

CITY COUNCIL STUDY MINUTES

May 29, 2012

Mayor Vierra called the May 29, 2012 Study Session to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL Council Members Durossette, Ingwerson, Kline, Lane, Mayor Vierra

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. TUOLUMNE RIVER LODGE UPDATE.

Andy Constantino representing the Tuolumne River Lodge presented an overview of the history and current status of the Lodge. The Lodge is requesting \$138,000.00 in the form of a loan for financial assistance to refurbish and continue operation of the Lodge.

Len Shepherd, resident, spoke in opposition of the use of General Fund money to assist the Lodge.

Council voiced their reluctance to use any General Fund money to finance a loan to the Tuolumne River Lodge.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Council directed staff to look further into the possibility of using Park Funds for a "loan" to the Tuolumne River Lodge and encouraged Lodge Members to meet with members of the School District regarding the possibility of securing funding with them or some joint venture between the City and the School District.

7:01 p.m. Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting for the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. The Study Session will reconvene at the conclusion of the City Council Closed Session.

7:48 p.m. Mayor Vierra reconvened the City Council Study Session.

2. DISCUSSION ON WHITMORE MANSION.

Council discussed the pros and cons of acquiring the Whitmore Mansion, on-going operation and maintenance fees, funding possibilities and the value of the property to the Downtown Specific Plan.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

It was moved by Durossette and Seconded by Lane to direct staff to place an offer on the property for \$375,000 subject to acquisition of park funds to close the escrow.

Council also directed staff to move forward with the actions necessary to have the property designated as park land.

3. FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BUDGET.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Council directed staff to keep Item No. 26 – Riverbluff 2MG Water Tank Design/Environmental a top priority and potentially looking at two tanks instead of one large tank to ensure we are getting optimal water pressure. Council accepted the report.

9:22 p.m. There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Study Session.

/s/ Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/ Cindy Heidorn, City Clerk