

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

JULY 18, 2024

5:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

The GHCS D Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on July 18, 2024, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 5:02 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: David Benham, John Buckley, Joe King, David Shaw, Scott Wyatt

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Carlson, General Manager; Brian Barnett, Business Analyst

2. CLOSED SESSION INPUT:

No Public Comment

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Director Benham referenced the items listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session.

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session made by Director King at 5:03 PM, seconded by Director Buckley and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(4): Two matters.

B. EMPLOYMENT

Government Code § 54957 (b)(1)

Title: Performance Evaluation – General Manager

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session made by Director Shaw at 6:03 PM, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

OPEN SESSION – 6:07 P.M.

4. FLAG SALUTE:

Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

5. REPORTING ON CLOSED SESSION:

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Staff presented reports on the District's financial statements.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion to approve the consent calendar A-D was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Buckley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

10. PARKS AND RECREATION STUDY PRESENTATION:

Board heard the presentation by Corey Costelloe, Assistant City Manager, City of Tehachapi, regarding a region wide park and recreation analysis to evaluate program offering, facilities and explore opportunities for better service delivery.

11. RESOLUTION 24-21, APPROVING STANDBY OR AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025:

Motion to approve Resolution 24-21, Water Standby or availability charges was made by Director King, seconded by Director Shaw, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

12. RESOLUTION 24-22, APPROVING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND PLACEMENT OF CHARGES AND PENALTIES DESCRIBED THEREIN ON THE TAX ROLL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 61115(b):

Motion to approve Resolution 24-22, placement of charges and penalties described therein on the tax roll was made by Director King, seconded by Director Buckley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

13. RESOLUTION 24-26, ESTABLISHING AND/OR CONSOLIDATING THE DISTRICT'S CHARGES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN WATER SERVICES:

Motion to approve Resolution 24-26 to increase the deposit for temporary hydrant meter service from \$400.00 to \$800.00 effective August 1, 2024 was made by Director King, seconded by Director Shaw, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

14. FREESTONE RENEWABLES REQUEST TO DELAY DEVELOPMENT PAYMENTS UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2025:

Motion to approve the deferral of quarterly payments made by Freestone Renewables until January 1, 2025, was made by Director King, seconded by Director Wyatt, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

15. NATURE PARK OLD METAL BUILDING DEMOLITION TO MAKE WAY FOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

Motion to approve the zero-dollar proposal from MAG Engineering and direct the General Manager to perform all administrative duties required to facilitate successful completion of the project was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Buckley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) Finance – Director King gave a report.
- 2) Personnel – No report given

B. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- 1) Surrounding Community – No report given.
- 2) Nature Park Activity Priorities – Director Buckley gave a report.
- 3) District Security and Code Enforcement - No report given.

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

17. NEW BUSINESS:

None

18. READJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Director Benham referenced continuing of the closed session from the beginning of the Board meeting.

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session made by Director King at 7:28 PM, seconded by Director Buckley and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session made by Director Buckley at 8:04 PM, seconded by Director Shaw and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

19. REPORTING ON CLOSED SESSION:

None

20. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director King, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/
Christopher Carlson, Secretary

/s/
David Benham, President