

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

**September 1, 1998**

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 the closed session for (1) a conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation and significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (one case); (2) the public employment (Sec. 54957) of the Fire Chief; and (3) the public employment (Sec. 54957) of the Interim City Manager.

Council Members present at the special meeting were: Losoya, Borchard, Flory, Peart and Ryhal. Council Members absent: None. Acting City Manager Phillip Marler was present at the closed session during discussion of anticipated litigation and the public employment of the Fire Chief. City Attorney Ann Siprelle attended the closed session during discussion of anticipated litigation, and Council Members only were present during the discussion of public employment of the Interim City Manager.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Melton Losoya opened the meeting and 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: Marler, Ruggiero, Gonzalez, Winnop, Siprelle, Wegener, Barry, Vicars, Bryan, R. Brown, Wilson, Frank, Nield, Hanson, T. Brown

**MINUTES:**

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the minutes for the adjourned regular Council meeting of June 1, 1998 (Council Member Peart abstained), regular Council meeting of June 16, 1998, adjourned Council meeting of July 28, 1998,

special Council meeting of August 13, 1998, special Council meeting of August 19, 1998, and special Council meeting of August 24, 1998, as prepared.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control a copy of an application was received for an off sale beer and wine license for Chami's Arco AM/PM, 450 County Road 102 at I-5. Community Services Officer Ken Yamamoto had advised that the Police Department has no concerns with the issuance of this license.

2. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control a copy of an application was received for an off sale beer and wine license for El Torito Meat Market, 725 East Street. Community Services Officer Ken Yamamoto advised that the Police Department has no concerns with the issuance of this license.

3. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a memo was advising of claims for accounts payable, wire transfers, and payroll for July 1998.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From Public Works Director Gary Wegener a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Water Resources Association meeting of July 20, 1998.

2. From the Public Works Director a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting of July 20, 1998.

3. From Fire Chief Miles Julihn a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency meeting of July 22, 1998.

4. From Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of August 6, 1998, as follows:

a. Commission approved a tentative parcel map for an approximately 1 1/2 acre parcel that is located at the southwest corner of North Pioneer Avenue and Case Place. There are currently two existing buildings on the site. This map will allow the parcel to be split so that each new parcel contains one of the buildings.

b. Commission discussed projects they had previously approved. Staff provided updates to the Commission on numerous projects.

5. From Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry a report was received summarizing action taken at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission meeting of July 27, 1998.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Losoya said at the September 15 meeting Council will be asked to proclaim "School's Open/Drive Carefully" Month in Woodland.

Council Member Peart said he has been in the construction field for a long time, and he said the Fire Station/City Hall renovation project has been one of the best projects he has seen. He said the project was very well handled and executed. He said Associate Civil Engineer Alan Mitchell deserves a great deal of credit as well as the architect and the contractor. He asked that the City send letters of appreciation to those three individuals.

Acting City Manager Phillip Marler said the Army/Air Force Exchange Service has proposed to the City of Woodland that they relocate from Oakland their warehouse distribution center and has recently received Department of Defense approval to purchase approximately 110 acres outside the City limits. He said the facility would employ approximately 550 people, some relocating from Oakland. He said there are a number of issues that the City needs to work out with the Service in terms of land acquisition and City services.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry advised that Saturday, September 19, has been set as a date for dedication of four parks. He said these are parks that were just named this past year through a park naming process. Dave Douglass Park will be dedicated at 8:30 a.m. Wayne Cline Park will be dedicated at 10:00 a.m. (formerly the greenbelt park). Joseph Schneider Park (formerly Schuler Ranch Park) will be dedicated at 11:30 a.m. Rick Gonzales Park (formerly Yolano Park) will be dedicated at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORT FROM LIBRARY BOARD:

Sandra Briggs, Library Board of Trustee, reported to the Council on the responsibilities of the Library Board and the different areas of expertise of the current Board Members.

PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL LITERACY DAY:

Mayor Losoya presented a proclamation for National Literacy Day to Lynda Nield, Literacy Service Coordinator.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed September 8, 1998 as National Literacy Day in Woodland.

PROCLAMATION ON MUSEUM OF AMERICA'S FREEDOM TRAINS:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted a proclamation welcoming the Museum of America's Freedom Trains to Woodland and acknowledging its "Grand Opening" in Woodland.

Vice Mayor Borchard presented the proclamation to Jason Davis, Marketing Manager for the Yolo Shortline Railroad.

PROCLAMATION ON POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK:

On motion of Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed September 21-27, 1998, as Pollution Prevention Week.

