

MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2020

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CORTE MADERA TOWN COUNCIL
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ONLY**

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Mayor Beckman called the Regular Town Council Meeting to order at Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA on June 16, 2020 at 6:32 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Beckman; Vice Mayor Kunhardt; Councilmembers Casissa, Lee and Ravasio

Councilmember Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Todd Cusimano
Town Attorney Teresa Stricker
Director of Planning and Building Adam Wolff
Public Works Director R.J. Suokko
Fire Marshal Ruben Martin
Senior Planner Martha Battaglia
Administrative Analyst Tracy Hegarty
Planning Consultant Bob Brown
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Manager Rebecca Vaughn

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Mayor Beckman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

3. PRESENTATIONS – None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Beckman asked if there were public comments or requests from the public for removal of items from the Consent Calendar, and there were none.

- A. Waive Further Reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances by Title Only
(Standard procedural action – no backup information provided)
- B. Second Reading and Possible Adoption of Ordinance No. 995, A Zoning Ordinance Amendment To Chapters 18.12 (Commercial Districts) And 18.13 (Mixed Use Districts), To Permit Hotels As A Conditional Use In The C-4 Zoning District And Increase The Permitted Floor Area Ratio And Height For Hotel Uses In C-3, C-4, And MX Zoning Districts, Through The Creation Of A Floor Area Bonus
Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 995
- C. Ratification Of Subcommittee Recommendations Regarding the Following Commission Appointments Commencing July 1, 2020 and Expiring June 30, 2022: Waive Interview Process and (1) Re-Appoint Margaret Bandel, Bob Bundy and Phyllis Metcalfe to the Planning Commission; and (2) Re-Appoint Sarah Elsen, Emily Janowsky and Alden Miles, and Appoint Lucy Macpherson (Youth Commissioner) to the Parks and Recreation Commission
Recommendation: Approve item as requested
- D. Adoption of Resolution No. 24/2020 authorizing Town staff to apply for a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant.
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 24/2020

MOTION: Moved by Ravasio, seconded by Kunhardt, and approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: 5-0 (Ayes: Beckman, Casissa, Kunhardt, Lee and Ravasio; Noes: None)

To approve Town Consent Calendar Items A, B, C, D and E.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. First Reading and Possible Introduction of Electric Vehicle Ordinance No. 997 Amending the Town of Corte Madera Municipal Code, adding Chapter 15.90 to provide an Expedited Permit Process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
Recommendation: Conduct public hearing and introduce Ordinance No. 997

Director of Planning and Building Adam Wolff introduced Bob Brown, Planning Consultant and gave a background of his sustainability and Green Building experience.

Bob Brown, Planning Consultant, gave an overview of the staff report regarding possible introduction of EV Ordinance No. 997 amending the Town's Municipal Code, adding Chapter 15.90 to provide an expedited permit process for EV charging stations.

Vice Mayor Kunhardt asked and confirmed that two-thirds of other cities/towns have adopted a similar ordinance.

Mayor Beckman opened the public hearing and asked for public comments and emails.

A speaker strongly recommended the Council select Option 1 in the staff report to introduce the ordinance and hold a second reading on July 7, 2020. The ordinance is required to be in compliance by September 30, 2017 according to AB 1236 and only two jurisdictions in Marin County are fully compliant; Larkspur and Tiburon. He asked to also

adopt an 'EV First Policy', which he described.

Vice Mayor Kunhardt cited a source of California Energy Commission (CEC) funding through Marin Clean Energy (MCE) for EV charging support and it is more likely jurisdictions will receive it if jurisdictions are compliant with AB 1236 and urged introduction of the ordinance.

Councilmember Lee voiced support and asked staff how the process to be in compliance would be processed and whether the Council would support this in moving forward.

Mr. Wolff asked for direction from the Council and staff could review and agendize the matter in the future. The Council subcommittee could also meet to discuss this and forward a recommendation to the Council.

Vice Mayor Kunhardt asked what would be the fleet purchasing process and EV First Policy. Town Attorney Stricker recommended agendizing this item for the future for discussion since it is not noticed.

