

Woodland City Council Minutes  
Council Chambers  
300 First Street  
Woodland, California

December 1, 2003

**SPECIAL/CLOSED SESSION**  
**SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council met in Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. to hold a conference with Legal Counsel regarding one case of anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9. Present in this session were Mayor Flory, Vice Mayor Rexroad, Council Members Dote, Monroe and Peart, City Manager Kirkwood, Assistant City Manager Marler and City Attorney Siprelle, Assistant City Attorney Dollison, Public Works Director Wegener.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Flory announced that Council had met in Closed Session to discuss one case of anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation and received information.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Flory called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Flory invited the members of the Council and public to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Assistant City Manager Marler.



## ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Dote, Monroe, Peart, Rexroad, Flory

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kirkwood, Phil Marler, Ann Siprelle, Sue Vannucci, Gary Wegener, Kevin Dollison, Dan Gentry

## REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

### RESOLUTION 4501-CALLING FOR ELECTION FOR MARCH 2, 2004 ON INITIATIVE ESTABLISHING REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL POLICY

City Manager Kirkwood summarized the proposed action as the signatures on the petition circulated for the proposed measure have been certified by the County Clerk Recorder's Office.

Dudley Holman would like the Task Force to reconvene on this issue. Mayor Flory said the signatures had been certified and the Council is required by law to place this on the ballot.

Bob Young feels we need a higher level of control for flood protection. There have been floods in past years. A 100 year flood event would be twice the magnitude of a 35 years event. The Creek is entirely in the County and the flooding is just as much of concern there. The County has not taken the responsibility to help their citizens. There is a solution using a combination approach with some off stream storage, cleaning out the Creek, deepening the Creek or raising the levees to provide 100 year protection to everyone. He would like the Council to look at the bigger picture. Council could approve via Ordinance this evening and avoid an election. Council Member Dote said these are 10 year levees and we have been lucky they have held thus far. Council Member Monroe said the City Attorney said this Ordinance cannot be adopted this evening because this is a special meeting.

Michael Russow urged Council to move ahead. There was a survey that came out and it said the citizens should be ready to deal with a one to seven foot wall of water. He does not believe the flood is a problem. It is not Council's job to figure out what might happen. The levee broke and the City did not flood. It is not his responsibility to pay for others or take care of other people. Council Member Dote asked for clarification on what survey he referred to and Mr. Russow said the phone survey that was done.



Brenda Cedarblade said the survey was done by a developer outside of the City. The City should not be paying for a project to benefit the developers. The Federal government will not fund a project that is developer related.

Council Member Monroe said Council owes it to the citizens to give them another opportunity to vote whether to pursue a flood barrier in the future.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Vice Mayor Rexroad and carried unanimously, Council adopted Resolution 4501, a "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Submitting to the Qualified Electors an Initiative Relating to a Regional Flood Control Policy and Prohibiting the City from Funding or Taking any Action that Supports the Lower Cache Creek Flood Barrier or a Substantially Similar Structure".

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Flory adjourned the Special Meeting of the City Council at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sue Vannucci, CMC, City Clerk