Mayor Sam Storey

2. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Mayor-Storey stated that City Council received additional material regarding Item No. 5.A. (McGregor Park Project), and Item No. 5.B. (November 4, 2014, General Municipal Election).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Police Chief Escalante provided a report regarding the Capitola beach temporary closure that occurred on Friday, July 25th.

Laurie Hill, Capitola Begonia Festival President, stated that on August 3rd there will be a Begonia Festival fundraiser at Shadowbrook Restaurant.

4. CITY COUNCIL / CITY TREASURER / STAFF COMMENTS

Council Member Harlan stated that she attended the Soquel Pioneer Picnic on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

5. GENERAL GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consider awarding a contract to Earthworks Paving of Capitola for the McGregor Park Project.[1040-20/330-10/500-10 A/C: Earthworks Paving]

Liz Toshikian, Cliffwood Heights resident, stated that she supports the McGregor Park Project, and suggested that a safe pedestrian access be established.

Tory Del Favero, local resident, stated the need for drinking fountains at the proposed McGregor Park.

Maria Martorella, local resident, requested that Optional Bid Item A regarding the proposed skate park at McGregor Park be postponed until a permanent site is identified.

Tricia Proctor, local resident, stated that she is not in favor of a skate park at McGregor Park. She and others have been discussing an alternate permanent skate park in the City.

Terry Champion, Santa Cruz Boardroom owner, stated concerns regarding the skate park at the proposed McGregor Park.

ACTION

Motion made by Council Member Termini, seconded by Council Member Bottorff, to approve the following:

- Award contract to Earthworks Paving of Capitola with a bid in the amount of \$207,002, including Optional Bid Item A; and
- Direct the Public Works Director to issue a contract change order to remove Bid Items 6, 8, and 23 from the contract, reducing the contract price to \$183,013; and

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- Direct the Public Works Director to review the remaining contract elements and determine if further cost reductions can be made; and
- Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$36,513 to cover the maximum anticipated contract costs; and
- Prior to construction of the skate park included as Optional Bid Item A, staff shall return with an update on the private funding for the skate park and a design plan for review and approval by the Council.

The motion carried with the following vote: **AYES:** Council Members Norton, Termini, Harlan, and Bottorff. **NOES:** Mayor Storey. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

- B. Consider a Resolution pertaining to the November 4, 2014, General Municipal Election. [560-10]

City Treasurer McBroom stated that additional Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds would help cover costs of the many City hosted public events.

Ted Burke, Shadowbrook Restaurant owner, stated he opposes a TOT increase.

Dan Aspromonte, Best Western and Marriott Fairfield Inn, suggested holding off in raising the City's TOT at this time because the Santa Cruz County Tourism Marketing District (TMD) is up for renewal this year.

ACTION

Motion made by Council Member Termini, seconded by Council Member Bottorff, to adopt Resolution No. 3997 calling for a General Municipal Election for the submission to the voters of a local ballot measure regarding an amendment to the City's Municipal Code pertaining to Visitor Services Fee (Transient Occupancy Tax), and requesting the Santa Cruz County Elections Department to consolidate a General Municipal Election on November 4, 2014. The motion carried with the following vote: **AYES:** Council Members Norton, Termini, and Bottorff. **NOES:** Council Member Harlan and Mayor Storey. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Storey adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to the regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 7:00 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.


Sam Storey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Sneddon, City Clerk

MINUTES WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON AUGUST 14, 2014