Woodland City Council City Hall – Council Chambers 300 First Street Woodland, CA 95695

# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL/STUDY SESSION MINUTES

#### **OCTOBER 24, 2006**

#### 7:00 P.M.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor Davies called the Special Study Session of the Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Davies invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Monroe.

#### **ROLL CALL**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Skip Davies, William Marble, Jeff Monroe,

Artemio Pimentel, David Flory

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kirkwood, Ann Siprelle, Sue Vannucci,

Gary Wegener, Doug Baxter, Mark Cocke, Greg

Meyer, Robert Thomas, Cindy Norris

#### COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Council Member Pimentel said there was a fund of \$10,000 set aside for seniors and low-income individuals to assist with the utility bill increases and those funds had not been utilized. Council concurred to place the status of those funds and whether they are still available for the stated use on a future Agenda.

Council Member Marble said there had been a City/Chamber of Commerce  $2 \times 2$  meeting this morning where a survey had been discussed to determine how the City can improve services.



Vice Mayor Davies commended staff and Dumars Landscaping for the appearance of the new Jeff Roddy Park that was dedicated today at 5:00.

#### REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEASURES H AND I, SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT ANNEXATION

Council Member Pimentel moved that Council adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland in Support of the SMUD Annexation and Measures H and I. Discussion followed. Mayor Flory said a majority of the Council will be voting to support the annexation but not the Resolution itself. Council Member Marble does not feel Council should be taking formal action on the Measures. Council Member Monroe feels this is a campaign issue and the voters should decide.

Jesse Ortiz represents the Latino Community Council. The Resolution should be approved by the Council as an act of leadership. There is a large low income group that would be helped by this annexation.

Gene Stille said citizens would appreciate Council adoption of the Resolution in support. When the City of Folsom went through their SMUD annexation within six years the cost to buy out Pacific Gas and Electric were achieved. The voters have the opportunity to save up to 30%. P. G. & E. has added 30% to their bills this year alone.

Brian Micer said the Council has the right to endorse any Measure. These Measures are the largest development draw to the City. SMUD customers have significantly lower rates.

Tom Stallard said Council asked SMUD to endorse the annexation. P. G. & E. is a good company but they have been spending a great deal of money to stop this. The City of Folsom has thrived and drawn businesses to them. If Council does not take action, it is sending a message in support of P. G. & E.

Wayne Ginsburg strongly urged support of the Resolution. He has carefully studied this issue and P. G. & E. claims are one-tenth truth and rest untruth. There will be more available dollars to spend locally with these savings.

Genevieve Shiroma, President of the SMUD Board said this is about choice for the customers and for business development attraction. SMUD is a not for



profit company and will enhance business. It could bring over \$1 billion to our area over the next ten years.

There was no second to Council Member Pimentel's motion. Therefore, the motion lost for lack of second. Council stated unanimous support of the annexation but declined to adopt the Resolution.

Council Member Pimentel left the Chambers at 7:21.

#### DRAFT INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Francis Borcalli of Wood Rodgers, Inc., said there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 on the Water Management Plan. The City is one of nine members on the Water Resources Board and does actively participate. They are addressing water supply and drought preparedness, water quality, flood management and storm drainage, riparian and aquatic ecosystem enhancement, and recreation. There are foundation, integrated and stand alone actions.

Council Member Pimentel returned to the Chambers at 7:25.

The integrated actions of the Yolo County Regional Integrated Water Management Plan include the Davis-Woodland Water Supply Project, Reclamation District 2035 Sacramento River Diversion and Conveyance Project, the Cache Creek Integrated Project which has three elements, (flood management, water and aquatic habitat, and recreation and riparian habitat), the Dunnigan Integrated Project, Sacramento River West Bank Integrated Project, Putah Creek Integrated Project, Yolo Bypass Integrated Project and the Yolo County Sloughs, Canals and Creeks Management Program. There are several tasks that must take place over the next three to five years to implement the plan.

Council Member Marble, member of the WRA Board, is hopeful the public is aware of the comment period on the Plan. This is the time for input to be received. The meeting tomorrow will be the final hearing on the document. The City needs to have a good solution to the issue of flood control and water needs.



Mayor Flory asked when the flood implementation comes into the picture and Mr. Borcalli said the dollars are the concern. The short term and the long term aspects are all being considered. The Measures presently on the ballot may assist if successful. They are trying to position the City so that they can be at the table when funds are available. The link to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan will help. Mayor Flory said there is a flood risk management and protection that is needed. Mr. Borcalli said we need to determine that risk. Director Wegener said the comment period is 45 days and then it will come back to the Council for adoption consideration.

Council Member Pimentel left the Chambers at 7:40.

#### UPDATE-CACHE CREEK FLOOD MANAGEMENT STAKEHOLDER PROCESS

Steve Chainey of Moore Iacofano Goldman, Inc. (MIG) said a sub-group of the Water Resources Association was formed to study the Cache Creek Integrated Project and the flood element tasks. The group should be independent of any agency of interest and that guide was followed.

