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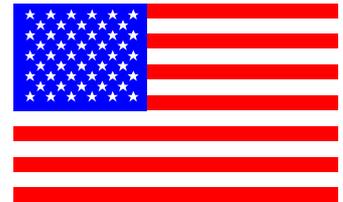
September 18, 2001

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL/CLOSED SESSION

The Woodland City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall in order to convene a closed session. Council Members present were Mayor Borchard, Vice Mayor Flory, Council Members Dote, Monroe and Peart. Also present were City Manager Rick Kirkwood, Assistant City Manager Phil Marler and City Attorney Ann Siprelle. Council held a conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9. Number of Cases: One (1); and a Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Section 54957, Title of Position: City Manager.

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

The Woodland Fire Department and Woodland Police Department Honor Guard presented the Colors. A Memorial and Prayer of Remembrance was conducted to honor those who lost their lives and loved ones in the attack on Manhattan and the Pentagon. The Guard led the Council and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the singing of God Bless America.



CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Borchard advised that Council held a conference with Legal Counsel, regarding anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation and received a report. The scheduled Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the City Manager was not discussed.



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Borchard called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Borchard, Martie Dote, David Flory, Jeff Monroe, Neal Peart

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Kirkwood, Phillip Marler, Ann Siprelle, Ana Gonzalez, Gary Wegener, Steve Harris, Margaret Vicars, Mitch Dion

MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 24, 2001 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN

From the City Attorney's Office, information was received that the case of Woodmark Apartment Associates v. City of Woodland has been dismissed as the appellants failed to file their opening brief. The City has prevailed and the case has been completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A report was received from Public Works Director Gary Wegener transmitting the minutes of the Flood Task Force Committee meeting of June 28, 2001.

A report was received from Library Services Director Marie Bryan transmitting the minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting of August 20, 2001.

A report was received from Director Wegener transmitting the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting of August 29, 2001.



A report was received from Community Development Director Steve Harris transmitting the summary of the Planning Commission meeting of September 6, 2001 as follows:

- a. Conditionally approved Tentative Parcel Map 4531 to re-subdivide Parcel 3 of Parcel Map 4162 to create an Industrial Condominium on parcel 3.
- b. Conditionally approved Tentative Parcel Map 4529 to divide the existing parcel into two new parcels.
- c. Continued a previously approved Conditional Use Permit, Design Review and Sign Plan approval to allow construction of a Mirastar fueling station with two underground storage tanks, 4 multi-product dispensers, canopy and pay-booth.
- d. Heard a presentation on the Draft Downtown Parking Management Plan.

Vice Mayor Flory asked if Item C is approved by the Planning Commission, does it return or can it be appealed to the Council. Community Development Director Harris stated that once the Commission takes final action, it can be appealed to the Council. As this is a Conditional Use Permit, it is under the Planning Commission purview. Normally it would not return to Council unless there was an appeal filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dudley Holman commended the Willow Oak Fire Department for their fundraising event to be held at Main and West Streets. He appreciated the Department for their efforts on behalf of those in the who have suffered a loss in New York and the Pentagon attacks.

Kathryn Portman made a request on behalf of the Sierra Club Members and some citizens that they be placed on the Agenda for the next City Council meeting to discuss participation in the Spring Lake Specific Plan review, CEQA review and EIR review and that: (1) the public be able to have participation; (2) public observation, or (3) the Council would deny any participation. Their letter was submitted to the City Manager. She requested information on the mitigation of ground for the Swainsdon Hawk which was taken as a result of the Sycamore Pointe Project. Mayor Borchard stated there will be a study session on September 25th on this issue and City Manager Kirkwood stated a progress report will be received. Direction has been given to the property owners in the Spring Lake area to do two things: (1) work with the City to develop an indemnification agreement, and (2) work together to develop an owners' participation agreement. The environmental and public processes for this project have passed. City Attorney Siprelle stated the Environmental Impact Report has been



certified. There is consideration of preparing an addendum to the EIR, however, an addendum is not circulated for public review. It documents the specific changes to the plan and a Public Hearing for Council review and public comment is held. Contract Planner Tschudin will be requested to comment on that process at the meeting on the 25th.

