

SPECIAL MEETING of the ROSS TOWN COUNCIL TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010

1. 8:00 A.M. Commencement.

Present: Mayor Strauss; Mayor Pro Tempore Hunter; Council Member Cahill, Council Member Martin; Council Member Skall and Town Attorney Hadden Roth

2. Posting of Agenda.

Town Manager Gary Broad reported that the agenda was posted according to government code.

3. Town Council discussion/action on a Town contribution toward a commemorative plaque for the Ross Grocery.

Council member Martin presented background on the commemorative plaque. The cost would be \$3,144 and he indicated that Ross Property Owners Association would be willing to spend about \$1,000 for the plaque.

Carla Small – In Eddie’s, they view this as the Town not wanting to recognize them. It is embarrassing that the Town doesn’t just stand up and support the full cost of plaque. They should be recognized and this is not irresponsible or fiscally irresponsible. She offered to contribute \$100.

Mayor Strauss responded to Ms. Small’s comment as to how Town funds are spent and indicated that for transparency purposes, he had requested that this matter be brought to Council for review.

Richard Torney would second that and indicated that this timeline will never be matched unless a decision is made today to go ahead.

Mayor Strauss asked if the Town had a policy regarding this sort of recognition.

Richard Torney indicated they are on a deadline right now for getting the plaque.

Council member Cahill commented that it is not overly extravagant and asked who would maintain it.

Richard Torney indicated it would be the owner’s responsibility and that he had gotten a mixed response from the historic society on contributing.

Mayor Strauss indicated that the plaque should read from residents of Ross.

Council member Martin stated that the total cost would be \$3,194.66 and RPOA has pledged \$1,000.

Council Member Cahill moved to approve with language added from residents of Ross, and the Town’s contribution of up to \$2,194.66 with minor contributions raised by the historical society. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Open time for matters pertaining to the closed session in agenda items 5 - None
5. Closed Session.
 - a. Significant Exposure to Litigation against the Town of Ross - Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1.) A claim has been made by Ross Parmenter and Ligia Melendez to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development asserting housing discrimination.
 - b. Labor Relations - Government Code Section 54957.6 related to negotiations between the Town of Ross (Gary Broad, Town Manager, Richard Strauss and Scot Hunter, Ross Town Council, as Town Representatives) and the Ross Professional Firefighters Association, Local 1775.
 - c. Labor Relations - Government Code Section 54957.6 related to negotiations between the Town of Ross (Gary Broad, Town Manager, as Town Representative) and the Ross Police Officers Association.
6. Open Session. Council will return to open session and announce action taken, if any.

Mayor Strauss indicated that there were no reportable actions on items 5 a., b. and c.

7. Adjournment.

By order of Mayor Strauss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Richard Strauss, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Broad, Town Manager