



GUALALA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

POST OFFICE BOX 67, GUALALA, CALIFORNIA 95445

Minutes for 6 December 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) was held on Thursday, 6 December at the Gualala Community Center (GCC) in downtown Gualala. The Sheriff's Forum was convened at 17:57 with Sheriff Allman, Sheriff Coast Commander Sargent Greg Stefani, CHP Commander Lieutenant Kendren Emery, and 16 members of the public.

Council Chair Juengling convened the GMAC meeting at 18:57. Council Members present were: Charles Ivor, Robert Juengling, Eric Mills, and Jeff Watts. Council Member Lloyd Chasey was absent. Administrative Secretary Mary Mobert and 3 members of the public were also present (see sign-in sheet and speaker's cards).

1. **Sheriff's Forum:** Sheriff Tom Allman
2. **Introductions and Announcements:** Council Members introduced themselves.
3. **Consent Agenda:**

3..a. Minutes: 2 November 2017

It was moved by Council Member Ivor, seconded by Council Member Mills, and unanimously carried that the Minutes be approve as amended by: 1) changing the spelling of Mr. Walton's name in Item 10. d. i., page 5, paragraph 8, lines 1 and 2 from Wilson to Walton; 2) changing the wording in Item 10. d. iii., page 6, paragraph 2, line 2 from "...postponed until 2018." to "...moved forward from 2019 to 2018.," and; 3) deleting the name "Mills" and adding the name "Chasey." in Item 19. b, page 7, paragraph 4, line 1.

3..b. Correspondence:

- 3..b..i. MCM Statement for domain name (\$60) and website hosting (\$119.40) totaling \$179.40.

4. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Council Member Watts, and unanimously carried that the Agenda be approved as presented.

5. Public Input on Non-agenda Items:

i. **Council Chair Juengling** stated Sister Yasmin is heading the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration and extends an invitation to anyone wanting to be on the planning committee to attend their 14 December Meeting at the Sundstrum Mall.

ii. **Council Member Mills** noted that Council Member Ron Eckert has resigned, is moving from the area, and a new Member is being sought. **Council Member Watts** suggested Council Chair Juengling formally confirm Mr. Eckert's resignation. Melissa Finley, Gualala resident, completed an application; she will submit it to Supervisor Hamburg this month.

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iii. **Bob Rutemoeller**, Gualala-area resident, requested the Agenda be posted on GMAC's website before each meeting.

6. Report: Mendocino County Law/Code Enforcement: See Sheriff's Forum recording on GMAC's website: www.gualalamac.org.

7. Status of the Gualala Water Moratorium: Council Chair Juengling reported the Gualala River flow was high after rains and is now low again.

Administrative Secretary Mobert noted that, at the Mill Bend Forum, the representative of the State Water Board said the state could help in buying the Mill Bend Property if they could install a reservoir on the property. The reservoir idea was discussed.

8. Council Matters:

8..a. Report: Gualala Community Action Plan (GCAP) (Streetscape Planning):
Council Chair Juengling stated Phil Dow, Director of Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) plans to attend the 4 January 2018 meeting to update information on the project. In November, the MCOG board designated \$575,000 of their Regional Transportation Improvement Program monies to the GCAP.

8..b. Discussion: CalTrans Gualala Public Scoping Meeting:
Council Chair Juengling reported Mr. Demling of CalTrans is not yet ready to present the report but may give it at the 1 March meeting.

8..c. Discussion: Gualala Parking Issues:
Council Chair Juengling said the parking committee should start meeting again. He suggested inviting Diane Agee of Redwood Coast Medical Services (RCMS), John Bower, Steve May, and a Gualala Community Center board member to the 4 January meeting to report on their plans and hear Phil Dow and the MCOG report. Council Chair Juengling will extend the invitations and submit a notice to the Independent Coast Observer (ICO).

