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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leone at 6:38 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Pfeifer, Vice Mayor Weiner, Councilmember Belser,  
Councilmember Kelly, Mayor Leone

**ABSENT:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Kelly moved, seconded by Councilmember Belser, to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Accept Report from CDM regarding Sewer Rate Fee Study and Consider a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sausalito Stating its Intention to Establish a Sanitary Sewer Fee Effective Tax Year 2009-10 (Grant Hoag, PE from CDM and Director of Public Works Jonathon Goldman)**

Director of Public Works Jonathon Goldman began the presentation on this item stressing that the topic of discussion would only be addressing the local, City of Sausalito, issues and not that of the neighboring sanitary districts.

Mr. Goldman explained that the City has twenty-seven miles of pipes flowing to the Sanitary District and that some are more than sixty years old and in need of repair. He further explained that his department had been working in concert with consultants to develop plans in order to make necessary upgrades and provide appropriate maintenance.

At the request of Mayor Leone, Mr. Goldman then explained how all the consultants fit into the different phases of the sewer project.

At this point, Mr. Goldman turned the balance of the presentation over to Grant Hoag of CDM who explained the sewer rate study process and the proposed sewer fee increases.

Council questions followed.

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2 **Public Comment:**  
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4 **Janet Dean** spoke about the lack of coordination with the District and wanted to know about  
5 the Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District's plan.  
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7 Mayor Leone explained the coordination that is currently in place.  
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9 **Floyd Dean** noted that he would like to have seen this happen many years ago. He felt that  
10 if Sausalito follows through on their plans, then the Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District will  
11 also have to. He offered kudos to the City for moving ahead.  
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13 Mayor Leone asked Director of Public Works Jonathon Goldman if the City would be  
14 incorporating a lifeline program into the fee increases. Mr. Goldman advised that they  
15 would, but that they did not have specific details to date. He noted that they would be  
16 turning to another agency that has these guidelines already in place.  
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18 Council comments followed.  
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20 City Attorney Mary Wagner then explained the Prop. 218 process for this type of fee  
21 increase. She noted that this was a protest based vote and that over 50% of the affected  
22 rate payers would need to respond in the negative to overrule the fee increase.  
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24 **Councilmember Kelly moved, seconded by Councilmember Belser, to accept the**  
25 **report from CDM regarding its sewer rate fee study and adopt Resolution No. 5018**  
26 **scheduling the public hearing, proposing the rate structure, and approving**  
27 **clarification to the report to allow the funds to be used for any lawful purpose of the**  
28 **sewer utility.**  
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30 It was then noted that the exhibits required minor modifications.  
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32 Thus, Councilmember Kelly added, **and subject to rate schedule modifications (Exhibit**  
33 **A) and further descriptions regarding the votes (Exhibit B) as amended by the**  
34 **consultant.** Councilmember Belser accepted the amendment to the motion.  
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36 **The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote:**

37 **AYES: Councilmembers: Pfeifer, Weiner, Belser, Kelly and Mayor Leone**

38 **NOES: Councilmembers: None**

39 **ABSTAIN: Councilmembers: None**

40 **ABSENT: Councilmembers: None**  
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42 Brian McLeran asked the Mayor if he could speak even though there was no  
43 Communication time noted on this agenda.  
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45 Mayor Leone opened the floor to **COMMUNICATIONS.**  
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47 **Brian McLeran**, a roofing contractor in Marin, advised that he is one of several roofing  
48 contractors experiencing extreme difficulties with the Building Department. Although several  
49 of the roofing contractors had met with Community Development Director Jeremy Graves,

1 he asked that the Council review some of policies which are creating problems with permits  
2 and approvals.

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4 **ADJOURNMENT**

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6 There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. The  
7 next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 21, 2009, with the open meeting due  
8 to commence at approximately 7:00 pm.

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10 Respectfully submitted,

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13 Debbie Pagliaro  
14 Deputy City Clerk

15 Approved on:

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