

## **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tollini called the regular meeting of the Tiburon Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in Town Council Chambers, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Doyle, Fraser, Fredericks, O'Donnell, Tollini  
PRESENT: EX OFFICIO: Town Attorney Stock, Director of Community Development Anderson, Director of Administrative Services Bigall, Town Clerk Crane Iacopi, Community Development Department Aide Stefani, Management Analyst Creekmore

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Bob Austrian, 45 Southridge West, referenced the correspondence he had sent to the Council and discussed the content. He said there was an unfair imbalance in the View Ordinance adopted by the Town and that the way it is written makes it difficult for those neighbors impacted by an overgrown tree to take action. He said that he, and several of his Southridge West neighbors also present, are requesting assistance from the Council to form a task force made up of laypeople, attorneys, staff and Council to discuss common confusions arising from the ordinance, and how to best seek remedies from their neighbors, particularly if the neighbor is uncooperative.

Mr. Austrian continued by saying that this is a serious community issue, as Tiburon residents are sensitive to the value of their homes, and impacted views affect selling prices, which, in turn, affect the Tiburon economy as a whole. He commended the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission for their excellence in providing assistance with local renovations, but said there was no comparable body to deal with tree issues, and that residents should be relieved of the burden of mediating and arbitrating privately.

Lalita Waterman, also of Southridge West, introduced herself as one of several neighbors who came to voice her support of Bob Austrian's sentiments about the View Ordinance. She said that while many neighbors try to help each other, others are not cooperative, and the View Ordinance does not support a level playing field. She stated her belief, and the belief of her neighbors, that the problem lies within the ordinance because it gives tactical and financial advantages to the owners of the offending trees. She offered her assistance to the task force.

## **PRESENTATION**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Preservation Award – Laleh Zelinsky, Recipient

Fran Hall, Chair of the Heritage and Arts Commission, made the presentation on behalf of the commission. She said the purpose of the award was to recognize excellence in safeguarding yesterday's treasures for the Tiburon Peninsula residents of today and tomorrow and to laud significant contributions and exceptional commitment in historic stewardship.

Chair Hall said Laleh Zelinsky, wife of the first Heritage Preservation Award honoree, Edward Zelinsky, has continued the giving tradition of the Zelinsky family and is recognized for donating the "Coming About" fountain and shares with the rest of the Zelinsky family in donating land for Tiburon's Town Hall, the Belvedere-Tiburon Library and Zelinsky Park.

Laleh Zelinsky accepted the award and thanked the Heritage and Arts Commission and the Council for the honor, and thanked those that came to support her.

The Council congratulated her on the award.

Vice Mayor Fraser said he has known Mrs. Zelinsky for eight or nine years and has worked with her throughout the community. He said that both Tiburon and Belvedere were the communities they are today because of people like her.

Councilmember O'Donnell said Mrs. Zelinsky has brought a sense of style and grace to what she does, as can be seen in Ark Row. He expressed gratitude on behalf of Tiburon and Belvedere.

Councilmember Fredericks thanked her for the dignity she brings to our history.

Councilmember Doyle said Tiburon is lucky to have a family like the Zelinskys who have contributed so much to Tiburon to make it what it is today.

Mayor Tollini thanked her for all she has done, and expressed her hope that she feels honored here tonight.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Town Council Minutes** – Adopt minutes of September 21, 2016 Regular Meeting (Town Clerk Crane Iacopi)
2. **Citizen of the Year** – Adopt resolution commending Tom O'Neill upon his selection as the 2016 Business Citizen of the Year (resolution to be presented in November at Chamber Lunch) (Town Clerk Crane Iacopi)
3. **Town Manager Agreement** – Recommendation to adopt resolution approving a one-time payment of \$5,000 to Town Manager, as provided in Employment Agreement (Town Attorney Stock)

MOTION: To adopt Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3, as written.  
Moved: Fredericks, seconded by Fraser  
Vote: AYES: Unanimous

### **TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Fredericks announced the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transit District was arranging tours of their bus, bridge and ferry facilities for elected officials. She said the Council will be receiving an invitation and encouraged everyone to attend.

### **WEEKLY DIGESTS**

- Town Council Weekly Digests – October 7 & 14, 2016

Received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Town Council of the Town of Tiburon, Mayor Tollini adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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ERIN TOLLINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DIANE CRANE IACOPI, TOWN CLERK