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(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

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## Open Session

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Batchelor called the Open Session of the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

### 3. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Thom Bogue, Michael Ceremello, Rick Fuller,  
Vice Mayor Dane Besneatte, Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Absent: None

### 4. PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ RECOGNITION

### 5. AUDIENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

5.1 Dave Scholl, owner of the Independent Voice, challenged comments and the decision made by Council at the last meeting where the bid for legal advertising was split between the Independent Voice and the Dixon Tribune, noted his bid should have rightfully been the only award since it was 30% lower, animosity was involved in the decision, and he requested the Council reconsider their decision.

5.2 Larry Simmons noted executive sessions prior to the regular meeting should be noticed.

### 6. ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

6.1 Vice Mayor Besneatte noted it was not animosity that directed his decision on the newspaper advertising, being adjudicated is the minimum qualification, he does not find the Independent Voice to be particularly credible but agreed to split the contract, and the Council is not required to award it all to one paper.

6.2 Councilmember Bogue announced that two Dixon High School Cheerleaders, Emily Idleman and Becca Hammack, will be representing Dixon in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York and he encouraged the public to support their events to raise \$5,000 needed for the trip.

6.3 Councilmember Rick Fuller announced that he decided not to seek re-election in November, thanked everyone who supported him, and noted he enjoyed representing the City but made the decision based on the current needs of his family.

7. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY TREASURER**

None.

8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bogue, seconded by Councilmember Fuller, to approve the Agenda, as submitted. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello, Fuller Batchelor  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9.1 **Matters relating to the Dixon Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD):**

1. **Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed assessments for FY 2012-13**
2. **Resolution approving the Engineer's Report for the LLMD for FY 2012-13 including confirming the diagram and assessments and diagrams and ordering levy of assessments.** (Presenter: Janet Koster, Public Works Administrator) CONTINUED FROM JULY 24, 2012.

Mayor Batchelor opened the public hearing. Seeing no one present to speak, Mayor Batchelor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Batchelor and Councilmember Ceremello recused themselves for the vote regarding Zone C and left the Council Chambers. Vice Mayor Besneatte took over as meeting Chair.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bogue, seconded by Councilmember Fuller to adopt Resolution No. 12-100 approving the Engineer's Report for the LLMD for FY 2012-13 including confirming the diagram and assessments and diagrams and ordering levy of assessments for ZONE C only. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bogue, Fuller  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Batchelor, Ceremello  
ABSENT: None

Mayor Batchelor and Councilmember Ceremello returned to the meeting. Mayor Batchelor resumed as meeting Chair.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Besneatte, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, to adopt Resolution No. 12-100 approving the Engineer's Report for the LLMD for FY 2012-13 including confirming the diagram and assessments and diagrams and ordering levy of assessments for ALL ZONES EXCEPT FOR ZONE C. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello, Fuller, Batchelor,  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 10.1 **Resolution approving a \$1,500 budget amendment to fund the additional costs associated with the Water Rate Consultant Study for Dixon-Solano Water Authority (DSWA).** (Presenter: Joan Michaels Aguilar, Finance and Technology Director)

A motion was made by Councilmember Fuller, seconded by Vice Mayor Besneatte, to adopt Resolution No. 12-101 approving a \$1,500 budget amendment to fund the additional costs associated with the Water Rate Consultant Study for Dixon-Solano Water Authority (DSWA). Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Fuller, Batchelor,  
NOES: Bogue, Ceremello  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 11.1 **Staff is seeking City Council direction on the method and manner in which the Citywide Furlough Program may be rescinded. (Requested by Councilmember Ceremello)** (Presenter: Steve Johnson, Human Resources Director) CONTINUED FROM JULY 24, 2012.

By consensus of the Council, direction was provided for staff to prepare a new resolution for Council approval at a later meeting that addresses the language deficiencies in the original resolution regarding criteria for revenue reductions.

- 11.2 **Discussion relating to a request from Councilmember Ceremello for staff to review the feasibility for the City of Dixon to own, maintain and operate the public potable water system currently owned and operated by the Dixon/Solano Water Authority (DSWA).** (Presenter: Morrie Barr, Interim City Engineer)  
CONTINUED FROM JULY 24, 2012.

After lengthy discussion and public input, by consensus of the Council, staff was directed to place an action item on the next City Council agenda for a vote on dissolution of the DSWA Joint Powers Authority.


- 11.3 **Resolution amending the deadline to August 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. for submission of rebuttal arguments for and against the Dixon Open Governance Act.** (Presenter: Steve Johnson, Acting City Clerk)

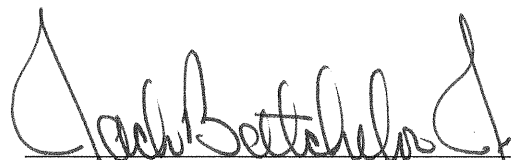
A motion was made by Councilmember Ceremello, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, to adopt Resolution No. 12-102 amending the deadline to August 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. for submission of rebuttal arguments for and against the Dixon Open Governance Act. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello, Fuller, Batchelor,  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

12. **OTHER AGENCY BUSINESS**  
13. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**  
14. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**  
15. **CLOSED SESSION**  
**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**  
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was adjourned at 9:28 p.m..

  
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Suellen Johnston  
Deputy City Clerk

  
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Jack Batchelor, Jr.  
Mayor