Council Member Peart presented the proclamation to Roy Wilson, Plant Manager of the Water Pollution Control Facility, and Rebecca Brown, Waste Reduction/Recycling Coordinator.

RESOLUTION - CALIFORNIA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL, 1998-2000:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted a resolution acknowledging California's Sesquicentennial, 1998-2000.

Council Member Flory presented the proclamation to Chris Dreith of the Yolo 150 Committee.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR COLLEEN MCDUFFEE:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for Colleen McDuffee upon her leaving employment with the City of Woodland (ten years of service in the Community Development Department).

Council Member Ryhal presented the resolution of appreciation and a plaque to Ms. McDuffee.

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Losoya temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 7:43 p.m. in order to convene a meeting of the Woodland Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. See Agency minutes attached to these Council minutes as Exhibit A. At 8:20 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Peart asked that the two equipment purchase items (a 10 yard dump truck and a water truck cab/chassis) be removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT:

The City Council received the Parks, Recreation and Community Services monthly report.

CAPITAL BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT:

The City Council received the Capital Budget implementation status report.

CITY TREASURERS' MONTHLY REPORT:

The City Council received the City Treasurer's monthly report for June 1998.

SYSTEMS SUPPORT TECHNICIAN AND LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT:

The City Council approved the updated Systems Support Technician and Library Technical Assistant I/II job descriptions.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JAN STEWART:

The City Council adopted a resolution of appreciation for retiring employee Jan Stewart. Jan Stewart served 27 years with the City of Woodland in the Police Department and the Finance Department.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT:

The City Council supported the Police Department's application for the 1998-99 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER TO YOLO COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY:

The City Council appointed Acting Police Chief Del Hanson as alternate Board Member to the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency Governing Board, effective September 1, 1998.

KID'S DAY AMERICA PROCLAMATION:

The City Council proclaimed September 19, 1998 as Kid's Day America in Woodland.

SUBDIVISION MAP FOR NORTH PARK UNIT 6:

The City Council approved the Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Subdivision No. 4332, also known as North Park Unit No 6. The subdivider is Stanley M. Davis Company, and the subdivision consists of 6.96 acres of 37 single family lots located west of Ashley Avenue and south of Kentucky Avenue.

REGULAR CALENDAR:PURCHASE OF 10-YARD DUMP TRUCK:

Maintenance Supervisor Tim Frank responded to questions from Council Member Peart about the City's need to purchase a 10-yard dump truck.

After discussion the Council in lieu of authorizing purchase directed staff to investigate rental options for a dump truck, explore the use of County equipment, and look into local hauling services on an hourly basis. Council requested a report back to Council in January 1999.

PURCHASE OF WATER TRUCK CAB/CHASSIS:

Council Member Peart said he feels the City's 1969 Dodge D-500, 1,000 gallon water tanker needs to be replaced, and he suggested offering the water tanker for a reasonable price to the Yolo County Fair which has used it in the past for its operations.

On motion of Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council awarded the bid for one (1) 25,000 lb. cab and chassis in the amount of \$44,176.59 to Sacramento Valley Ford Truck Sales, Inc., of Sacramento, California.

**Council took a recess from 8:40 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.**

YOUTH STRATEGIES:

Acting City Manager Phillip Marler said Council is being asked to continue its discussion on the strategic youth initiative. He said the City Council has received a number of presentations surrounding the strategic youth initiative which is stemming from the City's Strategic Plan. The most recent

presentations were made on June 23 and July 21. On July 21 he said the focus was a presentation to update the Council on the Mayor's Youth Cabinet initiative. He said during the discussions that followed the presentation there were at least four major concerns voiced by various members of the Council. One complaint was that the Mayor was unilaterally creating a committee without discussion or input from the full City Council. Another complaint was that staff resources had been committed without the full endorsement of the Council. A third complaint was that the creation of a youth cabinet and any associated need for improved recreational facilities may lead only to more unfunded requirements. A fourth concern was that the Mayor's approach to addressing the issues affecting the youth in our community may not be the best and the only approach that could be considered. In regard to the Mayor's Youth Cabinet he said that is one avenue, and that Cabinet last met on August 5 at which time the Mayor expressed that the Council Members had concerns and rather than further work on the conceptual model that the Council would again be discussing the strategic youth initiative at this meeting. He said the Mayor has expressed a desire that the community be involved in the strategic youth initiative. In terms of City staff resources he said this is really an extension of the City's first Strategic Plan. The plan identified the youth initiative as a high priority and the Quality Team which was created by the Strategic Plan to monitor and to manage the Strategic Plan on a day to day basis identified the youth initiative as a high priority item and therefore would be devoting resources toward that particular Strategic Plan item. In terms of more demands on limited resources and unfunded requirements he said depending on what potentially could come from any youth initiative from any quadrant of our community it could require more resources. However, he said one of the purposes of strategic planning is to identify priorities and place resources against those high priorities. He said clearly there is more than one approach.