Council Member Pimentel returned to the Chambers at 7:41.

The tasks include development and implementation of a public involvement program, establishment of a Flood Management Technical Advisory Committee, facilitation of a long-term solution for Cache Creek sediment, evaluation of feasibility of flood management alternatives, evaluation of flood emergency preparedness plans, continued removal of exotic and invasive species. It was agreed that 100 year flood protection was needed. Agreement was also reached that the Corps involvement should be deferred. Re-evaluation of watershed storms, verification of flood peaks and flood volumes and investigation of a future settling basin were also part of the task.

Council Member Marble said the Corps has been invited to be members and Mr. Chainey said the Corps must have the authorization from staff and budget to actively participate and do not have permission at this time. The feeling was they do not need to be involved at this point. They could, however, attend a particular meeting to provide background information.



Mayor Flory asked if the Committee had been established. Some of the elected officials have questioned the ability of the Corps on this issue based on their disregard for some of the options. Mr. Chainey said they have heard that perception and feel that all other options should be on the table. They are not making a decision, but only looking at the recommendations.

Vice Mayor Davies asked if others have data to present how do they transmit that information to the Committee and how would the Committee utilize that data. Mr. Chainey said they have guidelines to adhere to but will look at any information that is available and is provided to them. These are not public meetings as they are not governmental and are very technical discussions. Other items would deter from the technical content. Consideration of the material in the settling basin will be added to the report.

Council Member Marble suggested that Mr. Chainey take back to the Committee issues to address flood control.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL ISSUES

Engineer Cocke said he and Director Wegener had attended a meeting with representatives from Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba and Yolo Counties to discuss a regional coordinated plan and funding for flood protection should the Measures on the November ballot be successful. There is a great deal of attention on the levees at this time as a result of the Paterno versus State of California appellate court decision which held the State liable for damages resulting from failure of Federal project levees. Since that decision, there has been renewed interest in protection and providing funds. Of particular interest was allowing building in a flood plain, which puts the City at risk. The Federal government issues the flood map and certifies the levees. They are now showing there is no flood protection in place. The local Agenda would be to absolve the City from liability. Cache Creek levees are the State responsibility at this time. The County has responsibility for the levees on the South side of the Creek in certain areas.

Mayor Flory asked if we received the \$360,000 billed to the State for the studies and Director Wegener indicated we had not. Mayor Flory asked that the item be placed on an Agenda to request the money from the State. There was no visible or audible concurrence from the Council to place this on a future Agenda.



#### CACHE CREEK 2006 LEVEE BREACH AND FLOODPLAIN EVALUATION REPORT

Director Wegener said after the December 31, 2005 event where the water overtopping threat was expected, the City and County determined the need to ascertain what would have likely happened should the water have actually overtopped the levee. MBK Engineers put together a study on the threat. Director Wegener provided extensive visuals on the anticipated threat levels.

Vice Mayor Davies asked about the depth calculations and Director Wegener said the water would be approximately nine inches deep. Council Member Monroe asked how the City would know what type of flood depth would be seen and Director Wegener said that the State will advise us based on their monitoring system. The graphs they can access will have information from the Department of Water Resources and is updated twice per day.

Council Member Pimentel said the City needs to show citizens these maps so they know exactly what the flood threat will be. Director Wegener said the Corps could come back with further information but he feels comfortable with the information by our consultants. The group approach gave more credibility to the information. He would like FEMA and the Corps to be in agreement with this.

## GLOBAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF NEAR TERM PROJECTS

Council Member Pimentel asked the term "global" be considered "regional" for our needs. Mayor Flory requested this item to go before the 2 X 2 with the County of Yolo. Council Member Pimentel feels the report only indicates 3.5% of the funding. Vice Mayor Davies asked if the City has committed to share these costs already. Council Member Monroe asked when the repairs will take place and Director Wegener said only Huff's Bend will be done at this time and then sources of funds to fix the rest will need to be secured. Mayor Flory said the Council has not made an agreement to fund this yet. Proposals were to return for Council consideration first.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Pimentel and carried unanimously, Council moved further discussion of this item to the City/County 2 X 2 meetings.



#### DAVIS-WOODLAND WATER SUPPLY PROJECT 04-28

Senior Civil Engineer Baxter said the City must meet water quality regulatory compliance while providing adequate and improved water quality levels of service. Our water has high levels of nitrate, boron, salts and is considered to be very "hard" water. The regulations from the State are becoming more stringent each year. The proposal to blend the ground water with surface water will dramatically improve the overall water quality for the City. As far back as the early 1970's, the standards began to change to affect our water usage and quality. In 1994 an application was submitted to the State for 45,000 acre feet of Sacramento River water. The City portion of that request was for 15,000 acre feet, with 30,000 for the Davis area. The proposal is to combine the applications to total the 45,000 requested. The City Surface Water Feasibility Study was approved in January 2006, with the final California Environmental Quality Act EIR expected by April 2007. A Joint Powers Agency will be formed to own, operate and maintain the facilities associated with the surface water acquisition. Approvals, permits, contracts, easements, rates studies and financing plan will be underway between 2007 and 2009, with design 2010 to 2012 and construction and operation between 2013 and 2016.

