

**TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Collins called the regular meeting of the Tiburon Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, in Town Council Chambers, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Collins, Fredericks, Fraser, O'Donnell, Slavitz

PRESENT: EX OFFICIO: Town Manager Curran, Town Attorney Danforth, Director of Administrative Services Bigall, Director of Community Development Anderson, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Nguyen, Chief of Police Cronin, Town Clerk Crane Iacopi

Prior to the regular meeting, the Council conducted an interview.

INTERVIEW FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCY – (7:15 p.m.)

(Heritage & Arts Commission – One Vacancy)

- Azita de Mujica, 53 Eastview Avenue

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT, IF ANY

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Daniel LaCoste, Blackfield Drive, told the Council that all of the parking adjacent to his house had been eliminated due to the Town's painting the curb red concurrent with the re-opening of Congregation Kol Shofar's new facility. He said that he was aware that the Town's approval of the project required monitoring of traffic and parking on a six-month trial period, but he said he wanted the Council to know how this affected him.

Mayor Collins said that the issue was on the Town's "radar". Town Manager Curran added that the curb painting (and other traffic and parking measures solutions) was part of a negotiated settlement with Congregation Kol Shofar. She said that sometimes a good idea "on paper" might not be so good in practice.

Councilmember Fredericks suggested that rather than the Town Council having to revisit these issues, it might be better for the complaints to be directed to the neighborhood council, which was also formed and made part of the aforementioned agreement with CKS.

The second speaker during Oral Communications was Chris Morrison, who stated that he was part of a national organization that worked to raise awareness of prostate cancer and the steps men could take to receive early detection and treatment. He asked the Council to consider signing a proclamation in support of this group.

Mayor Collins presented Mr. Morrison with a signed proclamation (that had previously appeared in the Town Council Digest).

PRESENTATION

- Recognition of Outgoing Heritage & Arts Commissioners Berg, Bremer, and Schmidt

Mayor Collins said that it was a Town tradition to honor outgoing commissioners.

He presented plaques to Commissioners Bremer and Schmidt and said that Commissioner Berg was unable to attend. Mayor Collins thanked the commissioners for their service to the Town and invited them to say a few words.

Mayor Collins then said there was a surprise presentation to honor Joan Palmero on the occasion of her 20th anniversary of employment with the Town of Tiburon.

The Mayor called Ms. Palmero to the podium and presented her with a proclamation, which he read into the record:

**Town of Tiburon Proclamation
Commending JOAN PALMERO
on her 20th Anniversary of Employment with the Town of Tiburon**

WHEREAS, Joan Palmero began her career with the Town of Tiburon on September 1, 1990 when Town Hall was still located on Ned's Way; and

WHEREAS, Joan's talents are many, and it soon became apparent that she was not only a terrific receptionist but a great resource and repository of local history and lore, which she willingly shares with any caller who needs help or wants to remember the name of the person who used to live down the street; and

WHEREAS, after moving to the new Town Hall in 1997, Joan traded the quiet, pastoral scene of the hills behind Town Hall for a more vibrant downtown location, where her administrative duties were expanded to Office Assistant and Business License Administrator, thereby increasing the many ways she readily serves the public and the Town;

WHEREAS, on an hourly basis, Joan moves mountains (and hills) to satisfy a wide variety of requests presented by residents, from reuniting the dearly departed cat “Ripper” with its owner; ordering the Blue Angels not to fly over the Town; turning the fog horns off because they are disturbing one’s sleep; to making the seals stop barking and getting dead critters removed from the Town’s thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, Joan deftly manages, and in several different languages, to calm and accommodate the most challenging of “customers”– members of the public who are angry, upset or in the middle of some crisis for which they hold the Town accountable– and helps steer them in a direction that will resolve their issues all the while maintaining compassion mixed with quick wit and her famous humor that is scathingly irreverent but never mean-spirited;

WHEREAS, Joan is also known and recognized for her extraordinary flair in event planning, where her efforts have been put to use on countless occasions to plan the major commemorative milestones of the Town, such as its 25th, 35th and 40th anniversary parties, the retirement of its long-time Town Manager, Bob Kleinert, the dedication of the “Coming About” Fountain, and fetes and festivals from holiday parties and parades to funerals; and;