Vice Mayor Flory asked if it could be a policy of the Council to require when petitions are submitted, the names be typed or printed and an address listed. Mayor Borchard stated that if we cannot read the names nor have indication of their residence, it is to their own disadvantage. Ms. Portman stated the primary purpose of the letter was to request addition to the next agenda. Mayor Borchard said all meetings are open, they can also speak with any individual Council Member or with the City Manager. The City Manager will discuss this issue and provide a copy of the "petition" to Contract Planner Tschudin. She will then discuss the issues and comments can be made at the meeting.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Peart stated there was a Flood Task Force meeting. There is disagreement but information is forthcoming to provide more realistic figures. His second issue was that of the tragedy, the united efforts of all citizens and the Flags which are everywhere. He stated there is a Flag etiquette guidelines he collected which is available in the City Manager's Office.

Council Member Monroe stated the tragedy has been extremely difficult for him. This is the single worse loss of public servants in our history. He commended the City for putting out Flags on Main Street. He urged citizens not to treat our Muslim citizens poorly as they are feeling the pain as well.

Council Member Dote said the League of Cities Conference has been cancelled and rescheduled for December. She expressed her feelings that the Country has pulled together in the wake of this tragedy.

Vice Mayor Flory complimented the City staff and City Manager for urging participation in the Emergency Management Training this past August. The training received was evident during the past week by the notification of Council Members, the updates and the ability to give constituents some statements of security. The potential of disaster locally was addressed fully. His comfort level was very high with the preparation by our staff.

Mayor Borchard commended the City Manager for authorizing the City Flags on Main Street. He urged preparation and patience for a long effort by our military and supporting industries on searching out the sponsors of terrorism.



Vice Mayor Flory mentioned the American Legion and other volunteers regarding the Flags and thanked them for their efforts on this endeavor.

Council Member Peart said he sat through the meetings on the day of the attack and stated the City is very fortunate to have the staff who will protect this City from any type of event. The response and leadership was exemplary.

City Manager Kirkwood reiterated the concerns of the Council Members. He thanked the Legion and Gary Wegener who has taken his personal time to assist in the Flag display. The City Flag banners have been placed as well. The Flag was to be held at half mast for thirty days, but the President has asked they be raised to full staff following the 22nd. The City Manager said Senior Staff and Council Member Peart met at the Emergency Operations Command Center at 8:25 on the 11th and all staff assessed the potential risks and needs in the event we were called for mutual aid at any level. We were put into a ready posture and updated throughout the day. He had ordered that all travel to large population areas be suspended until assessment could be made. This order was relieved last Friday, September 14th. We stand ready to assist in any way, but our priority is to maintain the health and welfare of our citizens. The press releases have been posted on the WEB site. The Pledge of Allegiance and the American Creed are also posted on the site.

PRESENTATIONS

OCTOBER 7, 2001 AS DYNAMITE DOWNTOWN CHILI COOK-OFF DAY

John Fenrich, representing the Chamber of Commerce and the Chili Cookoff, spoke regarding the upcoming event. This event will reaffirm the American spirit. The Fourth Annual event will be on Sunday, October 7th. He presented the Council with the framed poster which was done by Sean Denny donated his talent.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by unanimous vote, the Council proclaimed Sunday, October 7, 2001 as Dynamite Downtown Chili Cook-off Day in Woodland. John Fenrich received the Proclamation and stated the event will include a means of supporting the efforts on behalf of the tragedy.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Peart requested removal of the following item from the Consent Calendar:



3. Award of Plan Checking Service Contract

Council Member Dote requested removal of the following items from the Consent Calendar:

- 4. Receive City Treasurer's Report for July 2001
- 6. Receive Report on Annual Drop Off and Recycle Your Junk Days

On a motion by Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by unanimous vote, the Council approved the following Consent Calendar items:

COUNTY ROAD 102 RE-NAMING PROJECT

Council received an update of the progress of the request to re-name County Road 102 to something more appropriate for City recognition.

AGREEMENT WITH YOLO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Council authorized City involvement in the CalWorks for training of persons presently on public assistance.

HOMELESS COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2001

Council received the Homeless Coordinator's report for the month of August.