MOTION: Moved by Kunhardt, seconded by Casissa, and approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: 5-0 (Ayes: Beckman, Casissa, Kunhardt, Lee and Ravasio; Noes: None)

To introduce Ordinance No. 997 Amending the Town of Corte Madera Municipal Code, adding Chapter 15.90 to provide an Expedited Permit Process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

B. First Reading and Possible Introduction of Tree Ordinance No. 998 to Amend Portions of Chapter 15.50 (Trees), Including Sections 15.50.020 (Definitions), 15.50.040 (Application for Permit), and 15.50.050 (Exemptions to Permit Requirements) of the Corte Madera Municipal Code to 1) Add a Definition of "Fire-Prone Trees" and 2) Add a Procedure for Removal of Fire-Prone Trees on Private Property and Public Property that Exempts Such Trees From Obtaining a Tree Permit When Deemed a Fire Hazard

Recommendation: Conduct public hearing and introduce Ordinance No. 998

Administrative Analyst Tracy Hegarty gave the staff report and an overview of the matter regarding possible introduction of Tree Ordinance No. 998 to Amend Portions of Chapter 15.50 (Trees) and related sections, to add a definition of "Fire-Prone Trees" and add a procedure for removal of fire-prone trees on private property and property that exempts such trees from obtaining a tree permit when deemed a fire hazard.

Councilmember Lee asked for clarification from the Fire Marshal about tree types and whether there would be a countywide initiative for designation. If under the jurisdiction of the Central Marin Fire Department, he asked if the same policies will be adopted county-wide.

Fire Marshal Ruben Martin stated the JPA governing body still looks at local agencies for enforcement and municipal action. These trees may be included in the existing list because jurisdictions are using the same sources of which trees are hazardous and fire prone and most were derived from FireSafe Marin and will end up on the list.

Councilmember Lee asked if there are criteria established for slope stabilization and environmental conditions in which the Fire Chief or inspector would evaluate on top of the fire danger.

Mr. Martin stated they do not want to remove something and cause a bigger problem down the road. For example, they require French broom and scotch broom be removed from hillsides, but if the hillside is unstable if removed they find other mitigating efforts and try

to maintain the stability of the hillside. They also determine any habitat or nesting seasons, but this allows the Fire Department and Town staff to make a determination to streamline the process if the tree meets the heritage tree size to be able to be removed without going through the entire permitting process.

Mayor Beckman asked Mr. Martin to speak criteria that might define a tree as a fire hazard. Mr. Martin stated they may see a tree in very poor health or it is leaning into a roadway where the only way to maintain it is to remove it. While a mature Bay or Douglas Fir tree is not necessarily a hazard if properly maintained, there may be certain instances where the tree needs to be removed.

Mayor Beckman referred to the groves of Bay trees on Ring Mountain, and he asked and confirmed the ordinance would not come into play there.

Vice Mayor Kunhardt referred to Lombardi Poplar and asked why it is not on the list of fire prone trees, and questioned risks. Mr. Martin stated the list was initially developed for fire inspectors and Town staff to be able to identify species considered fire prone based upon characteristics outlined in FireSafe Marin, which he further described. The Lombardi Poplar may have been more an undesirable tree and was not on the list of fire hazard trees.

Administrative Analyst Tracy Hegarty stated the undesirable species list has trees known to have issues and reasons include risk, large size, fast growth, poor structure, invasive species and the potential to damage infrastructure. The lists overlap and there are a multitude of reasons why a tree might be undesirable.

Councilmember Lee asked if undesirables are almost all invasive and non-native trees. Ms. Hegarty stated the undesirables were added at a time the Town had an arborist and they include a wide variety of characteristics.

Councilmember Lee suggested being aware of the bio-region a jurisdiction is in to determine if a tree is appropriate or not, and he thinks a deeper evaluation of trees, their effects and an environmental understanding of them when finalizing the ordinance would be helpful in evaluating it.

Councilmember Casissa asked if once deemed a fire hazard, he asked if there is an appeal process or notification of neighbors. Mr. Martin said once the tree is evaluated, it streamlines the process and he would notify the Town that the tree has been identified as a fire hazard and will recommend its removal.

Mr. Wolff added staff is introducing the ordinance because if they did not, an individual could apply for removing the tree but there would be a noticing period of 10 days, a decision by the Planning Director and an appeal period. The tree could be appealed and the process could be lengthened and cost significant to the homeowner who is trying to remove the tree.