8..d. Various CalTrans and; County Issues:

i. Mill Bend Forum Report:

Council Chair Juengling reported 60 to 70 people attended to discuss Ideas about a reservoir, bike trails, extending the Bluff Trail, protecting/ preserving the environment and the various plant and animal species relying on it, planning an ecology center, preserving Gualala Arts Center parking, and much more. In the town plan, the property is zoned for Gualala-Planned Development. In 2006, the owners presented GMAC a conceptual plan for the properties but didn't submit it for County approval. Like the "Dogwood" THP Forum, GMAC brought the public together to discuss their vital concerns.

Council Member Ivor felt the forum was a good use of GMAC's appointed authority in informing the community and receiving citizen input and concerns. Phil Dow should be

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apprised of the project and its impact as part of the Gateway to Mendocino County.

Council Member Mills was surprised but pleased that, though the meeting was on a Wednesday, it was on the ICO's front page the next day (see attached). An appraisal is now being done; a local citizen, and Redwood Coast Land Conservancy and Friends of the Gualala River (FoGR) are splitting the costs.

Council Chair Juengling hoped the appraisal would indicate what part of the 59 acres is suitable for development, minus the ESHA, Riparian, rare plants and bog areas, public right-of-way, Highway setback, etc. That sort of appraisal might convince the seller to accept a lower price.

Council Member Mills said another forum may be held in April. **Council Member Ivor** will contact John Walton. He also suggested inviting Joel Chaben, a local citizen who is now on the Sonoma Clean Power Board, to speak in February regarding the company and the free charging stations for electric cars now being installed in the area.

ii. **Council Member Mills** reported CalTrans has advanced the repaving of Highway. One to begin in 2018 rather than the proposed 2019. **Bob Rutemoeller** asked if they will add bicycle lanes at that time. **Council Member Mills** will call CalTrans to ask.

9. Chairman Juengling's Report: None.

10. Vice-Chairman Ivor's Report:

Vice Chairman Ivor felt the Mill Bend meeting very impressive. FoGR is involved in the second round of comments on the "Dogwood" THP. It was just a matter of time what happens in the courts and what CalFire and State does with these comments, especially those based on scientific findings. If they ignore the findings, there may be a new law suit. If the community and non-profits don't grab the Mill Bend properties and take care of them, logging will continue in that area.

11. Secretary Watts' Report: None.

12. Treasurer's Report:

Council Chair Juengling stated a new Treasurer needs to be elected, or hired. Last month, he was handed the duties by Mr. Eckert but didn't have time to carry out the duties. **Council Member Mills** stated he would serve as interim Treasurer until one can be found.

13. Website Report: Maintenance of GMAC Website:

Council Chair Juengling reported nothing new; a webmaster needs to be found.

14. Broadband Report:

Council Chair Juengling noted GMAC should consider approval of the County Broadband Report that was e-mailed to Members by Council Member Chasey on 20 November. The matter was discussed.

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It was moved by Council Member Watts, seconded by Council Member Mills, and unanimously carried that the item be tabled until the 4 January meeting.

15. *GMAC Promotion, Citizen Participation & Recruitment:*

Council Member Mills reported announcements were put in the usual places. Though this was the best attendance in several months, yet attendance was very sparse.

Melissa Finley, Gualala resident, gave a short history of her life. She was born in Arkansas, has degrees in science and law, and has worked back East and here on the West Coast. She will apply for appointment to GMAC immediately.

16. *Administrative Secretary Mobert's Report:*

Administrative Secretary Mobert reported working 16.03 hours; materials were \$1.08, for a total of \$241.58.

17. *Agenda for next meeting* – 4 January 2018:

- 17..a.** Elect a Treasurer
- 17..b.** Phil Dow re GCAP
- 17..c.** Hiring a webmaster
- 17..d.** Vote on the County Broadband Report

18. *Adjournment:* 20:12

DRAFT Minutes prepared by Administrative Secretary Mobert

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