

"Placerville, A Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future "



City Manager's Report
December 11, 2012 City Council Meeting
Prepared By: M. Cleve Morris

Item#: 9.6

Subject: Receive a letter from the City/County Two by Two Committee and adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Placerville directing staff to work with El Dorado County staff to identify areas of cooperation which will result in more efficient services.

Discussion: Since August of this year, the City of Placerville and County of El Dorado have held meetings with representatives from each agency to discuss areas of mutual interest. Representatives from the City include Vice-Mayor Wendy Mattson, Councilmember Patty Borelli and City Manager Cleve Morris. County representatives include Supervisors Jack Sweeney and Ron Briggs, and CAO Terri Daly.

Several topics have been discussed and the committee has created a good forum for discussing issues of common interest. It is anticipated that additional recommendations and reports will be brought back to the Council in the future as a result of the meetings. The attached letter and resolution are a result of those meetings and are presented as a recommendation to Council. The Board of Supervisors will receive a similar report and resolution.

Cost: None at this time. However, it is anticipated that through mutual cooperation cost savings may be realized by each jurisdiction in the future.

Budget Impact: None.

Recommendation: Receive a letter from the City/County Two by Two Committee and adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Placerville directing staff to work with El Dorado County staff to identify areas of cooperation which will result in more efficient services.


 M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

City of Placerville
Vice Mayor Wendy Mattson
Council Member Patty Borelli

Two BY Two Committee

Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Jack Sweeney
Supervisor Ron Briggs

November 13, 2012

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Placerville City Council


Local Government in California is changing in many aspects due to circumstances beyond our control, such as the economy and state government deficits. Although we seem to be recovering from the recession, the economy is as fragile as it has ever been. We have been forced to do things differently than we have in the past. Cities and counties are issuing furloughs, retirement benefits are being drastically changed hindering our ability to attract good employees, and many other factors are affecting our ability to deliver quality services to our citizens and even provide basic services.

Although these factors have made it extremely difficult to provide government services, they have provided us with the opportunity to think outside the box and look at ways of doing business differently. Change can be difficult, but it sometimes forces us to create efficiencies that perhaps we should have been looking at anyway: consolidation of departments, contracting services where necessary, negotiating hard for good benefits and cost savings, looking at capturing new revenues without placing additional burden on our citizens, and other efficiencies to help us work smarter.


This past summer, the City and County created a two-on-two committee, consisting of two Council Members and two Supervisors, to discuss areas of mutual interest. These meetings have been productive and continue to assist us in working closely together. One topic of interest has been the area of joint programs and projects, including contracts between our two entities, in order to realize cost savings and mutual benefit. The purpose of this letter is to emphasize Board and Council commitment to programs of joint interest to our agencies. Having both jurisdictions embrace this idea and direct their staff to actively pursue ideas that can provide more efficient services will improve communication and foster development of joint programs.

The two-on-two committee urges the City Council and the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution emphasizing their commitment to establishing joint projects and programs that benefit the citizens of El Dorado County and the City of Placerville.

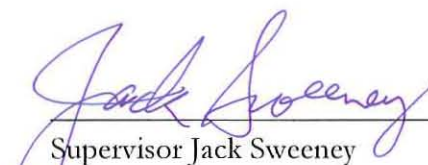
Sincerely,



Supervisor Ron Briggs



Council Member Patty Borelli



Supervisor Jack Sweeney



Vice-Mayor Wendy Mattson

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE DIRECTING STAFF
TO WORK WITH EL DORADO COUNTY STAFF TO
IDENTIFY AREAS OF COOPERATION WHICH WILL
RESULT IN MORE EFFICIENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Placerville is desirous of finding ways to provide more efficient services to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville and El Dorado County have formed a Two by Two Committee to discuss issues of mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, the economy and the budget concerns of the State of California are forcing all government agencies to look at different ways of providing services; and

WHEREAS, the Two by Two Committee has agreed that cooperation between the two agencies can provide more efficient and cost effective services to the citizens of El Dorado County and the City of Placerville; and

WHEREAS, the Two by Two Committee recommends that the City Council and the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution directing all City and County employees to explore areas of cooperation that can assist in providing more efficient, cost effective services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby direct all City staff to actively pursue and explore areas of cooperation between the City of Placerville and El Dorado County that can realize cost savings and more efficient services to the citizens of the City of Placerville.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on December 11, 2012 by Councilmember _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____. A poll vote was taken which stood as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark A. Acuna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Zito, City Clerk, MMC