



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Street Name Change from County Road 101 to Harry Lorenzo Avenue

Report in Brief

In May 2008 the City street named Wintun Drive was officially changed to Andrew Stevens Drive. The action was done to honor fallen California Highway Patrolman Andrew “Andy” Stevens and with the understanding that another street in Woodland would be given the name, or be renamed, Wintun Drive. The Yocha Dehe Tribe has since asked that the City consider using the name Harry Lorenzo Avenue instead of Wintun Drive when the renaming occurs.

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct a Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. ____ renaming County Road 101 from Gibson Road and traveling south to County Road 25A Harry Lorenzo Avenue as annexed into the City of Woodland.

Background

On January 16, 2007 the City Council, acting on a request from Council member Monroe, directed staff to initiate actions to rename Wintun Drive to appropriately honor California Highway Patrol Officer Andrew (Andy) Stevens who was slain in the line of duty. Wintun Drive was the location of the California Highway Patrol Woodland office where Officer Stevens worked.

On February 20, 2007 Council held a Public Hearing on the subject and, with no objections, unanimously “adopted the proposal to rename Wintun Drive to Andrew Stevens Drive with the provision that another street within the Spring Lake Specific Plan area will be named Wintun Drive” (City Council Minutes February 20, 2007).

On May 21, 2008 Wintun Drive was rededicated and renamed as Andrew Stevens Drive during a ceremony held at the Woodland CHP office.

Direction from Council at that time was that Wintun Drive would be reassigned to a roadway that would be a collector street or larger in the Spring Lake Specific Plan.

Staff wants to move forward with this street renaming now so that the new name will be memorialized in the parcel maps as development in the Spring Lake area revives. In doing so, staff contacted the Yocha Dehe Tribal Council to ascertain two things:

1. Is CR101, from Gibson south to CR25A, a satisfactory roadway for renaming per the original agreement?
2. Given the recent tribal name change from the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians to Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, is Wintun Drive the title they want CR101 renamed to?

The Yocha Dehe Tribe is excited about the location; however, the Tribe has asked the City to consider using the name Harry Lorenzo instead of Wintun. While Wintun is the “nation” to which the Yocha Dehe Tribe belongs, the late Harry Lorenzo was a former prominent Tribal Chairman, and the father of Paula Lorenzo Tackett, the prior Tribal Chair. The name Harry Lorenzo has more personal significance to the Yocha Dehe Tribe and thus the request. As for the street type, this section of CR101 can be classified as an Avenue, a Street or a Drive due the length and capacity and the Tribe has requested it become an Avenue.

Staff supports the Tribe’s request; however, the renaming action must acknowledge one exception to the City’s Street Naming Policy. The policy limits a proposed street name to 14 characters and Harry Lorenzo Avenue (posted Ave. on the sign) exceeds this limit. In an effort to fulfill the spirit of the original agreement, staff recommends that the City Council make an exception to this condition of the Street Naming Policy as it did with the adoption of Andrew Stevens Drive in 2007.

Discussion

The City of Woodland Street Naming Policy states that proposals to change the name of any existing street requires a public hearing before City Council and that all property owners and business owners along the street be notified ten (10) days in advance of the public hearing. This item is being considered as a public hearing and residents were notified ten days in advance.

In accordance with Government Code 34091.1, “Whenever the legislative body finds that a name should be adopted and applied to any city street, or that the existing name of any city street should be changed, the legislative body may adopt a resolution designating a name for, or change the name of, such street.”

Fiscal Impact

There will be additional incidental expenses associated with this action, including the cost to fabricate the signs with the proposed new name. The costs will be funded by the Spring Lake Infrastructure Fees and there will be no impact on the General Fund.

Public Contact

The formal adoption action takes place during a Council meeting after a Public Hearing is held. The City published notice of the Public Hearing on December 29, 2009 and January 4, 2010 in the Woodland Daily Democrat. The dates of the notice are consistent with the requirements of the Street Naming Policy.

In addition all property owners and business owners along the street were notified on January 6 which was thirteen days in advance of the public hearing to solicit input into the proposed name change. There were no objections received from property owners.

The City Council agenda was posted.

Alternative Courses of Action

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. ____ renaming County Road 101 from Gibson Road and traveling south to County Road 25A Harry Lorenzo Avenue as annexed into the City of Woodland.
2. Cease further consideration of the proposed action and direct staff to consider other streets within the Spring Lake Specific Plan for the renaming as described herein.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1.

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Fire Chief

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City Manager

Attachments

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF COUNTY ROAD 101, TRAVELING SOUTH OF GIBSON ROAD TO COUNTY ROAD 25A, AS ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF WOODLAND

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Woodland, after a Public Hearing, has agreed with Staff that the name of County Road 101, traveling south of Gibson Road to County Road 25A, as annexed into the City of Woodland, be changed as hereinafter set forth; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Woodland has, set the hour of 6:00 p.m. on this the January 19, 2010 as the date for the Public Hearing on the said change in name of the said street; and,

WHEREAS, notice of said hearing which notice contained the proposed change in name of said street, was published in the Daily Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Woodland; and,

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been held on said proposed change in name and no objections have been presented at said hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 34091.1 of the Government Code of the State of California, as follows;

1. That the name of County Road 101, traveling south of Gibson Road to County Road 25A, as annexed into the City of Woodland be changed to Harry Lorenzo Avenue.
2. That the City Clerk of the City of Woodland is hereby directed to forward a copy of the Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Woodland at a regular meeting held on January 19, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members
 NOES:
 ABSENT:
 ABSTAIN:

 Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Sue Vannucci, City Clerk

 Andrew J. Morris, City Attorney