

Woodland City Council Meeting
City Hall, Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, California

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL/CLOSED SESSION

MARCH 20, 2007

5:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:00 p.m. Council held a conference with the Labor Negotiator pursuant to Section 54957.6. The Agency Designated Representative was Phillip Marler. The Employee Associations discussed were the Woodland City Employees' Association and Woodland Professional Firefighters' Association. Present at this session were Mayor Flory, Vice Mayor Davies, Council Members Marble, Monroe, and Pimentel, City Manager Kirkwood and Assistant City Manager Marler.

Council held a Conference with the Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Section 54956.8. The property is the former Senior Center complex at 630 Lincoln Avenue. The Agency Negotiator was Rick Kirkwood and the negotiating parties the City and unknown potential buyers. Under negotiation were price and terms of payment. Present at this session were Mayor Flory, Vice Mayor Davies, Council Members Marble, Monroe, and Pimentel, City Manager Kirkwood and Assistant City Manager Marler.

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Flory said that Council had met in closed session to discuss property negotiations and had provided direction to the Agency Negotiator. Council also met to discuss Labor Negotiations. Mayor Flory said it is inappropriate to negotiate in the press on these issues. As the City and the Associations have reached impasse several



months ago, a mediator from the State Mediation and Conciliation Service has been assigned to work with the parties. There have now been several sessions between the City, the Associations and the Mediator. The last time the City and the Associations met with the Mediator was February 12, 2007. The next session with the Mediator could not be scheduled until April 4, 2007. The City is duty-bound to work with the Mediator in structuring an agreement with our Associations.

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:08 p.m., Mayor Flory called the regular meeting of the Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Flory invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Manager Kirkwood.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlin Davies, William Marble, Jeff Monroe, Artemio Pimentel, David Flory

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kirkwood, Phil Marler, Barry Munowitch, Sue Vannucci, Brent Meyer, Kent Perkes, George Ahlgren, Ann Siprelle, Dan Gentry, Robert Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT: Contract Engineer Alan Mitchell

MINUTES

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried unanimously, Council adopted the minutes of the joint regular Council and Redevelopment Agency Board meeting of February 6, 2007 as presented.



COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN

Council received a letter from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development providing the fiscal year allocation for the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$592,363.

Council received a letter from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the Annual Community Assessment Report for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council received the minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting of February 5, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Sheumaker said she has spoken to Council and the Planning Commission on several occasions regarding global warming issues. She would like to have this item placed on a future agenda for further discussion. Homes are responsible for 20% of the greenhouse gases and businesses have a 40% contribution. This issue needs to be addressed now.

COUNCIL/STAFF STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Marble said Senate Bill 167 will provide funding for General Plan updates. He attended the Local Government Commission meeting last week which focused primarily on Smart Growth. The City should become involved to achieve some input. There is money for tenants of Mobile Home Parks to help them purchase the parks. Affordable Housing will be a "green" element which may trigger Building Code revisions. Proposition 1C for \$850 million will provide money for infrastructure related to infill. There are also some funds available for parks associated with affordable housing and some for innovations in affordable housing. In the area of greenhouse gases, the first area is auto emissions and the second is related to land use as it is a major contributor to the problem. Cities may be required to look at this at the local level.

Council Member Pimentel at the Infrastructure Meeting this afternoon one of the issues was surface water and a County Flood Management Program was also discussed. The Branigan/Brennan, Pioneer/Gum stop lights will go forward as soon as possible.



The RFP will be coordinated, if possible, and a four way stop sign will be put in place within ten days.

Mayor Flory asked that in the next Redevelopment Plan cycle, street repairs and lighting be added or addressed in the Plan area. He said the bathrooms at the some of the parks are in very poor condition and need to be attended to.