POLICE AND FIRE HONOR GUARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND ANTICIPATED MEMORIAL SERVICES IN NEW YORK

Council authorized the Police and Fire Honor Guard members to attend the anticipated Memorial Services in New York.

CONTRACT TO RENEW FAIR HOUSING SERVICES



Council authorized the City Manager to sign a contract to renew Fair Housing Services.

PURCHASE OF AIR- OR OIL-JACKETED PROPANE FIRED PRE-MELTER

Council authorized the purchase of an air or oil jacketed propane fired pre-melter.

CITIZEN-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT AND UPDATE OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Council confirmed the Historical Commission will be appointing a representative to the Sign Committee at their meeting on October 10, 2001. The Chamber of Commerce has appointed Tom Vail. The Downtown Improvement Association is in the process of electing new officers and will appoint at a later date. Bill McCandless with Wirth and McCandless will serve on the Committee, and Meg Faye with Fayeworks Design, who was on the last Sign Committee will be a member. The two Planning Commissioners will be Steve Barzo and Toni Thompson, and the Council Members will be Martie Dote and Jeff Monroe. The staff recommendation for a citizen-at-large is Candy Tutt.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

PLAN CHECKING SERVICE CONTRACT

Council Member Peart has received many calls that plan checking is taking a considerable amount of time. The firms proposed for contracting will take five to ten days to check plans rather than present timeline of twenty days.

Council Member Dote asked if additional staff is needed in Community Development to cover these needs. Director Harris said we have one full time City Building Inspector to handle inspections. The other Building Inspector is a half-time position, which is filled by a Willdan employee. Code Enforcement is done by a part-time Code Compliance Officer who is a Willdan contract person as well. Recruitment is underway to fill the vacant full time Building Inspector position. The part-time position will not be needed once this position is filled. We are also recruiting for a Planner and a Redevelopment Manager. The market is very tight at present and we may need to have contract employee fill these positions for a period of time. The current status of staffing and code enforcement activities will be reported at the October 2nd meeting. There are some concerns regarding the upcoming workload for this Department.



Vice Mayor Flory asked how quickly is the reaction time to complaints for code violations. Director Harris will provide a report on that as well. We did have applicants and an offer was made for the Redevelopment Manager, but the offer was declined due to an unsatisfactory salary range.

Council Member Dote asked if we were reactive for Code Enforcement. Director Harris stated we are both reactive and proactive on enforcement issues.

On a motion by Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by unanimous vote, the Council authorized the City Manager to enter into professional services contracts with Bernard Johnson Young, Inc. (BJY Northwest), Kutzman and Associates, Inc., and amend an existing contract with Willdan and Associates for plan checking services.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2001

Council Member Dote asked if the instability of the market is affecting any City investments. Finance Director Vicars stated the market has not had any affect as the City does not have investments in the direct market. However, the continuing reduction in interest rates has had an affect on City finance. Some bonds have been paid and she has been attempting to find some "non-callables". She will be asking Council to extend the three year limit within the next few months as it is difficult to invest. She is unclear if we can invest in Triple A Bonds and will check that information. We are somewhat limited to LAEF, Fannie Maes, etc. The LAEF yield is at 4.49%, which is a drastic drop.

City Manager Kirkwood said the consumer confidence in the Nation is affecting the market. The State is adjusting the sales tax figures which we will be following closely. That which is happening on a National level does affect the local level.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by unanimous vote, the Council reviewed and accepted the July Investment Report as submitted.

ANNUAL DROP OFF AND RECYCLE YOUR JUNK DAYS

Council Member Dote asked for clarification of what will be received at the event. Public Works Director Wegener stated that everything except hazardous materials will be accepted. Household items, sofas, refrigerators, old



air conditioners are examples. The annual drop off and recycle days will be October 10-12, 2001.

Council recessed from 7:40 to 7:50 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPTION OF PROPOSED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, AND SETTING OF INDEXING FACTOR

Finance Director Vicars invited any members of the public who have a protest letter to submit it to the Deputy City Clerk to be added to the count. These protests must be received prior to the close of the hearing this evening. She announced that Tom Gaffney from Bartle and Wells, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mitch Dion, Public Works Director Gary Wegener and several members of the Public Works Staff were available to make presentations and respond to questions.

