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This week's Pine Cone [here](http://pineconearchive.com/downloads140815.html).
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Council learns it doesn't have authority to stop PG&E work

By MARY SCHLEY

DURING A special meeting Thursday

morning, the Carmel City Council learned it

doesn't have the authority to keep PG&E

from working on the gas mains in town —

only the California Public Utilities

Commission has that — Mayor Jason

Burnett told The Pine Cone.

“We do not have jurisdiction,” he said.

“We can certainly make requests, but ultimately

PG&E can either honor those

requests, or not.”

The utility suspended its work replacing

gas mains after a crew started a leak that

caused a house to explode at Guadalupe and

Third March 3. Since then, city officials have

been seeking a full explanation of how the accident happened, as well as increased safety measures to ensure the circumstances don't repeat themselves.

"PG&E and the CPUC are the entities charged with the safety of the gas pipeline system, and they have the technical ability to make those public safety determinations," Burnett said. Instead, PG&E has voluntarily stopped work at the city's request. It's unknown when the main-replacement project will resume.

At the Aug. 14 meeting, council members discussed the contents of a resolution they'll adopt sometime in the near future.

That document will state their desire for written certification from PG&E and the CPUC "that all work being done is being done safely," that the city will request a formal PUC investigation of the March 3 explosion, and that the utility company will support the investigation, according to Burnett.

"I think many people will be disappointed if they do not open up and welcome an OII

[order instituting investigation],” he said.

“Because it certainly is in the public’s interest to have that process.”

PG&E officials did not attend Thursday’s hearing, but the same issues were raised during the Aug. 5 council meeting regarding whether the gas company would cooperate with a formal CPUC investigation.

After that meeting, Greg Snapper, who handles corporate relations for PG&E, commented, “PG&E will continue cooperating fully with the CPUC’s ongoing investigation into the incident. This is in addition to the extensive third-party assessment that was conducted. We believe these are appropriate and comprehensive, and do not believe additional regulatory proceedings are needed.”

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AGENDA

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Closed Session and Special Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2014 – 8:15 a.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

East side of Monte Verde Street

Between Ocean and Seventh Avenues

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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3. CLOSED SESSION – 8:15 A.M.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956 et seq. of the State of California, the City Council will adjourn to Closed Session to consider the following:

Item 3.A: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of

Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 Case

4. ADJOURN TO SPECIAL MEETING – FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Item 4.A: Receive an update on the Investigation of the March 2014 House

Explosion and Consider Authorizing PG&E to continue work on

Gas Safety Project.

Recommendation: Consider authorizing PG&E to continue work on Gas Safety

Project.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated this 13st, day of August 2014 at the hour of 8:15 p.m.