Mayor Flory left the Chambers at 8:30 p.m.

During the summer months, Sacramento River water would not be available. The proposal is to purchase adequate supplies of the surface water for storage and use during the summer. Some of the current City wells would be maintained to supplement maximum daily flows, help with peak hour demands, and provide emergency backup water, but would be constrained with permit restrictions and discharge limits. Combining the project with Davis would be more cost effective to the City. It is possible to utilize Proposition 50 funds for part of the cost. It is anticipated the homeowner would safe money as water softeners would no longer be necessary and life expectancy of water heaters, piping, appliances and landscaping would subsequently be extended. The land subsidence would be raised with less usage of well water and agricultural uses would see improved water quality for crops.

Council Member Monroe asked about the quality of the River water. Engineer Baxter said the State maintains the quality of the water and are tightening regulations on this water all the time. A central treatment location would help with any issues of quality, safety, etc. The treatment process tries to



eliminate the organics. The well water is not treated except with chlorine for disinfection.

Council Member Pimentel left the Chambers at 8:36.

Vice Mayor Davies asked if the City cannot receive River water and the well water is no longer acceptable for discharge, what would be the alternative. Engineer Baxter said the City would improve the water before use and before discharge. The electrical conductivity (salts) and boron quantity must be improved under our current requirements for the permit. This is more costly that purchasing surface water. It would be treated coming out of the well. The problem that there is no room at the wells at this time to do the improvements and the City would need to drill new wells to accommodate that pre-use treatment.

At 8:38, Council Member Pimentel returned to the Chambers.

Council Member Pimentel said the survey in 2004 said the highest concern of the citizens was water quality. The City may need to form a JPA to look at this issue. It may be that we will need to install reverse osmosis units to address the water quality and regulations. Council Member Monroe said the River water must be treated before use to mix with the well water and asked why the City would not have a treatment plant at that time. Director Wegener said the City would need to pump the water to the treatment plant first from the wells and then send it back. Engineer Baxter said the City is going to try and provide storage tanks to address that issue.

At 8:44, Mayor Flory returned to the Chambers.

Surface water is substantially expensive but treating the current water is even more expensive.



### INCREASE TO STORM DRAIN ENTERPRISE FUND PROGRAM FOR ENTERPRISE FUND RATE INCREASE PROCESS

Director Wegener said on October 3, 2006, Council referred this item to the Infrastructure Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee recommended staff and Council outreach as the primary sources of information. Council Member Marble said the Sub-Committee approved the amount of \$75,000 for the public education process. A Consultant would be needed in support of the public education to increase awareness. The City could loose \$50,000 per month in this fund just on operating costs which does not include capital projects. Council Member Pimentel said the City needs to develop a structure on how they will approach this and the severe problem the City has now. They would like to go up to the \$75,000 to help this issue be fully understood by the citizens. Mayor Flory asked if this includes any polling and Council Member Pimentel said there are no new surveys included in the process. This is for meetings and educational purposes only. A proposal and structure will be developed. Vice Mayor Davies said there is no proposal on how much this will cost the City and what the money would cover. Council Member Marble said it will go from 50¢ to over \$5.00. Vice Mayor Davies asked if this is for maintenance or reconstruction. Council Member Pimentel said the uses and need have been discussed several times in the past. Director Wegener said there was an analysis of storm drainage and indicated the items would be handled separately. Mayor Flory said the Council had not yet determined what to ask the citizens to spend on the maintenance and capital improvements. Vice Mayor Davies does not feel he has adequate information to make a decision at this time. Director Wegener said when the water/sewer was done, the flier said the City would be returning with the \$5.00 request on the storm drain. A rate study had been done. Mayor Flory said until Council makes the decision on how much they want to raise the fees and where the funds will go, a rate should not be identified. Council Member Pimentel said the City knows how much is needed to make up for the deficit and future needs. Vice Mayor Davies said other sources of income, possibly from property sales could help make up for some of the deficiencies and should be explored.

On a motion by Council Member Marble, seconded by Council Member Pimentel and carried, Council approved a \$75,000 increase to the Storm Drain Enterprise Fund Program (221) for the Enterprise Fund rate increase process to include mailers, Town Hall meetings, advertisements and stuffers. Mayor Flory and Vice Mayor Davies voted to the negative.



# UPDATE-COMPLIANCE WITH YEAR 3 STORM WATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND 2006/2007 CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM WATER QUALITY ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Director Wegener said there is a new State program that in place. That program defines the Best Management Practices in six categories of minimum control measures included in the General Permit requirements. He outlined those items the City has instituted to meet those requirements.

Vice Mayor Davies said the goals are extensive and asked for more information on the compliance requirements and measures at a future meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:07	Vice Mayor Davies adjourned the special/study session of the Counci
	Respectfully submitted,

Sue Vannucci, CMC, City Clerk