The study of the rates has been under consideration since the adoption of the General Plan in 1996. Director Vicars presented a history of events leading to the recommendation for rate increases. Several infrastructure needs studies have provided a nexus for the rate analysis. In the Fall of 2000 the City began the process of finalizing the study and analysis of the rates and the needs for the coming years. Revenue had supported the operations and maintenance costs until very recent years. Minimal funding had been allocated into capital projects, no long term replacement funding had been set aside, and the funds show a reasonable, but deteriorating financial condition. The outcome of the study indicated the proposed rate structure would do the following: (1) fully fund Operations and Maintenance costs in both Enterprise Funds, (2) in Wastewater, fully fund replacement capital cost, (3) in Water, fully fund specific replacement capital costs and begin to meet needs of remaining replacement costs, (4) in Wastewater, fully fund Major Projects Financing Plan (MPFP) benefit share, (5) in Water, make substantial progress in funding MPFP benefit share.

The rates for Water in 1993 and at present is at \$7.45, with Wastewater at \$10.30. The proposals are to increase Water to \$15.62 and Wastewater to \$18.15. A discount rate for those identified as low-income is available. The notices were sent to 13,401 parcels. Measures were taken to follow-up with those notices returned as undeliverable, forward, etc. The studies were made widely available to all interested in viewing with several check out points and posting of the entire study on the City WEB page. Advertisements were in the Daily Democrat and the Davis Enterprise. Proposition 218 requires a majority vote from the property owners to stop the rate increase.

Director of Operations and Maintenance, Mitch Dion, presented visuals of the infrastructure and some pieces of the infrastructure that have been removed



due to repairs in the recent months. Many of these systems are over seventy years old and deterioration is extensive. Director Dion stated that the infrastructure is representative in age of the neighborhood. Many of these pipes are held together only by the soil. There is a limited flushing system which filters out very little of the rust from these old pipes. Director Wegener mentioned that our rates are considerably lower than the State-wide average. We are lacking a good capital replacement program and a flushing/cleaning program.

Director Vicars proposed an Engineering New Construction Cost Index to provide periodic increases rather than the Consumer Price Index. It was also proposed to have a 3% annual increase, but she would like to use the Engineering Index. The rate increase would not be more than 3% and could be lowered if so indicated by the Engineer's Index. Council would review this annually.

Director Wegener said there have been no capital replacement projects for many years. The City has been reacting to repairs only. He identified specific areas where the funds would address needs for replacement or extensive repair, study, monitoring and maintenance. The projects are not for new development, but to address those needs of older areas.

At 8:10, Mayor Borchard opened the Public Hearing.

Daniel Stiegman gave Council the ramifications of the law under Proposition 218 and the requirements for property owner input.

Ann Joule expressed her regret that the City had to present these increases so dramatically at this point. It will affect many low income persons and seniors who are on limited and fixed incomes.

Martha Fuschlin feels these increases are excessive and unnecessary. Many increases in other areas have taken place throughout the City and County over the past years and this one will be the highest. Those who are on fixed incomes will be greatly affected by this proposed increase. She urged Council to reconsider making this type of increase now.

Frank Paladini told Council the increases are not warranted and should not be done without further study.

Dudley Holman spoke to Council regarding the increase and rationale. One of the instances that could be cited was the major problem on East Main Street last Winter. This was paid from reserves at that time. He feels it is wise to set up a 20 year growth program but feels it is difficult to project with any accuracy that far in the future. He is adverse to a program that is automatic. He



would prefer Council be forced to review these things periodically, perhaps every two years. Director Vicars stated this is slated to return to Council for concurrence every year. The study suggests the City hold a major review every five years to determine if the direction is remaining consistent and what changes are needed, if any. The Major Projects Financing Plan has a five year review which would be consistent with this review as well. Mr. Holman said the increases are horrendous, but necessary.

William Levers said he sent in a protest which concentrated on the economics and summarized that Council should think about the action not taken for ten years and now is switching to a 20 year pay-as-you-go drastic plan. The events of the past week indicate it is very difficult to foresee the future for 20 years. He does not see any flexibility, but it appears there will be some review. Council should give serious thought to how they proceed. The other aspect is that both Council and property owners are worrying about Proposition 218, caused by the Legislature. There needs to be some educational processes to document what the City is doing on these bills. The literature did not say very much about Proposition 218, which was approved by the voters. It disenfranchises the voters.

