

pact Fees, and the resolution was approved unanimously. The next step is to secure permission from El Paso County. See www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#tlmfpd.

Grant application for splash pad at Limbach Park

The trustees unanimously approved a resolution to allow the

town to apply for a grant application from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to help pay for a proposed \$550,000 project at Limbach Park. Tharnish said the town would find out in April if it earned the \$350,000 grant to help build a water "splash pad" playground and other amenities.

Checks over \$5,000

- Triview Metropolitan Dis-

trict, August sales tax, September motor vehicle tax, September Regional Building use tax – \$229,441

- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, fourth-quarter support – \$5,000
- CIRSA Insurance, fourth-quarter liability – \$23,609
- Forsgren Associates, water master plan amendment per BOT instructions – \$9,550
- Forsgren Associates, Well 9 treatment for radium – \$11,460
- Schmidt Construction Co., asphalt work – \$146,127

- Community Matters Inc., master comprehensive plan – \$12,133

The meeting went into executive session at 8:28 p.m. for developing strategy for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, with respect to pending litigation. Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman told OCN that no votes or announcements were made after the session.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m.

on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 7. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the Monument Board of Trustees or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minute-sondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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Palmer Lake Town Council, Oct. 13

Board hears comments on proposed budget

By James Howald

In October, the Palmer Lake Town Council met only once, on Oct. 13; the meeting scheduled for Oct. 27 was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

The board heard comments from the public on the proposed budget for 2017, approved two requests for lot subdivisions, and considered appointments to the Board of Adjustments.

The meeting was led by Mayor Pro Tem Rich Kuehster.

Proposed ballot initiatives will affect budget

Nikki McDonald, who previously served as the town's mayor, spoke in support of several initiatives that will be on the ballot in November, arguing that

they would potentially improve the town's finances. McDonald said the proposed continuation of the 1 percent sales tax for police and public safety could provide \$90,000 of revenue to the town. The proposed excise tax on wholesale marijuana sales would also boost revenue, according to McDonald.

McDonald pointed out that the TABOR measure would allow the town to keep tax revenue it is already collecting, and could aid the town in benefiting from grants provided by state agencies. The proposed initiative also could lower the costs of elections by requiring fewer questions to be put to the voters.

McDonald also said the initiative allowing the town to publish only the titles, rather than the complete texts, of proposed ordinances would be a money-saver.

Brenda Woodward, owner of Premier Organics LLC, spoke against the proposed initiative to tax wholesale marijuana sales. Woodward said the initiative would generate less revenue than expected, and would drive jobs out of the community. She also pointed out that it would be fairer to increase taxes on the wide range of businesses that don't generate tax revenue than to expect marijuana businesses to be

subject to more taxes. Woodward cited real estate agents, veterinarians, and auto repair shops as examples of businesses that don't contribute tax revenues to the town.

Subdivisions approved

The board voted to approve conditionally the subdivision of the lot where the new facility for Facinelli Motors is being built, subject to the builder, Kurt Ehrhardt, providing more detail about layout of parking spaces.

The board voted to approve the subdivision of 52 Walnut St. into two lots.

Havenar appointed to Board of Adjustments

The board voted to appoint Trustee Glant Havenar to the Board of Adjustments, which needs to have one member to represent the Town Council. Previously, Havenar had a seat on the Planning Commission, from which she has withdrawn.

The two meetings for November will be at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 and Nov. 24, at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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