

# MINUTES

City Council of the Town of Colma  
Town Hall, 1198 El Camino Real  
Colma, CA 94014

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Helen Fiscaro called the Regular Meeting of the City Council for the Town of Colma to order at 7:31 p.m.

Council Present – Mayor Helen Fiscaro, Vice Mayor Joanne F. del Rosario, and Council Members Frossanna Vallerga, Joseph Silva and Diana Colvin were present.

Staff Present – City Manager Diane McGrath, Assistant City Manager Laura Allen, City Attorney Roger Peters, Police Chief Bob Lotti, City Planner Andrea Ouse, Recreation Director Brian Dossey, City Engineer Rick Mao, Project Manager Brad Donohue, and Administrative Technician Kris Krow.

Also Present: Rae Gonzalez, City Treasurer

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Fiscaro presented a Proclamation to Ron Burgess of Sitike Counseling Center in honor of their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mayor Fiscaro recognized Detective Cecilia Garay, recipient of the Lions Club Police Service Award, and presented her with a certificate.

Caroline Bird, from the Wilderness School, introduced Paumaulalo Ieremia, a student at Wilderness School who narrated a power point slide show. The slide show highlighted this year activities that occurred as a result of the partnership between the Wilderness High School students and the Susan B. Anthony Elementary school students. Ms. Ieremia also thanked the council for their past support of the program. Also present were Wilderness students Giancarlo Castro, Jonathan Whitebone, Nicolas Martinez, Ziggy Dower and Alexes Eugenio.

Lisa Gray, a teacher at Susan B. Anthony Elementary School was present with several of her students. She thanked council for their support of the program, and the students presented a photo book and letters to the council.

Senator Leland Yee was scheduled to speak during this time, but had not arrived yet.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Fiscaro opened the public comment period, and with no public comment closed the period at 7:46 p.m.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Fiscaro asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion to Accept the Minutes from the April 9, 2008 Regular Meeting.
2. Motion to Accept the Minutes from the April 16, 2008 Special Meeting.
3. Motion to Approve the Warrants List for April 2008.
4. Resolutions Regarding Ballot Measures Related to Eminent Domain – State Proposition 98 and Proposition 99
  - a) Motion to Adopt a Resolution in Opposition to Proposition 98
  - b) Motion to Adopt a Resolution in Support of Proposition 99
5. Motion to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Colma Municipal Code Section 5.03.040(E), Relating to Rezoning of Property Known as the Pit Stop Property (second reading).
6. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Establishing Salaries for Certain Unrepresented Employees and Repealing Resolution 2008-12 (Ending Car Allowance for Police Commander).
7. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Accepting Auditor's Report and Finding that Town was in Compliance with Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

**Action:** Vice Mayor del Rosario moved to approve Items # 1 through 7, seconded by Council Member Colvin and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fiscaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallerga	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			

**OLD BUSINESS**

8. **1850 EL CAMINO REAL – NON-CONFORMING LAND USE**

Request For Reconsideration of the Town of Colma City Council's April 16, 2008 Denial of Application to Maintain a Non-Conforming Land Use at 1850 El Camino Real.

City Attorney Roger Peters explained to the Council that the sole issue of this hearing is whether or not to reconsider the decision made on April 16, 2008 to deny the request made by Mr. George Arrosptide, Jr. to maintain a non-conforming use at 1850 El Camino Real.

The applicant Mr. George Arrosptide, Jr. was present. Mayor Fiscaro then gave Mr. Arrosptide three minutes to state his case.

Ms. Karin Manwaring spoke and said there was no new evidence in this matter.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the public comment period at 7:54 p.m. David Hatfield of Colma, spoke and requested that the Council do what they can to help Mr. Arrosptide. Mayor Fiscaro closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

**Action:** Vice Mayor del Rosario moved to deny the request for reconsideration, seconded by Councilmember Silva, the motion carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fiscaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			

**PRESENTATIONS (con't)**

California State Senator Leland Yee arrived and came up to the podium to speak about the budget situation in California. Mayor Fiscaro thanked the Senator for coming.

