

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CORTE MADERA TOWN COUNCIL
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY**

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), the September 1, 2020, Regular Town Council meeting will occur via videoconference only. All Councilmembers will be participating remotely, and residents are urged to follow the orders issued by the Marin County Public Health Officer and Governor and participate in the meeting remotely as well. As allowed under the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), during the duration of the COVID emergency the Town of Corte Madera will no longer offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend.

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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 September 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Todd Cusimano
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Manager Rebecca Vaughn
Town Attorney Teresa Stricker
Director of Planning and Building Adam Wolff
Public Works Director R.J. Suokko

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received public comment from 2 individuals:

- Roy Wolford
- Margaret Bandel

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. There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar by Town Council or Staff.

4.A. Waive Further Reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances by Title Only
(Standard procedural action – no backup information provided)

4.B. Approval of Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

MOTION: It was M/S/C (Ravasio/Kunhardt) to approve Town Consent Calendar Items A through B

Roll call vote: 5-0 in favor of the motion.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 5.A. Consideration And Possible Adoption Of Resolution No. 31/2020 Increasing By Approximately 7.85% The Maximum Rates That May Be Charged For Delivery Of Solid Waste Collection And Dual-Stream Recycling Services By Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc., With Rates and Terms and Conditions Effective retroactively to July 1, 2020. Under the proposed rate increase, Mill Valley Refuse Service will spread the fee increase for services provided during the first three months of the current fiscal year over the remaining nine months of the year, resulting in all customers paying a 10.47% increase in each of their next three refuse bills only.

The Town Council will also consider an alternative rate proposal for waste collection and recycling services effective July 1, 2020. Under the alternative proposal, the current three-tiered rate structure that is based on whether customers are located in the "Flat Area", "Hill Area" and "Christmas Tree Hill Area" of Town would be changed to a single blended-rate structure for all Town customers regardless of their location.

Town Manager Cusimano presented the staff report and summarized the proposed Mill Valley Refuse Service rate increase, and explained the two rate structures, tiered and blended, under consideration for residential curbside customers. Jim Iavarone, Managing Director for Mill Valley Refuse Services, Inc., was in attendance to answer questions from the Council and the public. Town Manager Cusimano and Mr. Iavarone answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Beckman opened the public hearing. Council received public comment from 5 individuals:

- Arlene Wolford
- Michelle Miller
- Lucinda Smith
- Margaret Bandel
- Richard Sideman

Mr. Iavarone responded to the questions. Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Beckman closed the public hearing.

Council deliberated and asked additional questions of Town Manager Cusimano and Mr. Iavarone.

MOTION: It was M/S/C (Casissa/Ravasio) to approve Item 5A, Resolution No. 31/2020 Increasing By Approximately 7.85% The Maximum Rates That May Be Charged For Delivery Of Solid Waste Collection And Dual-Stream Recycling Services By Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc., With Rates and Terms and Conditions Effective retroactively to July 1, 2020. Under the proposed rate increase, Mill Valley Refuse Service will spread the fee increase for services provided during the first three months of the current fiscal year over the remaining nine months of the year, resulting in all customers paying a 10.47% increase in each of their next three refuse bills only.

Roll call vote: 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Following consultation with the Town Attorney, an additional vote was taken to ensure that the appropriate rate sheet, with the blended rate structure for residential curbside customers, approved by Council is included as Exhibit A:

MOTION: It was M/S/C (Kunhardt/Casissa) to approve Resolution No. 31/2020, with the following amendment:

Section 1 is amended to read (addition in italics), "The Town Council hereby approves the increase in Base Rates set forth in Exhibit A, *which includes a blended rate that will apply to all residential curbside customers.*"

Roll call vote: 5-0 in favor of the motion.

- 5.B. Consideration and Possible Introduction Of An Ordinance Amending Title 18 Of The Corte Madera Municipal Code To Establish a New Approval Process for Town Projects Currently Subject to That Title

Town Manager Cusimano, Town Attorney Teresa Stricker, and Planning Director Adam Wolff presented the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Beckman opened the public hearing. Council received public comment from 2 individuals:

- Michelle Miller
- Karl Spurzem

Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Beckman closed the public hearing.

Council deliberated and asked additional questions of staff.

MOTION: It was M/S/C (Kunhardt/Casissa) to Introduce Ordinance No. 999 Amending Title 18 Of The Corte Madera Municipal Code To Establish a New Approval Process for Town Projects Currently Subject to That Title. (with clarification that the version of the Ordinance being introduced is the version that was circulated to Council and public and made available on the website on Monday, August 31, 2020)

Roll call vote: 5-0 in favor of the motion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS: None

7. TOWN MANAGER AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Town Manager Report:

- Noted that a Mill Valley Refuse Services driver died in a roll over accident on Meadowsweet earlier this year
- We have also lost several longtime residents this year, Harry Schriebman, Clyde Marquart and most recently, Jackie Branch. When COVID improves, staff will work with Council to appropriately celebrate the volunteerism of those we have lost this year.
- Central Marin Fire Authority have sent strike team crews to three fires: Point Reyes, Susanville and Lake fires. There are currently 585 personnel, 14 crews, 37 engines, 5 helicopters, 4 planes and 5 bulldozers fighting the Point Reyes fire.

Town Council Reports:

Councilmember Casissa: No report

Councilmember Lee: No report

Councilmember Ravasio: Have had multiple closed session meetings of the Marin Wildfire JPA, which is working to hire an Executive Director. Nothing to report yet.

Vice Mayor Kunhardt: Attended meeting of Marin County's BayWave Executive Steering Committee and main topic was a presentation on the Town's Climate Adaption Plan given by Public Works Director R.J. Suokko.

Mayor Beckman: Attended League of California Cities North Bay Division meeting where the main topics were the upcoming election and completion of the census. Also participated in Age Friendly Corte Madera's annual celebration honoring the Town's residents aged 90 and older, they dropped off certificates and gifts at each recipients' home.

8. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

There were no comments on the draft agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Jackie Branch at 8:53 p.m. to the next regular Town Council Meeting on September 15, 2020 via videoconference.