Councilmember Ravasio confirmed that in looking at the list of species, a permit is exempt only if it is deemed a fire hazard by the Fire Marshal.

Mayor Beckman said if the Fire Marshal inspects a tree within the homeowner's defensible space and find it to be a fire hazard but recognizes a way for it to be maintained without removal, he asked and confirmed the Fire Marshal only mandates removal when a tree is dead or dying, and if a Douglas Fir is healthy he could work with the homeowner to trim limbs to meet defensible space requirements.

Mayor Beckman opened the public comment period.

LAURA LOVITT provided background on a committee comprise of the Native Plant Society members and Marin Conservation League members who have worked with the Fire Chief

and FireSafe Marin on the plant list which is almost finalized. The ordinance is timely and they wish to finish the process for a modified list of fire prone and an expanded list of good trees to plant when removal of trees.

LUCINDA SMITH referred to her discussions with Mr. Martin about the eucalyptus tree at the intersection of Sausalito and Alto Way and she thinks if properly maintained and limed, she asked if it could be retained, and is on public property.

JIM ROBINSON said if a resident is aware of adjoining properties that have mature trees that are dead and pose hazards, he asked who first to contact and asked whether reporting dead trees will be handled on a complaint basis.

DAVID LONG said he is with the Native Plant Society and Fire and Environmental Resilience Network (FERN) and submitted comments in writing. He asked to be assured that fire personnel were as aware of best practices as Chief Martin they would have few concerns, but fire leadership in the past has failed. He thinks the ordinance could be used to clear an entire eco-system of trees on a particular property without review which is not done now but could be done under this ordinance.

Town Clerk/Assistant Town Manager Rebecca Vaughn summarized emails received which are posted on the Town's website:

JEAN GREENBAUM voiced her strong opposition to the proposed ordinance, thinks the list is overkill without justification, questioned the reasons for removal for certain trees such as the Acacia tree, and asked the Town be careful to add too many living species that do not belong on the list and said fear should not be the driver of policy changes.

BOB BUNDY said he wrote regarding addition of a definition of trees that are in the median strips and damaging sidewalks, spoke with Mr. Wolff about this and he discussed an option where the homeowner would take a picture of the tree and sidewalk for approval of removal and asked that this be added to the ordinance.

SCOTT FUSEY proposed to expand the scope of what can be removed without a permit to include any tree determined to be a fire hazard even if not on the list.

DAVID LEWIS, Director of the UC Cooperative Extension Marin and member of Marin Master Gardeners, stated they are no longer distributing and teaching certain materials, and are instead teaching from a publication and revision based on field and lab research to provide homeowners with the most up-to-date information. He likened what was developed and published previously by fire predecessors is part of the normal process of science, education and advancing and looks forward to working with the Town and Fire officials moving forward. He hopes they can be a resource and are partnering with FireSafe Marin to bring a comprehensive education message to homeowners as well as a video. He also provided several links to websites which readers can view on-line.

Councilmember Ravasio thanked Ms. Hegarty for her report and said he conducted a 2-hour tour with Mr. Martin on what has been done with vegetation management in Town. He now has significant confidence in the Fire Department's judgment in moving forward. Fire officials know what they are doing he voiced complete confidence in their abilities, and supported the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Kunhardt echoed Councilmember Ravasio's comments regarding the Fire Department's work. He referred to Jean Greenbaum's comments and was worried about the use of the freestanding list. He suggested adding an asterisk to a few of the species with a note for California Bay tree, Bishop Pine tree, Torrey Pine tree and Douglas Fir tree, which would state "This species group consists of native trees with many environmental benefits and should be removed only where the Fire Marshal deems a tree to be a specific hazard to structure or residence."

The second note he proposed is to also refer people to the UC Cooperative Extension and FERN. The final suggestion is to see the good list of trees be included wherever there is a bad list that is published. He thinks conversations will continue of groups and asked if Councilmembers would support his proposed amendments.

Mayor Beckman said he takes tree removal seriously and he thinks the ordinance is well crafted and is not concerned it will be used as a cover to clear cut trees but only intended to apply to specific situations, trees and locations where they cause threats. He also said when he first heard the ordinance was being drafted he recognized the need for the tree list and also supported beneficial and native trees that support the local eco-system. Mr. Wolff worked with him to understand this can be done, but this particular ordinance is not the vehicle for that and there are other ways of doing this in the future, such as a water efficiency landscape ordinance that speaks directly to native species. Lastly, he supported Vice Mayor Kunhardt's modifications to the hazardous tree list.

Councilmember Lee agreed with the modifications suggested, thinks the revision relates to comments brought up and that there is still a lot of dialogue to be had given what will be an intense fire season.

Councilmember Casissa said he also supports the ordinance with Vice Mayor Kunhardt's revisions, and suggested after the ordinance's adoption to have staff return after 60 days and provide an update.

Mayor Beckman entertained a motion.

Town Attorney Stricker asked Vice Mayor Kunhardt to restate his amendments, which were stated as follows:

"To add as a note on the list on page 23 in the staff report: "For California Bay, Bishop Pine, Torrey Pine and Douglas Fir that this species group consists of native trees with many environmental benefits and should be removed only where the Fire Marshal deems a tree to be a specific hazard to a structure or residence."

MOTION: Moved by Kunhardt, seconded by Lee, and approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: 5-0 (Ayes: Beckman, Casissa, Kunhardt, Lee and Ravasio; Noes: None)

To introduce Ordinance No. 998, as amended.

Town Manager Todd Cusimano stated staff did not answer a couple of questions regarding Mr. Robinson and Ms. Smith's questions and will follow-up.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Summary of April 20, 2020 Town Council Strategic Planning Workshop and Proposed Work Plan

Recommendation: Review item and provide direction to staff

Town Manager Todd Cusimano stated each year the Council holds a Strategic Planning Workshop to discuss the projected workload for the next 12 months and beyond. Before the Council is more of an 18 month project list. The Council provided general direction to staff at the workshop earlier this year and the Council broke up the priorities in three categories as listed on pages 1 and 2 of the staff report.

Category 1 includes five sections, which he described as: 1) COVID-19 recovery; 2) fiscal sustainability; and 3) climate hazards 4) communications plan; and 5) disaster planning.

Category 2 includes three sections, which he described as: 1) traffic infrastructure; 2) all

land use; and 3) Town operations and customer service.

Category 3 includes all quality of life issues, which he described as: 1) short-term rentals; and 2) sustainable beautification of the Town.

On page 6 is an outline of staff's Work Plan under these three categories which he briefly described and said staff was available to answer questions or receive any changes from the Council on the Work Plan.

Director of Planning and Building Greg Wolff stated much of the department's work will focus on new housing legislation which affects the Town and he would also like to receive feedback from the Council on short-term rentals.

Public Works Director R.J. Suokko referred to the Climate Adaptation Plan and said the Town will hold a virtual community workshop on Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. They will focus on overall project goals, sea level rise vulnerabilities and concepts as well as fire mitigation concepts. He stated Public Works will also focus on infrastructure.

Mr. Cusimano stated the Town will also focus on training of staff in the importance of public service. Areas of focus include: customer service, leadership, succession planning, staff development, core values and their mission.

Councilmember Ravasio referred to evacuation routes, trails and paths, and he asked if this is something included in the plan.

Mr. Suokko stated as they have time on the maintenance side, they are sending crews up the various steps, lanes and paths to conduct maintenance. They are looking at all modes of evacuation routes, and he confirmed staff would be addressing routes up on Christmas Tree Hill, removal of vegetation, adding reflectors and signage improvements,

Vice Mayor Kunhardt asked if the short-term rental review was due to complaints or opportunities, or an aspect of regulation that is incomplete.

Mr. Wolff said it is not from complaints but has come up from time to time. There have been comments that the Town should address the subject.

Councilmember Casissa referred to Items 4; Environmental D where it talks about EV charging at Town Hall, and he asked if this was limited to Town Hall or asked if other locations would be considered.

Mr. Suokko said if they were to make improvements at the Town Hall facility, they would try and incorporate additional stations.

Councilmember Casissa referred to number 6; Sanitary District No. 2 and asked if this should be carved out as a separate Work Plan for the District.

Mr. Cusimano stated from staff's perspective, it is helpful to have it in a single document because the District is run by Town staff.

Ms. Stricker added that most people realize it is a subsidiary of the Council and if an action would be taken, she would suggest putting it on a Sanitary District No. 2 meeting agenda. However, this is a general discussion of the Work Plan and it can stay here.

