CITY OF PLACERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Special City Council Meeting Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Town Hall 549 Main Street, Placerville, CA 95667 Council Chambers 3:00 P.M. Open Session

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Present: Thomas, Taylor, Borelli, Neau, Saragosa

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE PUBLIC

3.1 Presentation by Housing El Dorado, Frank Porter

Frank Porter, Vice President of Housing El Dorado; and Charlie McDonald, Executive Director of Upper Room Dining Hall, presented information and discussed options for alleviating homelessness in Placerville. Public comment was received from Sue Rodman, Ruth Michelson, and Julie Robinson.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Saragosa and seconded by Councilmember Borelli that the City Council adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Borelli, Neau, Saragosa, Taylor, Thomas

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

5. <u>DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:</u>

5.1 Consider Actions Directing Staff to Communicate with The County Regarding Options to Alleviate Homelessness in The City of Placerville (Mr. Morris)

The City Manager summarized the item. Charlie McDonald addressed the City Council and responded to their questions. Tim Cordero, Fire Chief of El Dorado County Fire Protection District, provided a hand-out to the City Council with an early summer fire weather and fuels update. Police Chief, Joe Wren, and a representative from the County's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) also addressed the City Council. Public comment was received from Julie Robinson, Jane McGinnis, Art Edwards, Don Vandekar, and Jonathan Gainsbrugh.

Following Council discussion, it was moved by Vice-Mayor Taylor that the City Council direct Staff to request the County to immediately construct a managed campsite or emergency facility that will provide sufficient capacity to accommodate the homeless campers in the City of Placerville and provide ongoing funding for a five-year period. In exchange, the City of Placerville will contribute a piece of City-owned property if found viable after doing some feasibility studies, and direct Staff to strongly encourage El Dorado County to construct similar or equivalent projects in each district of the County, or at a minimum, more than one of these sites, and request a two-by-two meeting between the City and the County for further discussion on the subject.

After more discussion among the City Council, Vice-Mayor Taylor amended her motion to direct Staff to request the County immediately construct managed campsites or emergency facilities in each district that will accommodate sufficient capacity to homeless campers on the Western Slope and provide a five-year period of funding to support the effort, and the City would be willing to contribute a piece of property within City limits for one of the locations.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Saragosa.

Vice-Mayor Taylor rescinded her motion and made a new motion that the City Council direct Staff to request the County immediately construct at least three managed campsites or emergency facilities throughout the County and provide ongoing funding for a five-year period, and the City would be willing to provide one piece of property within City limits for one of the locations.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Thomas.

The motion was passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Borelli, Saragosa, Taylor, Thomas

NOES: Neau ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

6. ADJOURNMENT @ 5:56 p.m.

Regina O'Connell, City Clerk