Council Member Dote asked if Proposition 218 was introduced by the Legislature or the voters. City Attorney Siprelle responded it was an initiative by the Jarvis-Gann Tax Association. Mr. Levers said property related fees were discussed and the legislative process accepted the three things the City is proposing. City Attorney Siprelle advises that it be treated as a property related fee.

Manual Souza said the voting procedure was adopted as a result of Proposition 218, Section A.2. He requested information as to whether the fees exceed the funds required to provide the service related to the property, as per Section 6. City Attorney Siprelle said the purpose of the Bartle Wells Study is to document the costs of providing the service and allocating them so that they are charged proportionately to the different properties. The fee cannot exceed the proportional cost of the service to any particular parcel. The purpose of the study was to ensure that requirement was met. Mr. Souza said it is a general study but it is a fallacy because he does not see how those figures can be exact. Public Works Director Wegener said the analysis was done and the report is clear in identifying the operations and maintenance costs incurred in the operation of the system, identifies the repair and replacement requirements, and the detailed report goes into depth on where the funds will be spent. They are all related directly to the repair of the system. Mr. Souza said the purpose is not defined. Directors Vicars stated there are three components of the expense: (1) the operating and maintenance, which is the everyday, paying the salaries, etc., (2) the annual replacement costs, which are repairing those lines in the streets and making sure the health and safety is covered, (3) the user capital costs for making the major repairs that arise. The upgrading and expansion comes with



development. Those three components create the entire fee and were broken down into percentages. Director Wegener said he has a line item listing of the projects covered. Mr. Souza said they were never given that information and Director Vicars said it has been available since the beginning of the process, has been on the WEB site and various other locations for review as stated in the materials sent to the property owners.

Frank Joule said the process is confusing and it does not appear the increase will be only 3% over the twenty years, but more like 6%.

Mayor Borchard urged any citizens who had not submitted their protest to do so at this time as they must be received prior to the close of the hearing.

Mayor Borchard closed the Public Hearing at 9:45 p.m. He read the regulation regarding the submission of the protests. Deputy City Clerk Gonzalez stated that as of the close of the hearing 119, official protests had been received.

Council Member Peart asked the City Attorney if the City had following the law in relation to Proposition 218 and she responded to the affirmative. He feels the system is in need of repair and replacement.

Council Member Monroe said the original proposal for increase was extremely high, 102-140%. He was on the sub-committee and requested response to several questions of concern, which were answered. The 45% increase equates to \$7.45, the water at 89%, which is \$8.17. The proposed new rates will be well below the State average. The continued restrictions and standards imposed on the City by other Agencies also affect the City need to raise the standards on water quality as the City is subject to fines by not meeting these quality standards.

Council Member Dote said we have a backlog of problems, which must be addressed. The sub-committee worked very hard to bring the cost down and spread it over two years. She is concerned about renters and those on fixed incomes. More exploration should be undertaken to assist these people with the increased costs.

Vice Mayor Flory stated he was also on the sub-committee and worked very hard to keep the rates down. He felt the information provided to the citizens went well beyond that needed for the citizens to make an informed decision or protest on the proposal.

Mayor Borchard asked the Director Vicars if this issue has come before the Council in the past. She said it has surfaced at least annually during audits. Approximately three years ago, a workshop was held exclusively for this item to discuss the deterioration of the system and replacement needs. Mayor Borchard requested this remain an agenda item at least once per year.



On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by unanimous vote, the Council adopted the proposed Water and Wastewater rates and set the indexing factor as the Engineering Construction Cost Index or utilizing 3%, whichever is less, to be implemented following year 2002-03. If there are no increases or a decrease is seen, these rates would go down.

Council Member Dote would like discussion on the rebate program for seniors and people of limited means. Director Vicars has a brief outline based on individuals meeting the low-income level. It does not address institutions housing or caring for low-income individuals. She would like to do additional work on this issue prior to implementation of the rates and return to Council with a plan. City Attorney Siprelle reminded Council they could not adopt different rates for individuals but could consider assisting with the payment for certain individual fees. Council Member Monroe would like additional information on the number of citizens within this criteria and the amount of funds involved.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mayor Borchard temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council and convened the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency Board.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

REGULAR CALENDAR:

DOWNTOWN COORDINATOR STATUS REPORT

Gary Sandy, Downtown Coordinator, stated as a condition of the contract, a quarterly report is presented to Council. A series of monthly breakfasts have been initiated, four thus far, dealing with issues such as Downtown Parking Enforcement, the Downtown Specific Plan, Small Business Development Center and the Stroll Through History impact on the Downtown. A monthly Downtown Newsletter has been created, as have Point of Purchase displays for Downtown merchants to enable them to achieve mailing lists. Tours of Downtown businesses have been organized for Woodland Community College and the Woodland Joint Unified School District to consider alternative sites. Consultant location has been discussed. Other events that have been held or are planned are: the Fourth of July Bike Parade; a Spring Antique Event plan; Business Survey; worked with the Chamber on the Woodland Tourism Brochure; first draft of the Façade Loan Brochure; reaching out to groups with



annual events, some of which are on Sundays which is problematic because of business closures on that day; working with the Davis Downtown Coordinator in the investigation of their neighborhood outreach program. He is working with the Downtowner's Association who has asked him to assist in recruiting a new Board. The new Board includes Susan Bovey of National Restate, Chris Dreith of the Home Improvement Group, Pete Holmes of the Peter Holmes Company, Mike Morgan of State Theater, Sammy Nesel of Main Street Deli, Vickie Pansich of the Next Chapter Book Store, Tom Wendt of Amana Essentials and Vickie Whetten of River City Bank. A meeting will be held on next Tuesday morning.

A number of upcoming activities include: Angled parking meeting coordination on Wednesday, October 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the Woodland Hotel; Working with the Downtown on the space and availability roster; recruiting businesses to go to the Downtown Revitalization Conference in Sacramento. The next breakfast meeting is September 27th at the Next Chapter Book Store at 7:30 a.m. at which Mini Garcia from the Police Department will discuss Crime Prevention during the holidays. A harvest celebration will be held on October 20th with a Farmers' Market, pumpkin painting for kids, scarecrow contest. The Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on December 7th.

Council Member Monroe commended Mr. Sandy for his efforts. City Manager Kirkwood asked Mr. Sandy if he has been involved in the relocation of the planters which have been under discussion over the past several months. Mr. Sandy indicated he had not been involved in the process but indicated he would be available to assist in that effort and will work with Director Harris and Mr. Grandy. Council Member Peart said there are three, 3 foot tubs and one five foot tub, which are very heavy and are full of flowers.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE A POWER GENERATION FACILITY ADJACENT TO CITY'S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

Director Wegener said the PG&E/NEG is in the process of evaluation of the site and have entered into a Exclusivity/Confidentiality Agreement with the City. Some of the aspects of the process have been completed and are under evaluation as well. A site visit will be undertaken to a similar size power plant owned by Calpine near Yuba City/Marysville. The three month period of study with PG&E/NEG ends on October 19th.

Council Member Dote asked about the carrying capacity of the lines and Director Wegener said there is a question about that capacity, but there are alternatives to mitigate that concern. There is no cost to the City at this point.



TREE COMMISSION EXPANSION FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS

Director Wegener reminded Council they had suggested this issue be considered several months ago and the Tree Commission had requested time to develop a Work Plan, identify the goals and resources they would need prior to continuing. They now feel to reach these goals, additional members are needed.

Council Member Peart feels there is no need to increase membership to seven and feels five good Commissioners should be adequate. Mayor Borchard said this Commission is ambitious and has been involved in extensive activities which they have initiated on their own.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried, the Council authorized staff to prepare a revision of City Municipal Code Section 2-7-32 to expand the Tree Commission membership from five to seven. Council Member Peart voted no.

SACRAMENTO-YOLO MOSQUITO VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT

On a motion by Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by unanimous vote, the Council appointed Council Member Peart to serve as the City representative on the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito Vector Control District Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:00 p.m., Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting of the City Council.

Deputy City Clerk