Councilmember Casissa referred to page 6, number 5 under Quality of Life—Complete master planning project for Town Park. He noted that this process began 5-7 months ago, so some of the groundwork has already been laid, and he asked that the word "begin" not be used and instead use the word "complete". Mr. Cusimano agreed to change this.

Councilmember Casissa asked and confirmed staff returns to the Council at the end of the year but staff can agendaize this every six months to ensure they are on track.

Councilmember Casissa asked if staff could place the Work Plan on a grid type of format to see the item, its status, comment section, etc. so it is more visual.

Mr. Cusimano stated staff has developed a matrix for this and the Council will be able to see the Work Plan and can move pieces around.

Mayor Beckman opened the public comment period.

PAT RAVASIO said she was interested in the Town Park Master Plan and requested incorporating Park Madera Center in the Town's long term planning, to discuss possibly doing a lot split, building senior housing and possibly a dog park. She also supported holding discussion about short-term rentals

Vice Mayor Kunhardt recognized Town staff for their work in proceeding with ideas and projects from the Strategic Planning Workshop and supported the Work Plan, and he would be interested in seeing a short-term rental ordinance come forward.

Councilmember Lee referred to fire clearing and said this increases property values, voiced support for short-term rental discussions but not necessarily an ordinance, and thinks it should be discussed in light of COVID-19.

Councilmember Casissa thanked staff for the Work Plan and voiced support of comments.

Councilmember Ravasio thanked staff and he supported holding discussions about short-term rentals which are occurring, and he thought the question was whether they want to regulate them or not.

Mayor Beckman recognized the ambition and work ethic of staff, stating the items on the Work Plan will really benefit the Town and its residents, and he confirmed staff had direction.

B. Approval of Request from Mill Valley Refuse Service to Postpone Consideration of Annual Rate Application Until an Amended Rate Application is Submitted In July

Recommendation: Approve item as requested

Mr. Cusimano gave an overview of the Town's 26 year, 6 month contract from 2006 to December 31, 2026 with Mill Valley Refuse Service (MVRS). MVRS is required to submit a rate application for consideration by Council before July 1st, and because of COVID-19, it has affected the revenue models. Staff was advised in April of their intent to raise fees, but in getting better projections, they wish to postpone this until the first quarter and re-evaluate it in September.

The increase was in the 8% range, which is lower now. In the meantime, staff reviewed the discussion last year and specifically Vice Mayor Andrews had asked for a couple of things which was to look at three rates. Corte Madera has a flat rate, hill rate and a Christmas Tree Hill rate, and they are working on scenarios in going from 3 rates to 2 rates or if they even went to 1 rate.

As these rate adjustments increase, the Town brings in more revenue with franchise fees and this does not feel appropriate at this time and they want to instead help residents and businesses. Therefore, they are working with MVRS to identify things they can do to offset costs.

James Iavarone, Managing Director, MVRS, stated Mr. Cusimano has summarized all issues

and was not comfortable in coming in March with a rate application, given the beginning of the COVID-19 shutdown. They were making projections they thought might not be accurate later in the year. They thought the shutdown would last a couple of weeks and that they would come this month with an amended application based upon improved commercial revenue projections; however, businesses are finally starting to re-open.

Therefore, they hope to return in September with a lower rate increase than the one produced in March. He could make no predictions right now because they will assess commercial businesses and how they are resuming services.

Mr. Cusimano then spoke staff's work with MVRS regarding options for creation of 1, 2 or 3 rates and options the Town Council may consider of deferring revenues and bringing it back to offset costs, and he asked for comments and any direction moving forward.

Councilmember Lee stated the Council switched to the one off and one on week of larger cans to help clean up the recycling streams. He asked if this has been an effective way in cost savings for MVRS or he asked if there were others to bring forward.

Mr. Iavarone explained the recycling program is working as they had hoped it would. They were experiencing a 16.7% contamination rate with a single stream collection. According to an internal waste audit at Marin Sanitary, it is looking the contamination rate has been reduced to about 10.4%. They hope to hire an outside agency this year to conduct an in-depth look at the recycling waste stream so they not only get the general percentage from 16 to 10 they got from Marin Sanitary but they will give them a breakdown by weight of the exact contaminants and improve contamination rates more. They are experiencing savings in not driving to the Redwood Landfill any longer and going across the street to the Marin Sanitary processing plant.