David Hatfield, of Colma, had a comment for Senator Yee, and expressed his desire to help the State by paying additional taxes.

**STUDY SESSION**

9. **FY 2008-09 BUDGET**

Assistant City Manager Laura Allen presented the staff report and a power point slide show highlighting the proposed budget.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the floor for comments at 8:20 p.m., and the following representatives from non-profit groups spoke to the council:

Lois Ward, HIP Housing  
 Tippy Irwin, San Mateo County Ombudsmen Services  
 Dennis Fiscaro, North Peninsula Food Pantry and Dining Center  
 Ruby Thomas, San Mateo County Jobs for Youth  
 Jeanne Berube, Community Gatepath  
 Rosa Guerra, Shelter Network, Family Crossroads  
 Ron Burgess, Sitike Counseling Center

Also appearing: Charito Casanas, of Colma, asked about the website upgrade. Pat Hatfield, of Colma, commented that the exterior of the train depot needs painting.

Mayor Fiscaro closed the comment period at 9:12 p.m. Council discussion followed.

Council Member Vallerga moved to direct staff to bring the FY 2008/09 Budget back to the City Council for action, with the changes discussed, on June 11, 2008, seconded by Councilmember Silva, the motion carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fiscaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallerga	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			

**10. FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FY 2008/2009 THROUGH FY 2012/13**

City Engineer Rick Mao presented the staff report.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the floor for comments at 9:20 p.m. Charito Casanas, of Colma, inquired about the lighting on Hoffman Street. City Engineer Mao updated the Council and Ms. Casanas on the process of getting the lighting improvements on Hoffman Street, and the progress thus far. Council asked staff to follow up with Supervisor Tissier's office. Mayor Fiscaro closed the comment period at 9:23 p.m.

Council discussion followed.

Council Member Vallerga moved to direct staff to bring the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2008/2009 Through FY 2012/13 back to the City Council for action, with the changes discussed, on June 11, 2008, seconded by Vice Mayor del Rosario, the motion carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fiscaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallerga	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			

## PUBLIC HEARING

### 11. BRIDGE HOUSING – Trestle Glen Development at F Street and El Camino Real

Andrea Ouse, City Planner presented the staff report.  
Ben Metcalf from Bridge Housing was present to answer any questions.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the public hearing at 9:42 pm, and with no comments, the hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor del Rosario moved to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made among Trestle Glen Associates, San Mateo County and the Town of Colma, seconded by Mayor Fiscaro, the motion carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fiscaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallerga	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			

## NEW BUSINESS

### 12. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2008

City Council discussed the subcommittee assignments. The new subcommittee assignments were determined as follows, with changes since the last assignment noted in italics:

Committee Name	Primary	Secondary
Office of Emergency Services	<i>Colvin</i>	del Rosario
Colma Creek Flood District	Fiscaro	
Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance - "The Alliance" Board of Directors member	Vallerga	
C/CAG	Silva	<i>del Rosario</i>

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>
League of California Cities	All	
San Mateo Council of Cities	All	
North San Mateo Council of Cities	All	
Mayor/Chamber Walks	<i>Fiscaro</i>	<i>del Rosario</i>
City Representative at Colma-Daly City Chamber of Commerce	Fiscaro	
Legislative Committee (C/CAG)	<i>Silva</i>	
ABAG Representative	del Rosario	
Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Member Agency Committee	Fiscaro	
Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC)	Fiscaro	
Grand Boulevard Task Force	Fiscaro	
Sub – RHNA	Silva	

Council Member Vallerga moved to approve the new Council Member committee assignments for the remainder of 2008 as discussed, seconded by Mayor Fiscaro the motion carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Mayor Helen Fiscaro	✓				
Joanne F. del Rosario	✓				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallerga	✓				
Joseph Silva	✓				
Diana Colvin	✓				
Voting Tally	5	0			

## REPORTS

There were no reports.

## COUNCIL CALENDARING

A Special Meeting is scheduled for May 28, at 6:00 pm. This is a change in time.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Fiscaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at **9:51** p.m. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Celeste Martini, a long time Colma resident.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Krow  
Administrative Technician III