Mayor Losoya clarified his intentions with respect to a Youth Cabinet. He said his proposal has no additional cost to it. He said his proposal involves key people regarding decision making authority as it relates to their jurisdictions. Third, he said his proposal is an extension of their responsibilities and duties. Fourth, the proposal creates a partnership and collaborative venue of agencies which traditionally are charged with a specific responsibility separate from one another. Fifth, he said this cabinet would be facilitative regarding determining needs, providing resources, addressing current programming issues, developing new programs and acquiring funding through donations and/or grants. He said his proposal would develop a cohesive, consolidated, community approach.

Council Member Ryhal said the City does not have to create something better. He said the community just needs to utilize what it has. He said there will be cost of implementing a youth cabinet, and the City will be expected to fund it. He said the functions are already funded with existing resources, and he was opposed to government intervention. He said he would look to better utilization of the Parks and Recreation programs, better utilization of the DARE

program, and better utilization of facilities through the Schools, the City and the private sector.

The following persons commented on strategic youth initiative: Gloria Valencia of the Yolo Juvenile Justice Commission; Linda Weesner, Superintendent of Woodland Joint Unified School District; Roberta Paul, President of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce; Sandy Briggs; Dudley Holman; and Jorge Ayala, Yolo County Superintendent of Schools-elect.

Council discussion followed.

A motion of Council Member Peart and seconded by Vice Mayor Borchard that the City Council appoint Mayor Losoya and Council Member Ryhal to get together to work as a two-man committee to come up with some ideas of how to address this at a later date and the Council will vote on it at that time failed when Vice Mayor Borchard rescinded his second to the motion.

Council Member Flory said if this motion were to pass there is nothing requiring the two Council Members to meet.

Mayor Losoya said he is willing for the Council to discuss further ideas, but he wanted to take action on the item.

A motion of Council Member Peart and seconded by Council Member Ryhal that the City Council appoint Mayor Losoya and Council Member Ryhal to get together to work as a two-man committee to develop a solution to come up with a mediator of the various agencies to work together on this youth problem failed by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Peart, Ryhal  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Borchard, Flory, Losoya

Mayor Losoya said if the Council decides it wants to bring this item back on an agenda at a future date the Council Members can request that.

#### TURN OF THE CENTURY FUNDING AGREEMENT:

Heidi Tschudin, consultant, said the proposed Agreement for Advance of Funds with Turn of the Century (TOC) was prepared to address the issue of deferral of staff costs and costs of the Technical Advisory Committee. She said the agreement was prepared by the City Attorney in response to the Council's direction at the Council meeting of July 28. At that meeting staff understood the Council direction to put in place an agreement between the City and TOC that would defer TOC's payment of anticipated staff costs and costs of the Technical Advisory Committee, for a specific period of time and with interest charges on the money over the period of the deferral. She said TOC is comfortable with this agreement.

After discussion the following action was taken:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by the following vote, the City Council directed the Interim City Manager to execute an Agreement for Advance of Funds between Turn of the Century and the City of Woodland:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Flory, Peart, Ryhal, Losoya
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Borchard

WILLIAMSON ACT CANCELLATION FOR TURN OF THE CENTURY:

Heidi Tschudin, consultant, said Turn of the Century has asked for City support of a parcel split and cancellation of the Williamson Act contract for the 162 acre Russell property in the Southeast corner of the Specific Plan area of the City's new growth area. She said a soils analysis has been conducted and revealed that the property does not contain prime soil.

**On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the Council meeting from 10:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.**

Council discussion followed.

**On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by the following vote, the City Council extended the Council meeting from 11:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Flory, Peart, Ryhal, Losoya</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Borchard</b>

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by the following vote, the City Council authorized the Mayor to express City Council support for the request via correspondence to the County of Yolo:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Flory, Peart, Ryhal, Losoya
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Borchard

PROPOSED BIKE PATH BETWEEN WOODLAND AND DAVIS:

Larry Green, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Executive Director, presented a concept paper prepared by Tom Lumbrazo of Turn of the Century describing a bicycle path that would link the cities of Woodland and Davis. Currently bicycling between Woodland and Davis must be done on roads with variable shoulder widths or along portions of State Route 113.