Councilmember Lee said outside of COVID-19 affecting the commercial waste streams, this has also affected the amount of packaging in residential pickup and deliveries, and he asked if cardboard was still readily recyclable in the U.S. or he asked if it is an issue or long-term impact.

Mr. Iavarone reminded everyone they are just haulers and do not own the processing plant, so they do not make money from more cardboard in the waste stream. Cardboard is still a profitable commodity and the processing plant makes money off of it, but this in turn keeps the rate they pay to dump the material lower.

Mayor Beckman asked and confirmed that tonight the Council is being asked to accept deferring the rate application and then returning and discussing what staff is working on with MVRS.

Mr. Iavarone referred to the flat and hill rates, and said Belvedere decide they did not want to have split flat and hill rate so they were presented with a rate sheet that blended the two rates together so there was one rate for everybody, and this is what they will provide for Corte Madera for review in July.

Vice Mayor Kunhardt said had made the point that MRVS increased and absolute dollars go up more for those on the hill, and he asked to at least flatten the curve. He asked how the green can is working with people putting in food scraps and asked if MVRS has looked at electric trucks.

Mr. Iavarone stated electric trucks do not work well in areas with hills. They lack the kind of power needed to handle hills well and have not been able to find suitable trucks for their service areas. Regarding green cans, he was not sure how much food people were putting into the cans. He knows they are very well used and trucks are loaded on all routes, so people are making great use of them but he had no numbers on them.

Mayor Beckman opened the public comment period, and there were no speakers or emails.

MOTION: Moved by Ravasio, seconded by Casissa, and approved unanimously by the following roll call vote: 5-0 (Ayes: Beckman, Casissa, Kunhardt, Lee and Ravasio; Noes: None)

To approve Request from Mill Valley Refuse Service to Postpone Consideration of Annual Rate Application until an Amended Rate Application is Submitted In July

C. Verbal Update from Town Manager Regarding the Following:

1. Update on Recent and Anticipated Changes to Marin County Public Health Orders.

Mr. Cusimano reported that indoor retail is now allowed and he and Mike Morarity walked the Town yesterday and they are about 80% functional in their retail businesses. It looks like everyone is following social distancing and best practices.

2. Update on outdoor business operations through Temporary Outdoor Encroachment and Temporary Outdoor Use permits, and update on outdoor dining in Menke Park.

Mr. Cusimano had no updates for Menke Park from last week but staff will begin to implement measures in the coming 10 days.

He thought Chief Norton was outstanding in their community chats regarding what is going on with police departments across the nation. He was excited to engage people and for the community to be able to tell their story. A Police Council meeting will be held on June 22, 2020 at 6PM.

3. Other Town Manager reports

Mr. Cusimano had no other updates or reports.

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Casissa reported he attended the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority meeting, the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) monthly meeting and has been attending the MCCMC Economic Recovery meeting every Friday, as well as the Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) meeting last week and met with Jason Dow, General Manager. He provided a background on CMSA and they toured the entire facility.
- Councilmember Lee reported he attended his first days of school and a lot of discussion was about the fall opening and how it might affect student drop off and students getting to school. They also reviewed conditions in the neighborhoods to do low cost improvements for bike safety, as well. He continues to talk with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) group and they will hold a meeting next week.
- Councilmember Ravasio echoed Mr. Cusimano's comments and attended Chief Norton's call and it was very informative. Many of the policies were put in place when Todd Cusimano was Chief, so it was gratifying and terrific.
- Vice Mayor Kunhardt stated his family has held many conversations regarding Black Lives Matter, reported on his attendance to his first meeting of the Disaster Preparedness Committee and they will focus on equity, environment, efficiency and effectiveness.

- Mayor Beckman reported on his attendance to the weekly Friday MCCMC Recovery meetings with Councilmember Casissa and sharing best practices. He attended a couple of CMSA meetings and had nothing to report. There is a Climate Adaptation Plan Workshop on Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. and information can be found on the Town's website. Lastly, on June 27 and 28 residents can bring their yard waste and have it chipped for free at the Cove School parking lot.

8. REVIEW OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

A. Review of Draft Agenda for July 7, 2020 Town Council Meeting

There were no comments for the July 7th agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. to the next regular Town Council Meeting on July 7, 2020 via teleconference.