WHEREAS, Joan is the staff liaison to the Heritage & Arts Commission, to which she brings not only her organizational skills and expertise, but her great love of art, and her support of local artists and history; and

WHEREAS, Joan’s work ethic is unparalleled: she unfailingly lends a hand to anyone who needs her help with grace and humor and is a “can do”, “go the extra mile” person of the highest magnitude; and

WHEREAS, Joan is a friend to all and an enemy to none and she embodies the highest level of public service.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Richard Collins, on behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Tiburon, does hereby heartily commend and congratulate Joan Palmero for her 20 years of outstanding service to the citizens of our community. Furthermore, finding Joan to be a unique and irreplaceable asset for Tiburon’s citizenry, the Town Council urges Joan to stay for another 20 years of service, but will settle for another five if that is the best it can do.

Ms. Palmero accepted the proclamation, noting her surprise, and said what a pleasure it had been to work for the Town of Tiburon for the past 20 years.

Mayor Collins asked for a brief recess for cake and refreshments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Town Investment Summary** – Accept report for July , 2010 (Director of Administrative Services Bigall)
2. **Parente Vista Precise Plan Development** – Adopt resolutions approving application to create two (2) single-family residential lots on a 10.2 acre site off Parente Drive and Antonette Drive and making CEQA findings (Planning Manager Watrous)

Applicant: Lionel Achuck
AP No. 038-111-16

3. **Harbor Lights Building** – Adopt resolution commending Laleh Zelinsky and Zelinsky Properties for the success of the Harbor Light Building reconstruction project (Director of Community Development Anderson)

Town Manager asked that Item No. 3 be continued to the next meeting when Mrs. Zelinsky could be present.

MOTION: To approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1 and 2.
Moved: Slavitz, seconded by Fredericks
Vote: AYES: Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Update Parking Fines** – Consider adoption of resolution updating fines for parking violations (Police Captain Hutton)

Police Captain Hutton gave the report and said that the Town's fines for parking violations had not been updated since 1991. He said the proposed increases to the fines were based on an average of fines levied by other municipalities around the County.

Councilmember O'Donnell commented that while it is common practice to increase fees during tough economic times, it does not sit well with the public. He said he also disagreed with one of the statements in the report that said an increase in fines might change the behavior of parking scofflaws.

Councilmember Fredericks pointed out that these were fines, not fees, being increased. She said that the costs of parking enforcement had risen in the past 19 years, including the portion of the payment that goes to State, so that the increase was justified.

O'Donnell asked if there really was a parking scofflaw problem. Captain Hutton said that some areas were worse than others.

Mayor Collins said that raising the fines were appropriate, and cited the example of the old bail schedule which set the fine for parking in front of a fire hydrant at \$20. He said that this was too much of a risk to public safety to justify not raising the fine.

Town Manager Curran said that while the amount of parking fines may not affect behavior, it was important to encourage turnover and short-term parking downtown for the benefit of merchants and shoppers.

In response to another question from Council regarding fines for parking cars “for sale” in certain parts of Town, Curran noted that next time the traffic chapter of the Town Code came to the Council for review, an amendment would be added to reflect this violation.

MOTION: To adopt resolution updating parking fines, as written.
Moved: Fredericks, seconded by Slavitz
Vote: AYES: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **2 Miraflores Lane Precise Plan Amendment** – Consider amendment to Miraflores Precise Plan to extend existing secondary building envelope to accommodate a proposed gazebo, fencing and outdoor barbeque area (Planning Manager Watrous)
Applicant: Davoud Sadeghi
AP No.: 039-271-21

Planning Manager Watrous gave the report. The Council noted that the Planning Commission had done a thorough review.

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing.

Applicant Sadi Sadeghi said she would be happy to answer any questions. With no further comment, Mayor Collins closed the public hearing.

MOTION: To adopt resolution approving the precise plan amendment, as written.
Moved: Fraser, seconded by O'Donnell
Vote: AYES: Unanimous

TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Curran recommended cancellation of the September 15 meeting. She added that two “meaty” items would be coming before the Council on October 6.

WEEKLY DIGESTS

- Town Council Weekly Digest – August 27, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Town Council of the Town of Tiburon, Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m., in honor of former Fire Chief Franklin J. Buscher.

RICHARD COLLINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DIANE CRANE IACOPI, TOWN CLERK