

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
DIXON CITY COUNCIL AND
SOLANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010

**DIXON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
600 EAST A STREET
DIXON, CALIFORNIA
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was convened at 6:00 p.m. to meet in Closed Session in the Council Chambers on August 19, 2010, by Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Present: Councilmembers Kay Fulfs Cayler, Michael Ceremello, Vice Mayor Rick Fuller, Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Absent: *Councilmember Dane Besneatte

Mayor Batchelor announced that the City Council will meet in Closed Session to discuss the following:

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)**

City Negotiators: Nancy Huston, Michael Dean and Steve Johnson

Employee Organization: Dixon Professional Firefighters Association
Dixon Police Officers Association
Dixon Senior Management Association
Public Employees Union, Local One
Non-Represented Management Unit
Non-Represented Non-Management Unit

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

*Councilmember Besneatte arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Closed Session recessed at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Batchelor convened the Special Joint Meeting of the Dixon City Council and the Solano Irrigation District Board of Directors at 7:02 p.m. and announced the City Council met in Closed Session for a conference with labor negotiators and there was no reportable action.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

3. **ROLL CALL FOR CITY OF DIXON**

Present: Councilmembers Dane Besneatte, Kay Fulfs Cayler, Michael Ceremello, Vice Mayor Rick Fuller, Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Absent: None

4. **ROLL CALL FOR SOLANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD**

Present: Boardmembers Robert Hansen, John Kluge

Absent: Guido Colla, Bob Bishop, Glen Grant

Mayor Batchelor noted the lack of a quorum for the Solano Irrigation District Board of Directors.

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

None.

6. **ITEMS FROM THE DIXON CITY COUNCIL**

6.1 Councilmember Ceremello noted concern about calling special meetings on short notice, delivery of agendas without advance notice from staff, and the need for adequate notice to the public.

6.2 Councilmember Cayler recalled notification by the City Manager at the July 27, 2010 Council meeting.

6.3 Councilmember Besneatte felt the Council, rather than the City Manager, should dictate what is going to happen, requested a future agenda item addressing protocol for scheduling special meetings, and objected to 6:00 p.m. start times for meetings and a special meeting for labor negotiations. He noted the meeting was a waste of time and energy because a quorum was not present.

Michael Dean, City Attorney, noted the Mayor, or a majority of the City Council, is the legal authority for calling special meetings rather than the City Manager.

7. **ITEMS FROM THE SOLANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (SID) BOARD**

7.1 Chair Hansen stated the intended quorum was impacted by unanticipated illness and family emergencies, the meeting was called to discuss principal issues rather than make a decision, and a final document was not yet available.

8. **BUSINESS**

8.1 **Discussion, direction, and possible adoption of a Joint Resolution approving a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to supersede the expiring Dixon Solano Municipal Water Service (DSMWS) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) with Solano Irrigation District.**

Nancy Huston, Dixon City Manager, provided an overview of the elements of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), discussed powers of authority, and solicited opinions regarding the use of simple majority votes.

Councilmember Besneatte noted he would not agree to a simple majority under any conditions.

Councilmember Cayler and Vice Mayor Fuller felt a super majority was not always necessary and a super majority should consist of three members from each Council/Board.

Councilmember Ceremello preferred a super majority on important issues and that caution be used in assigning powers.

Mayor Batchelor suggested a breakdown of items for simple majority versus super majority.

SID Chair Hansen suggested meeting more regularly as a group, noted the focus should be on safe, affordable, reliable, water, and attorneys should be relied on to work out the details based on Council and Board input.

Boardmember Kluge suggested super majority be maintained for bond issuances, rates, and purchases and utilize simple majority for minor issues.

Councilmember Cayler preferred the term “double majority” to “super majority”.

Ms. Huston continued her overview of the technical committee, officers, and staff responsibilities and discussed agreement termination and arbitration.

Michael Dean, City Attorney, noted arbitration terms were discussed at length through a number of drafts and are still being negotiated.

Councilmember Besneatte expressed concern that he had not seen all of the drafts and wanted to be informed in the future.

Ms. Huston reviewed financial conditions established to remedy past disjointed processes and Reserve thresholds.

Mr. Dean confirmed that the Prop 218 process is addressed in the most recent drafts.

Jeremy Craig, Finance and Technology Director, explained Reserve criteria and the need to balance stability against burdens to taxpayers.

Councilmember Besneatte and Ceremello questioned service rates and Ms. Huston responded that any rate increase would be subject to Board approval and Prop 218.

Mr. Dean discussed asset differences and that both types would revert to the City upon termination.

Councilmember Ceremello requested an example of SID's capital contributions, expressed concern that citizens may end up paying twice for assets under the agreement, and noted asset proceeds should go back to the ratepayers. Ms. Huston and Mr. Dean provided explanations of the distribution of assets upon termination and benefits to the City.

Councilmember Besneatte noted the agreement continues ten years past the date of termination which is two years after notice is given.

Councilmember Ceremello confirmed with Mr. Dean that the City would end up with all assets regardless of who terminated.

Councilmember Ceremello suggested a meeting of the City Council to provide input to staff prior to another joint meeting. Ms. Huston noted an additional meeting was not practical given the September 30th deadline.

Mayor Batchelor thought working jointly results in a better agreement and working separately delays agreement.

Larry Simmons suggested the deadline be advanced to remove pressure for a decision.

By consensus of the City Council and SID Board, the next Joint Meeting was scheduled for August 31, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

SID Boardmember Kluge requested the meeting documents be provided no later than the Friday before the meeting.

This item was continued to August 31, 2010.

9. ITEMS FROM THE DIXON CITY MANAGER

None.


10. **ITEMS FROM THE SID GENERAL MANAGER**

None.

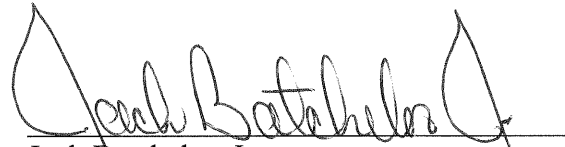
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the SID Board of Directors adjourned at the hour of 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sue Johnston
Secretary



Jack Batchelor, Jr.
Mayor