Vice Mayor Davies asked about the new Station #1 entrance and exit and asked what type of calming will be done at that site and that this response return as a Council item. Council was not requested to concur to add this item on a future Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT REPORT-WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE WOODLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Linda Gutierrez, Project Director for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Program said last year the District received \$1.9 million for a three year program to provide safety in the schools and the community. They have partnered with the Police Department, Probation, Mental Health and the Justice Department for this program. There will be an event on April 15, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the County Office of Education on Harter Avenue. She distributed additional information on the program for Council review.

Jess Baines-Wright said she is working on a four year grant which will focus on elementary schools. This will be called the "Character Education Program".

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Vice Mayor Davies and with concurrence by the Council, the following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

OPERA HOUSE AGREEMENT-USE OF MEASURE E FUNDS (ADVISORY MEASURE D)

Vice Mayor Davies said the Opera House Board is hiring a firm and trying to obtain funding for their project. The way the proposed Agreement is written puts the billing to the City. He feels the document needs to have a tighter timeline for the loan, construction management, firms and timelines.



Council Member Marble mentioned a letter from the Stallard's about the fiduciary responsibility which should be the City's, not the Opera House Board. Mayor Flory suggested this item return for further consideration. Council Member Marble said the location of the building is also of concern as the voters thought the building would be South of the current Opera House complex. Council Member Pimentel said the Opera House should pay a living wage and should go out with a Request for Proposal process. The term of the Contract should also be addressed. If Council determines the funding will not be given to the Opera House, there should be some mention of that possibility in the Contract with a means of termination.

Meg Stallard said the Opera House Board of Trustees has not yet seen the proposed Contract. Tom Stallard said there are many issues that are not addressed at all in the Contract. The responsible party for the funds is not identified and the City should maintain control.

Vice Mayor Davies would like to remove the item from consideration at this time, have the concerns addressed and the Opera House Board of Trustees should have the opportunity to review. City Manager Kirkwood will work with the City Attorney on this.

There was no official concurrence from the Council to defer the item. However, no action was taken.

At the request of Council Member Monroe and with concurrence by the Council, the following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

COMMUNITY SPORTS PARK AND COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER MASTER PLAN; REVISED PROJECT PROGRAMMING SUMMARY SHEET WITH AUTHORIZATION ON FIELD BUILD SCHEDULE

Council Member Monroe said someone from the soccer group contacted the Community and Senior Center indicating they wanted to use the soccer fields during the summer months. They were told they could only use the field dedicated to soccer. Vice Mayor Davies said he understood one field had been had been dedicated to soccer. The seasons are not clear cut and they play year around. Council Member Monroe said they should let the market dictate how many fields are used for soccer. There will be six fields and they should be split.



Director Gentry said he interpreted Council direction that the fifth field is a softball complex with soccer capabilities and the sixth field would be a multi-use field. The primary season is Spring and Summer and softball would use if the fields were available with the secondary use for soccer. This would reverse in the Fall and Winter. Football is not a primary use for these fields. If available when not in use by soccer and softball, the fields could be used for football.

Vice Mayor Davies said there is no distinct season for soccer any longer. There should be some fields that should be priority for soccer even in the off season.

Director Gentry asked if the Council is directing that all fields should have soccer priority all year around. Council Member Pimentel said they should be split half and half or with some other configuration. Council Member Marble said it seems to be an issue of sharing and feels the scheduling needs to be flexible and adjusted to address changes as needed. The Parks and Recreation Commission should look at this issue. Director Gentry said there will be the issue of revenue for tournaments as well. There will always be some possible user that is unhappy if they cannot have a field when it has been set aside for other use. Mayor Flory said there should be a policy. Director Gentry will return with further refinements to the recommendations. Council concurred.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Pimentel and carried unanimously, Council approved the following Consent Calendar items as presented:

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2007

Council reviewed and accepted the January Investment Report as submitted.

RESOLUTION 4812-MONEY PURCHASE RETIREMENT PLAN 401(A)

Council adopted Resolution 4812, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Establishing a Money Purchase Retirement Plan", as an optional retirement contribution plan for the City.



