

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

July 20, 1999

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION/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. Before the closed session the Mayor announced the closed session topics.

The Council then convened a closed session for a conference with real property negotiators, regarding 1.847 acres within APN 027-290-61. The City of Woodland's negotiator was Bob MacNicholl and the other negotiating party was Woodland Commerce Center. Under negotiation were price and terms of payment. Council also held a conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation (Sec. 54956.9) and initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision c of Section 54956.9 (one case).

Council Members present at the special meeting were: Losoya, Borchard, Flory, Peart and Ryhal. Council Members absent: none. City Manager Richard Kirkwood and Assistant City Manager Phillip Marler were also present for the closed session.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Attorney Ann Siprelle reported that the City Council met in closed session at 6:00 p.m. tonight to discuss real property negotiations regarding Woodland Commerce Center, and the Council gave direction on the terms of the purchase. She said Council also discussed anticipated litigation regarding the appeal on the NPDES (wastewater treatment permit), and this was an update and report.

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Mayor Losoya convened the City Council regular session at 7:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Losoya invited everyone present to join him in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Losoya, Borchard, Flory, Peart, Ryhal

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kirkwood, Marler, Kristensen, Agonia, Siprelle, Wegener, Fleming, De Weerd, Vannucci, Henson, Hanson, and Wilts

MINUTES:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the minutes for the regular Council meeting of June 15, 1999, as prepared.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a memo was received advising of claims covering accounts payable, wire transfers, and payroll for May 1999.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From Chief of Police Del Hanson a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency Board meeting of June 2, 1999.

2. From Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Henry Agonia a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission meeting of June 28, 1999.

3. From Interim Community Development Director Don Fleming a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Flood Task Force meeting of July 1, 1999.

4. From the Interim Community Development Director a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of July 1, 1999, as follows:

- a. Commission conditionally approved the sign relocation and height reduction for the Welcome to Woodland Sign.
- b. Commission continued the Freeway Sign Plan Study to the August 5, 1999 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Member Peart requested a future meeting agenda item regarding an alternative solution to Wastewater Treatment. He said he would like the Council to review other methods of solving the problem. The Public Works Director advised that this matter, the wetlands concept and future treatment options, was already scheduled for the July 27, 1999 Council meeting agenda.

Vice Mayor Borchard requested a next meeting agenda item regarding having two Council representatives meet in a 2 x 2 with the Fair Board and talk about issues, including more activities and events at the Fairgrounds, such as soccer. The City Manager said staff will prepare a communication on this issue for the July 27, 1999 agenda.

PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTERS' MUSTER JULY 24-25, 1999:

Judy Bechthold with the Woodland Muster Team said she was one of the co-chairpersons of the Woodland Muster. She gave the Council the history of how musters began.

Lisa Andreozzi, another member of the Muster Team and co-chair of the Woodland Muster, briefed the Council on the Woodland Muster to be held July 24 and 25, 1999 at the Yolo County Fairgrounds.

Council Member Peart thanked the members of the Muster Team and invited everyone to attend the event.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DON FLEMING:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved a Resolution of Appreciation for Don Fleming who has been serving as the Interim Community Development Director since November 9, 1998.

Mayor Losoya presented the resolution to Don Fleming.

City Manager Rick Kirkwood said he will be introducing the new Community Development Director Steve Harris at the July 27 Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the following Consent Calendar items:

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT:

The City Council approved the Project Programming Summary Sheet for Playground Equipment Replacement, Project No. 96-27, and authorized staff to proceed with the selection process to have new play equipment installed at Hannah Campbell Park and Christiansen Park.

UPDATE ON SVOC PROJECT:

The City Council received an update on the SVOC Project at the City's Sutter Street property.

Robert Tobin, the project manager for Rural California Housing Corporation, said his firm is the project manager for this and other SVOC Housing Projects. He then asked the members of SVOC in the audience to stand to express support for the project. He said they are moving along with the project. He said SVOC is also doing a project in the City of Winters, and there are already 50 houses constructed out of a total of 76. He said the City of Winters has found that the quality of the product is at least as good as market rate housing.

RENEWAL OF YOLO COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES COORDINATION
AGREEMENT:

The City Council approved the renewal of the Yolo County Homeless Services Coordination Agreement for three years and authorized execution of the agreement.

PUBLIC HEARING - 1999 CLEAN LOT PROGRAM:

Mayor Losoya announced that this time was set as a public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution approving the account of the cost of the 1999 Clean Lot (Weed Abatement) Program.

City Manager Richard Kirkwood said that pursuant to Government Code Section 39574 the Fire Chief shall keep an accurate account of the costs of weed abatement and cleaning of each parcel of land where work is done and shall submit to the City Council an itemized written report showing such costs. He said the total cost of the 1999 Clean Lot program was \$2,749.95. The cleaning charges are in two categories: privately owned parcels and City-owned parcels. The cleaning of private property amounts to \$1,896.20 and work performed on City property totaled \$853.75. The administrative cost of \$35.00 per parcel are computed on the privately owned parcels only. He said the total charges recommended to be added onto the property tax bills as liens are \$609.20 for 1999.

Mayor Losoya opened the public hearing. There being no comments, he closed the hearing.

Resolution No. 4137:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4137 approving the cost of the Clean Lot Program for 1999.

TEMPORARY CONVENING OF REDEVELOPMENT MEETING:

Mayor Losoya temporarily convened a meeting of the Woodland Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:37 p.m. See Agency minutes attached to these Council minutes as Exhibit A. At 7:43 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened. (Council Member Peart left during the Redevelopment Agency meeting because of a conflict of interest with regard to the mobile home parks on East Street. He then returned to the Council meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

REGULAR CALENDAR:

SENATE BILL 496, WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS: SOUTH YUBA RIVER:

Public Works Director Gary Wegener said Council Members received tonight a report on the history and analysis of Senate Bill 496, Wild and Scenic Rivers: South Yuba River.

Vice Mayor Borchard said he invited Dan Cabin with Northern California Water Agency to discuss this Bill.

Dan Keppen gave Council additional background on the history of the Bill. He said the Nevada County Board of Supervisors are the sponsors of this Bill at the request of several environmental groups in Nevada County who are interested in setting aside a 39-mile segment of the South Yuba River as Wild and Scenic. He said "Wild and Scenic" as a State designation retains the free-flowing nature of the river and prevents any sort of activity in the future that could impact that free-flowing nature of the river. He said any kind of flood control is "off the table." He said his organization represents all of the water purveyors in the Sacramento Valley and several Counties in the Sacramento Valley, particularly Yuba County, Yuba County Water Agency, and Sutter County. He said they were motivated to try to stop this Bill, not because of the merits of "Wild and Scenic" but it is more the timing of the issue. He said they felt the Bill was premature because right now there are several on-going comprehensive flood studies underway, and before those solutions are developed it would be premature for the "wild and scenic" listing to take potential options "off the table."

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council took a position of opposition to Senate Bill 496 (Sher), Wild and Scenic Rivers: South Yuba River; and directed staff to prepare an appropriate letter to the author of SB 496 and the appropriate committees who will hear this legislation. The letter will be signed by the Mayor.

SWAT TRAILER AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE:

Police Chief Del Hanson said there are two specialized units within the Police Department that the City fortunately does not have to rely a great deal on for a response. He said one unit is the SWAT team and the

other is the Hostage Negotiations team. He said the SWAT team has been in existence for eight or nine years, and there were initially very little local dollars to spend to equip the team. In 1995 the SWAT team was supplemented with the Hostage Negotiations team, and currently this is the only team in the County which is fully equipped to respond. He said some of the other agencies have downsized somewhat. He requested Council approval of utilizing forfeiture funds to equip two vehicles. He said several months ago the Police Department requested use of the funds to purchase a trailer, and some additional monies are needed to equip that trailer. He said about six months ago the Hostage Negotiations team was able to acquire a used (Frito-Lay) van from a merchant in Modesto for \$1,000. He said the Public Works Department checked out the van and recommended that the City purchase it.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the Chief of Police to expend Asset Seizure Funds (not to exceed \$48,000) to convert and equip an emergency response vehicle for use by the Police Department's Hostage Negotiation Team and command personnel, and complete the conversion of the SWAT response trailer.

Council Member Flory left the Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

UPDATE ON EAST STREET SPECIFIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Council Member Peart said that because there was no action (information only) on the agenda item regarding the update on the East Street Specific Plan implementation he was able to remain in the Council meeting. Council Member Peart owns property in the area of East Street and normally leaves the Council meeting because of a conflict of interest.

Council Member Flory returned to the Council meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Interim Community Development Director Don Fleming reported that the East Street Specific Plan implementation is proceeding along. He said the Red Tower Café and K's Car Wash at the corner of East Street and Gibson Road have just been completed. He said this is an example of doing some new development and still maintaining the design features with constructive reuse of things in the area. He said the East Street landscaping project is underway, and the soil testing is completed. He said there were three areas with some minor problems, so there is limited landscaping at those locations. The preliminary estimate for the design

has just been submitted, and the estimate is over the anticipated budget so MIG-Co-Design has been directed to make some modifications and relook at the design to make sure the project stays within budget. He said as discussed earlier there have been activities to bring the mobile home parks up to date with some design features that will be advantageous for the East Street corridor and the City. He noted that the APA (American Planning Association) awarded the City a Certificate of Merit for the East Street Corridor Specific Plan for outstanding planning for a comprehensive plan.

Dudley Holman thanked staff for the diligence in moving ahead with the East Street Specific Plan.

NPDES PERMIT APPEAL:

Public Works Director Gary Wegener reported that Council authorized a contract with Larry Walker Associates in March 1998 to assist in the NPDES (wastewater discharge permit) appeal process. He said Harris Associates was the public outreach consultant and subconsultant, and Gualco Group was a subconsultant providing legislative advocacy services relative to the issue. He said there was one extension on the contract, and they are approaching the end of the current contract. He said staff recommends a six-month extension. He said to date the City has expended \$19,091 with the Gualco Group since April 1998, and \$31,518 has been spent with Walker Associates and Harris Associates for technical issues directly related to the appeal process.

Vice Mayor Borchard asked that Council consider at the July 27 Council meeting support of AB 982 in regard to this issue.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized an extension of Contract No. 98-09 with Larry Walker Associates (including subconsultants Harris Associates and Gualco Group), NPDES Permit Appeal, through December 1999.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEMBER:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Kevin Spesert as a member of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission for a term ending December 31, 1999.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:08 p.m. the regular meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk of the City of Woodland