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SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 p.m.: Chairman Baugh called the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Kehoe
District No. 2 - Supervisor Moty
District No. 3 - Supervisor Rickert
District No. 4 - Supervisor Morgan
District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Executive Officer - Larry Lees
County Counsel - Rubin E. Cruse, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Mary Williams

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Morgan.

By motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors agreed to move the public comment period before the Regular Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

No one wished to speak.

REGULAR CALENDAR

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

WORKSHOP: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

This was the time set aside to conduct a workshop to discuss concerns and potential changes within the Department of Resource Management (DRM).

Wyatt Paxton presented eight suggestions for improvement to the DRM.

Kathie Muse spoke regarding difficulties she has experienced with permitting for various properties.

Andrew Holm spoke regarding a recent issue with permits and a DRM employee.

Brian Collier addressed concerns with fees charged by the DRM.

Jim Davis discussed previous issues with unpermitted structures faced by himself and his neighbors.

Melissa Hunt, Anderson City Councilmember, presented concerns raised by some of her constituents.

Mary Machado discussed a document which she previously submitted to the Board of Supervisors highlighting input from various local businesspersons, contractors, and developers.

Bill Walker, recently retired County Planning employee, spoke in support of current DRM staff and discussed issues with the County General Plan, County Code, and DRM staffing levels.

Doug Juenke made suggestions regarding the hiring process for a new Director of Resource Management.

Mark Fator described challenges he experienced with plan checks from the DRM.

Andy Main spoke regarding high speed internet and requested simplification of processes.

Kasey Dollar requested that the process for legalizing unpermitted structures be streamlined considering the challenges he faces when flipping houses located in the County.

Dale Ball presented challenges with the DRM faced by himself and contractor associates.

Eihnard Diaz requested that the Planning division and Building division be made distinct from each other.

Jim Rickert expressed opportunities to simplify the process to address unpermitted structures.

James Burchiel spoke regarding barriers to development of solar systems.

Anje Walfoort described issues her real estate clients have experienced with DRM.

Tom Twist requested that the County consider an amnesty program for unpermitted structures.

Phil Powell stated various issues with DRM processes and proposed that County residents work with a single DRM employee throughout the process for consistency and efficiency.

Todd Harris asked the Board to consider solutions to various issues within the DRM.

John Carr spoke in favor of increased input from County residents and urged the Board to consider that all processes need to be customer-friendly.

Ginger Salido described obstacles she faced with the DRM while working to renovate a recently purchased ranch.

Director of Resource Management Rick Simon responded to various concerns presented during the public comment period. He stated that solar permits are typically processed in approximately one week and building permits are typically turned around in approximately four to six weeks. He confirmed that the County has an amnesty process in place so as to avoid penalizing individuals who purchased a property but were not responsible for existing violations.

Mr. Simon explained opportunities provided to the public for expedited permit processing and solar permitting. He described the TrakIT system being implemented in the near future and explained the benefits associated with the new system, such as increased access to permit history and more interactive capability for the public.

In response to questions by Supervisor Moty, County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr. described the difficulties that can arise for the County when unpermitted structures are ignored. Mr. Simon stated that various sections of the County Code prohibit any County Official from issuing permits when unpermitted structures exist.

By motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Morgan), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed County Executive Officer Larry Lees to examine the issues discussed regarding the Department of Resource Management and bring forth recommendations for the Board's consideration at a later date.

6:55 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy