

## **Special Meeting of California Borough Council, Sept. 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Maddiex, Mr. Mariscotti and Mayor Stetar

**ABSENT:**

### **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

Mr. Agrafiotis added advertise for Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

Mr. Difilippo added Siana Law invoice

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO**

Mr. Alfano stated they did have an executive session on Monday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> dealing with personnel issues that will be discussed later on in the meeting tonight.

#### **RECREATION AUTHORITY UPDATE**

Mr. Alfano stated he was at the recreation authority meeting prior to this meeting and they would like to request that the street crew remove the split rail fence at Rotary Park and for them to keep track of his time and bill the Recreation Authority for it.

He stated the recreation authority is discussing about having a reverse or backwards Christmas parade to take place in the business district. He stated it seems like Cal U will not be having indoor activities this year. Mr. Glab suggested leaving the split rail up until the materials are purchased for the replacement fence due to someone driving through the park. Mr. Alfano stated he will suggest that to the Recreation Authority and have them notify Jeff when the new fence contractor will be installing the new fence.

#### **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT- DR. MARTIN**

Nothing to report

#### **PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. MADDIEX**

Mr. Maddiex asked council to take a look at the front page of the borough's website. The second thing is at the last meeting he stated he would pay for one recharge of the donated fire extinguisher and he would like to get a cost for that. The third thing is council asked for the zoning to find a program for the rental housing inspections and licensing and Mike believes he's found one. He stated it's a little costly. Mr. Mariscotti asked what was outstanding on the webpage? Mr. Maddiex passed out copies of the webpage and stated the post for planning commission members is missing and the agenda for tonight's meeting is missing. Ms. Evans stated she didn't have the agenda until today. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he thinks that is just for regular meetings.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS – MR. BITTNER**

Mr. Bittner stated we've been paving and the weather has been cooperating.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. DIFILIPPO**

**SIANA LAW INVOICE**

Motion by Difilippo/Maddiex to pay Siana Law invoice #87562 in the amount of \$1,951.34 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY**

Nothing to report

**PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. MARISCOTTI**

Nothing to report

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CHIP GLAB**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE & TRICK OR TREAT**

Mr. Glab asked if we could set the date for trick or treating tonight. Mr. Stetar stated the parade will be the Wednesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Line up at 6:00 parade begins at 6:30 pm. Trick or Treat will be the following Saturday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**MAYOR’S REPORT – DR. STETAR**

**RESIGNATION – CHIEF TIMOTHY KIRSCH**

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to accept the resignation of Timothy Kirsch as Chief of Police duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**INTERIM CHIEF**

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to advertise for interim Chief. Motion withdrawn.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT – MR. EBY**

Nothing to report

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS**

Mr. Agrafiotis asked council what their pleasure is as far as zoning hearing board solicitor. Shirley is correct in that it does not require advertising or bids since it is a professional service. He stated Mr. Kocevar who helped us out in the past may still be interested if you want him to reach out and check or he can provide a list of names and council could reach out for letters of interest from them. Council asked Mr. Agrafiotis to get a letter of interest form attorney Kocevar.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business at this time.

Mr. Mariscotti asked if we are going to advertise for a Police Chief? Mr. Alfano stated we need to discuss that. Mr. Alfano stated he spoke with the new part time Officer Timothy Nease who is interested in being the interim Chief but does not want the full time Chief of Police position. He stated he has a background in department of defense security training. Mr. Alfano asked council what their pleasure is. Mr. Alfano stated we still have Kirsch's policies and procedures. Mr. Glab stated he thought the policies were finished according to Kirsch's email from August 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Glab stated he doesn't know if he just sent them to council and not to the officers. Ms. Evans stated he had sent them to the officers and asked for their input but none of them have been adopted by council as of yet. Mr. Glab stated Mr. Agrafiotis is reviewing them. Ms. Evans asked if one of the policies was for tasers, because the new tasers are in and every full-time officer received one already. Mr. Agrafiotis stated we definitely need a taser policy. She stated she means policies adopted by Council, Rick might have had something written up and provided to the officers but it did not come before council. Mr. Glab stated maybe we could have two folks one would be administrative duties and one would be operational duties. Mr. Difilippo asked if we have a background check on this part time guy and all his paperwork. Mr. Bittner asked the Mayor if a background check was done. Mayor Stetar stated if it is in the hiring packet. Ms. Evans stated she didn't even know he was hired, he showed up in her office on Monday and asked for payroll forms to fill out, so she has no paperwork on him at all. Mayor stated he knows there is paperwork somewhere because he submitted paperwork for a physical and it wasn't correct. Ms. Evans stated she never received any paperwork at all from this new hire. Council went into executive session to call Timothy Nease about possibly being an interim Chief. Council reconvened and stated there are some things that need worked out prior to us offering him anything. Mr. Alfano stated we will have to continue his meeting.

#### **ADVERTISE FOR NEW POLICE CHIEF**

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to advertise for Police Chief using the same criteria as last time duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Mariscotti stated he thinks we should call the guys we previously interviewed and see if they are still interested. Mr. Alfano stated we didn't hire them then why would look at them again. Mr. Mariscotti stated we just like Kirsch a little better but it doesn't mean we didn't like the other ones. Ms. Evans pulled the prior resumes submitted in May and gave them to Mr. Mariscotti to review.

#### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:**

No citizens were recognized

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

President Alfano stated this meeting is continued until Sept. 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm