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

**January 26, 1999** 

The Woodland City Council met in special session at 6:30 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 topic.

The Council then convened the closed session to discuss public employment (Sec. 54957) of the City Manager.

Council Members present at the special meeting were: Losoya, Borchard, Flory, Peart and Ryhal. Council Members absent: none. Interim City Manager Gerald Davis was present for the closed session.

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

The Woodland City Council met in adjourned session at 7:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Davis, Siprelle, Marler, Wegener, Fleming, Pollard,

Monahan, Bera, Ingman

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Steve Borchard opened the meeting and invited everyone present to join him in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Losoya read a statement apologizing for comments made at the last Council meeting.

Council Member Flory advised that he had met with community members regarding the historic street lighting district on three occasions prior to this meeting. He said he also spoke with the Public Works Department staff regarding lighting and landscaping districts. He said he had asked the Interim City Manager to have the Police Department represented at this meeting.

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Interim City Manager Gerald Davis reported that Finance Director Margaret Vicars owns property within the proposed Historic Street Lighting District, so Assistant Finance Director Debbie Monahan is attending this meeting in her place.

Council Member Peart said he had also met with three members of the proposed district to discuss the issues.

Council Member Ryhal said he had also met with several members of the proposed district. Also, he said he regretted comments made at the last Council meeting.

## HISTORIC STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT:

Public Works Director Gary Wegener gave Council background on the proposed Historic Street Light District. He said during the meeting of May 5, 1998 the Council authorized funding for the preparation of preliminary design documents for the formation of the District. Since that time City staff has been working with the consulting engineering firm of Berryman and Henigar and a citizens' group to explore methods of installing historic looking street lights in the area of the City bounded by Lincoln Avenue, Marshall Avenue, College Street and Third Street. He said prior to addressing funding for the second phase of the project that would complete the final design and assessment district engineering, the City would like to be able to poll the citizens of the area to determine the likelihood of an assessment district formation. However, the citizens cannot be polled until some parameters of the project are further defined. The original target amount of a monthly assessment for the project was \$10.00 per month. After completion of the preliminary engineering, he said it is clear that monthly costs will be in the \$15.00 to \$20.00 range. proponents of the district feel they could not get sufficient support among the property owners if costs exceed \$15.00 per month.

David Wilkinson reviewed the history of the district. He said the preliminary discussion about forming a district started about two years ago. He said there was some initial surveying of property owners and 71 percent of those responding expressed support for the district. He said now that the preliminary engineering costs are in they need to get guidance on moving forward with the project. He requested Council's support.

Police Lieutenant Doug Bera discussed existing lighting and expressed support for increased lighting particularly at intersections.

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The following property owners commented on the proposed district: Robert Scibienski, Peter Holmes, Dorothy Montgomery, Tom Haas, Al Motta, Andy Nantz, Harland Morley, Carol Scibienski, Warren Meyer, Judy Boyer, Leslie Marcus, Joe Keehn, Whit Manley, Charles Hansen, Dudley Holman and Richard Little.

Joe Francisco of the engineering firm of Berryman and Henigar responded to questions about lighting and landscaping districts and Mello Roos funding.

City Attorney Ann Siprelle responded to questions about the two types of funding for the project. She said the Mello Roos District requires a two-thirds vote of registered voters in the district. Under Proposition 218 the burden of proof was shifted to the City for assessment districts, but with Mello Roos Districts the City is allowed more flexibility in apportioning the amount of assessments to the properties and less subject to legal challenge.

Joe Francisco said with Mello Roos or Landscape and Lighting the assessment for a single family home would be about the same.

There being no further comments, Vice Mayor Borchard closed the public comment period.

Interim City Manager Gerald Davis said the next step is to get a commitment from the property owners.

The Public Works Director said a survey can be taken to gage interest in the project. After this survey, staff will return to report to Council the interest in the project and if appropriate seek approval to award the contract for final design and assessment engineering.

Council discussion followed.

On motion of Mayor Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council agreed to support the concept of a \$15.00 per month cap on assessments for the proposed Historic Street Light District and allowed the variance from City design standards for construction of the facilities.

Council deferred action on the maintenance of the proposed district and the type of anticipated funding district for the project.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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At 9:14 p.m. the Council adjourned the adjourned regular meeting.
Jean Winnop, City Clerk of the City of Woodland