

MINUTES

**TEHACHAPI CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING,
TEHACHAPI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING,
TEHACHAPI PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING, AND
TEHACHAPI CITY FINANCING CORPORATION REGULAR MEETING**

**BeeKay Theatre
110 South Green Street**

Monday, April 18, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

NOTE: Sm, Ve, Gr, Re and Wi are abbreviations for Council Members Smith, Vernon, Grimes Reed and Wiggins, respectively. For example, Gr/Sm denotes Council Member Grimes made the motion and Council Member Smith seconded it. The abbreviation Ab means absent, Abd abstained, Ns noes, and NAT no action taken.

ACTION TAKEN

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Grimes at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy City Clerk Ashley Whitmore.

Present: Mayor Grimes, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, Councilmembers
Vernon, Reed, & Wiggins

Absent: None

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Councilmember Reed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved consent agenda

Approved Consent Agenda
Sm/Ve Ayes All

AUDIENCE ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. General public comments regarding matters not listed as an agenda item were received from:
 - a. William Nelson, city resident, commented on article in Tehachapi News dated April 12, 2011 in regards to David James comments on CREED-21 papers.
 - b. Robert Moran, Old West Ranch, commented on new Pahnamid wind energy project and its effect on the surrounding areas.
 - c. Donna Moran, Old West Ranch, voiced concerns in regards to the new wind energy projects and the potential wild fires.

ACTION TAKEN

- d. Barbara Stoll, Sand Canyon, commented on road conditions due to trucks coming to and from wind farms.
- e. Debbie Szydlowski, business owner, City of Tehachapi, questioned where the Farmers Market might be located this year.
- f. Phil Wyman & Brandi Kendrick, Tehachapi Mountain Foundation, spoke about basket weaving and raising funds to bring the art of basketry back to Tehachapi.
- g. Socorro Schmidt, city resident, spoke on threat of fire with the new wind turbine projects and the natural beauty of the surrounding areas being destroyed.
- h. Beverly Billingsly, Friends of Sand Canyon, commented on the potential wind farm projects and asked for the support of the council in opposing the projects and preserving Tehachapi.
- i. Stan Beckham, city resident, spoke on a lawsuit between Tehachapi Housing Associates and Partrini, Brown and Younger and gave an update on Golden Queen Mine project in Mojave, CA.
- j. David Eckert, owner of property where Pahnamid wind project will potentially be going in, asked the council to consider the need for smart growth and wind energy.
- k. Ken Russel, Mtn. Meadows, spoke in regards to how far the wind turbines will run.
- l. Kim Biggs, Friends of Sand Canyon, commented on the wind turbines and the prospect of having to drive through a forest of turbines.
- m. Sara Klingenberg, Tehachapi First, spoke about the need for low prices in our economy and made a comparison between Target and Wal-Mart.
- n. Shannon Turner, Tehachapi First, commented on various groups that represent the city and the surrounding communities such as the GTEDC.
- o. Buz Grantham, Old West Ranch, spoke on the wind farms and finding appropriate locations. Mr. Grantham also questioned who will take them down once they become obsolete.
- p. Ray Haddad, city resident, stated that Wal-Mart is vital to have for the survivorship of the small businesses and that it would be a great addition to our community.

2. Mayor Grimes presented a Proclamation to the Red Hat Society.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

*3. **ALL ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR INTRODUCTION OR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING SHALL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.**

All Ord. Read By Title Only
Sm/Ve Ayes All

ACTION TAKEN

- *4. Minutes for the Tehachapi City Council, Tehachapi Redevelopment Agency, Tehachapi Public Financing Authority, and the Tehachapi City Financing Corporation special meeting on March 28, 2011 and regular meeting on April 4, 2011 - **APPROVED AND FILED.**
- *5. National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011. The Prayer event will start at approximately 12:00 pm and will end at approximately 1:00 pm. The event will be held on Robinson Street in front of City Hall and is open to the public - **APPROVED THE SPECIAL USE APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT AND ASSOCIATED STREET CLOSURES, SUBJECT TO CITY CONDITIONS.**

Approved & Filed
 Sm/Ve Ayes All

Approved The National Day of Prayer Event Application & Associated Street Closures, Subject To City Conditions
 Sm/Ve Ayes All

CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER REPORTS

- 6. Northstar Destination Strategies has concluded the substantial portion of the research phase of the brand identity and strategy for the greater Tehachapi area and is prepared to provide the Council with their suggestions for Tehachapi's brand platform. The cost of the creative phase of the project is already included in our current agreement and the Council will only be approving and providing its concurrence with Northstar's findings and recommendations – **CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER CHRIS KIRK GAVE REPORT; ED BARLOW OF NORTHSTAR DESTINATION STRATEGIES GAVE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON CURRENT PHASE OF BRANDING RESEARCH; INFORMAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE AUDIENCE FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION; COUNCILMEMBER VERNON THANKED NORTHSTAR FOR THE THOROUGHNESS OF THEIR PRESENTATION; COUNCILMEMBER SMITH EXPRESSED HOW PLEASED HE WAS WITH NORTHSTAR'S RESEARCH; COUNCILMEMBER WIGGINS SAID THE DEPTH OF NORTHSTAR'S RESEARCH WAS IMPRESSIVE - APPROVED THE BRAND PLATFORM AS DESCRIBED BY NORTHSTAR DESTINATION STRATEGIES AND DIRECTED STAFF TO BEGIN WORK ON THE CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEHACHAPI BRAND IDENTITY.**
- 7. Over the past three years Staff has identified a number of changes to streamline the weed abatement process and improve enforcement activities for properties within the city limits. In doing so, it is Staff's opinion that the potential for fire situations will be lessened – **CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER CHRIS KIRK GAVE REPORT; CRAIG BRITTON, CITY RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER, WAS CONCERNED WITH THE WORDING OF SECTION B AND SUGGESTED IT BE CHANGED; WILLIAM NELSON, CITY RESIDENT, VOICED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE USE OF HERBICIDES; TED WYMAN WAS CONCERNED WITH WEEDS**

Approved The Brand Platform & Directed Staff To Begin Work On The Creative Development Of The Tehachapi Brand Identity
 Ve/Re Ayes All

Adopted Ord. 11-01-707
 Amending Section 2 Of Ord. No. 555 & Tehachapi Municipal Code Sections 8.32.010, 8.32.202 & 8.32.030 Relating To Abatement Of Weeds & Rubbish
 Re/Ve Ayes All

ACTION TAKEN

GROWING BACK BY SEPTEMBER AND LOCAL UTILITY COMPANIES NOT ABATING THEIR EASEMENTS; COUNCILMEMBER SMITH ASKED ABOUT AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR THOSE PHYSICALLY OR FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO ABATE THEIR WEEDS - ADOPTED ORDINANCE, AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 555 AND TEHACHAPI MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 8.32.010, 8.32.202, AND 8.32.030 RELATING TO ABATEMENT OF WEEDS AND RUBBISH

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORTS

- *8. Disbursements, bills, and claims for 4/4/2011 through 4/12/2011 – **AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS**
- *9. City of Tehachapi Treasurer’s Report through March 2011 – **RECEIVED REPORT**
- 10. Mid-year budget Mid-Year budget review – **FINANCE DIRECTOR HANNAH CHUNG GAVE REPORT; CRAIG BRITTON, CITY RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER, ASKED WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE RDA MONEY IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE CITY - APPROVED 2010-11 MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Authorized Payments
Sm/Ve Ayes All

Received Report
Sm/Ve Ayes All

Approved 2010-11 Mid-Year
Budget Adjustments
Sm/Wi Ayes All

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORTS

- 11. Discussion of three (3) wind projects (Pahnamid, Liberty Wind, and Clear Vista) due to their proximity to the City of Tehachapi – **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVID JAMES GAVE REPORT; GLENN BAUMANN, CITY RESIDENT, ASKED THAT THE COUNCIL INFORM THE KERN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, IN WRITING, OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF SCRUTINY IT WILL HAVE IN REGARDS TO THE POTENTIAL PROJECTS; WILLIAM NELSON, CITY RESIDENT, SPOKE ON HIS CONCERNS WITH TERRA-GEN; PHIL WYMAN ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR BOTH WIND ENERGY AND PRESERVING OUR AREA; GLEN MEULER, WATER CANYON, RETIRED CONSULTANT FOR WIND PARKS, ASKED COUNCIL TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION BEFORE THEY MAKE ANY DECISIONS ON THEIR STANCE AND THAT THEY KEEP AN OPEN MIND; ROBERT MORAN, OLD WEST RANCH, SPOKE ON HIS CONCERNS WITH THE LACK OF PRODUCTIVITY FROM THE WIND FARMS AND THE FACT THAT THE LOCAL AREAS DO NOT RECEIVE ANY WATTAGE; MAYOR GRIMES STATED THAT MORE FACTS WOULD NEED TO BE OBTAINED BEFORE ANY POSITION WOULD BE MADE; COUNCILMEMBER VERNON ASKED THAT A LETTER OF CONCERN BE DRAFTED TO THE KERN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT;**

Discussed

**COUNCILMEMBER SMITH CONCURRED WITH COMMENTS BY
COUNCILMEMBER VERNON**

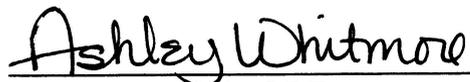
CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding claim filed by June Weiss per Government Code Section 54956.9(b).

Approved Claim
Sm/Gr Ayes All

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council/Boards adjourned at 9:18 p.m. to a Tehachapi City Council, Tehachapi Redevelopment Agency, Tehachapi Public Financing Authority and Tehachapi City Financing Corporation Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, May 2, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.



ASHLEY WHITMORE
Deputy City Clerk,
City of Tehachapi

Approved this 16th day
Of May, 2011.



ED GRIMES
Mayor, City of Tehachapi