

## SPECIAL MEETING of the ROSS TOWN COUNCIL THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010

**1. 4:30 P.M. Commencement.**

Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Small, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Russell, Council Member Strauss, and Town Attorney Hadden Roth.

**2. Posting of Agenda.**

Administrative Manager Linda Lopez reported that the agenda was posted according to government code.

**3. Town Council Consideration of Resolution No. 1719 Approving a Ballot Measure and Ballot Wording for the November 2, 2010 Election for the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Special Tax for Paramedic Services.**

Council Member Strauss questioned the paramedic budget increase for backup services for 2009-2010.

Bruce Hart of Ross Valley Paramedic Authority, responded that the backup services are for Corte Madera, who used to be part of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority and they withdrew and set up their own paramedic service. Mr. Hart indicated that RVPA and Corte Madera put together a mutual sharing agreement to provide backup service on an as needed basis for the east end of the Ross Valley. They are used as a backup when RVPA is busy on another call and cannot respond. They are paid for any dispatch call they respond to on behalf of RVPA.

Council Member Strauss indicated that it was a healthy increase as a percentage and expressed concern about having more checks and balances within government and controlling costs.

Mr. Hart indicated that he did not have his budget information with him but that he would be happy to come back and do a full budget presentation to the Council on RVPA's budget operations.

Mayor Pro Tempore Small agreed that this was a great compromise given the fact that today's meeting is to adopt the Resolution for the ballot measure in November. She agreed that Mr. Hart should come back in the fall and do a full budget presentation and answer any questions the Council may have.

Mr. Hart stated that they are keeping the rate at \$42.00 and this is a repeat of what has been reauthorized. It is the exact same amount. Though their budget has increased, the cost to the taxpayer has not increased, nor the step.

**August 5, 2010 Minutes**

Council Member Russell moved and Council Member Hunter seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 1719 as submitted, and to have Bruce Hart give a future presentation to the Council on the RVPA budget. Motion carried unanimously. Martin absent.

**4. Adjournment.**

By order of Mayor Pro Tempore Small, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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Carla Small, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

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Linda Lopez, Administrative Manager