Bicyclists must contend with fairly heavy commuter and truck traffic on these routes. He said the subject path would result in a Class One (off-road) connection between the two communities. The land use plan for the Specific Plan shows existing County Road 101 between Gibson Road and County Road 25A as an exclusive bicycle/pedestrian path at build-out, and he said Tom Lumbrazo expressed his hope that the County Road 101 segment could be part of a link between Woodland and Davis. Mr. Green said a meeting was held with all agencies represented on July 20.

PROCESS AND APPROACH TO SELECT A NEW CITY MANAGER:

Council agreed to discuss the City Manager recruitment, selection and appointment process at the September 15, 1998 Council meeting with new Interim City Manager Gerald Davis.

RESPONSE TO YOLO COUNTY GRAND JURY 1997-98 REPORT:

On motion of Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the response to the 1997-98 Yolo County Grand Jury Report and directed the Acting City Manager to forward the response to the Grand Jury Advisory Judge.

APPOINTMENT TO TRANSPORTATION CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

On motion of Council Member Borchard seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council directed staff to take action to recruit for a citizen representative to the Transportation Citizens' Advisory Committee; appointed Mayor Losoya and Council Member Ryhal to interview applicants for the Committee.

APPOINTMENT TO CITY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE:

On motion of Council Member Borchard seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed William Marcus as a member of the City Solid Waste Committee.

VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FOR LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Mayor Losoya as the voting delegate representing the City of Woodland at the Annual Conference of the League of California Cities and that Council Member Ryhal be designated as the alternate.

YOUTH INITIATIVE:

Council Member Ryhal asked that the Council revisit the youth initiative agenda item at this time.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council agreed to reconsider the youth initiative agenda item.

Council Member Ryhal said he did not understand when his issue came on the agenda that it would automatically include the youth cabinet, and he said the Council bounced over it. He said he felt Mayor Losoya was right in asking for a decision on his proposal for a youth cabinet. Council Member Ryhal said he spent two hours trying to articulate his position, and he said he felt he did a good job. He said he also felt that Mayor Losoya and his supporter also did a good job. He asked what the Council wants to do and if the Council should vote both proposals down and send them back to the drawing board. He said he really appreciates what the Mayor is trying to do, but he does not appreciate the vehicle he is using. He said each Council Member deserves an answer, and he asked for the support of the Council.

Mayor Losoya suggested that anyone who has an idea regarding this agenda item should place the item on the next agenda or whatever agenda they want to put it on and bring the matter back to Council.

After some discussion Council was advised that there was no vote on the youth initiative.

Mayor Losoya said since there is continued concern the youth initiative can be placed on the September 15 agenda.

A motion of Council Member Ryhal and seconded by Vice Mayor Borchard that the Council go forward with Council Member Ryhal's ideas concerning the youth issues of this city and that the Council talk to the department heads themselves and have them look into how they can correct or amplify or better communicate with other departments both internal and external to work on the youth issues of this City failed to carry when Vice Mayor Borchard withdrew his second.

The majority of the Council Members decided to delay consideration of the youth initiative since the community representatives interested in this topic were not present.

#### FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Peart asked for a future meeting agenda item for an update on Sutter Street and the SVOC project to see how it is coming. He said he has some ideas for the property if this project falls apart.

Council Member Ryhal said based on the discussion tonight and the concerns of this community, the Council needs to have a review of Park and Recreation programs. He said there should be a needs analysis versus usage report. Secondly, he said the Council needs staff to find ways to better communicate based on all of the sensitivities that were expressed at this meeting, and staff needs to better understand the resources that are available to them. He said this might require an indexing of some sort. Third, he recommended that there be an action item list which contains everything that comes off the dais and the Council needs to review which action items are existing today, and this would be a perpetual list. The action item would remain there until it is completed. He said this report could be on the consent calendar, and the report could appear on the first Tuesday Council meeting agenda. Finally, he said he wanted to discuss a department head/mentor program so that Council Members can get more involved in a particular department. He said this would allow Council Members to learn how the department heads do what they do, how they handle their budget cycles, etc.

Council Member Flory said he wanted to expand on Council Member Ryhal's proposition. He said years ago the Council Members were assigned to advisory committees, but that stopped. He said Council Members in other cities are taking an active role in the committees. He asked for a future agenda item to discuss the EIR for the new development (specific plan area) and staff's recommendation and the developer's recommendation for traffic circulation. He said one is a grid pattern and the other is not.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:45 p.m. the regular meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk of the City of Woodland