YEAR AROUND OPERATION OF HIDDLESOON POOL

Council received information on the cost of year around operation of Hiddleson Pool.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

Council proclaimed the week of March 18-24, 2007 as National Agriculture Week.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

CALTRANS PREFERRED OPTION-INTERSECTION CONTROL-WEST KENTUCKY AVENUE AND COUNTY ROAD 98 (STATE ROUTE 16)

Senior Civil Engineer (Traffic) Meyer said the City and County have been working with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) over the past several months to determine the best solution for traffic calming and safety at the intersection of County Road 98 (State Route 16) and Kentucky Avenue. At present there is a four-way stop at that intersection. As CalTrans is the lead agency on this project, the final determination is to be made by that agency. However, they have been attempting to work cooperatively with the City and County on a mutually-agreeable solution. CalTrans is recommending the installation of a round about, which has had some negative input from citizens. The staff generally does support the CalTrans recommendation as the majority of the funding will be from their budget. The Police and Fire Departments are acceptant of the recommendation as well.

Mayor Flory said the Board of Supervisors has made a decision and Council should also make a decision and forward to CalTrans for final determination.

Robert Nguyen of CalTrans said the Board of Supervisors will be recommending the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection. CalTrans does respect the recommendations from the City and County on this issue, but are recommending the round about. The City will be applying for funding. Council Member Marble asked if the City and County funding portions will come from the State Route 113/Interstate 5 funding. Mr. Nguyen said the estimated cost for the round is about \$1.5 million and for the traffic signal, about \$1.1 million. The share will be City of Woodland 25%, County of Yolo 25%, and State of California 50%, but for the City and County there is a cap on how much we are eligible for with the HES fund, about \$900,000. In the East, roundabouts



are accepted and promoted. This is a good location for installation of the round about for safety purposes.

Council Member Monroe asked if the safety issue is based on the U. S. standards or those of the European countries. Council Member Pimentel asked if the money saved at this intersection could be utilized to improve the round about at Gum and Bourn. Council Member Marble asked if they considered the tomato and gravel trucks that utilize that intersection. He also asked for the cost comparisons and City cost for the options. How would drivers be cued to the impending round about. What impact does the stop light at Ashley and Kentucky and at Main and County Road 98 have on the round about.

Engineer Meyer said the signal timing would not be a coordination issue as the intersections are too far away from the round about proposed. The representative from CalTrans said the trucks are considered in the whole design and accommodated in that design. They have been in contact with a consultant who has approved the plans that would address those large trucks. High speeds do not have an impact if they are designed correctly. Construction time is estimated to be about the same for either a round about or signal. During construction there would be a one direction closing with flagging during that construction.

Ray Diffenderffer said there are three round abouts in the town of Truckee and they have lesser speed limits associated with them. He said he had several questions of CalTrans that were not answered. They need 1000 feet to do the round about, which would take considerable land away from the surrounding property owners. There will not be an increase in traffic. There are no proposed buildings in that area. There has been no one in favor of the round about. The money should be spent elsewhere as needed.

Karen Lafferty said the stop signs have helped the safety issue. The State will be making the decision, not the Board of Supervisors or the City Council. A round about is not needed for this type of traffic.

Mayor Flory said the CalTrans District Director has said they will take the recommendations of the City and County very strongly under consideration when they make their decision.

John Debo said there is no further danger at that intersection now. The four way stop is working very well. A red light above it would help also and be less costly. CalTrans wants to take his land and a turn signal would take less of



the land. There is already an easement that could be used. In five years if there is increased traffic, they could look at something else.

Loretta Richard-Robicheau said there is some information in place that roundabouts are not always the best solution. This intersection is no longer a problem.

On a motion by Council Member Pimentel, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried unanimously, Council recommended that CalTrans replace the four way stop sign at Kentucky Avenue and County Road 98 with a four way stop light. Council Member Monroe requested the cost for that stop light be provided to Council and Director Wegener said the funding should be recoverable by grants. The traffic signal has been the City preferred choice for quite some time.

ADJOURN

At 7:30 Mayor Flory adjourned the regular meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Vannucci, CMC, City Clerk