

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

December 16, 1997

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 that the closed session scheduled was for the purpose of conferring with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation (Subdivision (b) of Sec. 54956.9) concerning one case. Council Members present at the special meeting were: Rominger, Borchard, Flory, Losoya and Ryhal. Council Members absent: None. Staff present: City Manager Kris Kristensen, Assistant City Manager Phil Marler, City Attorney Ann Siprelle, Legal Counsel Tom Birmingham, Public Works Director Gary Wegener, and Senior Civil Engineer Mike Horgan.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:10 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Rominger opened the meeting and invited everyone present to join her in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Siprelle, Marler, Ruggiero, Wegener, Winnop, Barry, De Weerd, MacNicholl, Ahlgren, Wilson, Martin, Ponticello, Tice, Horgan, Vicars, Rinkel

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Manager Kris Kristensen announced that the City Council just completed a closed session dealing with potential litigation. He said this item is permitted for closed session pursuant to the Government Code.

Mayor Rominger said no decisions were made during the closed session.

MINUTES:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council

approved the minutes for the regular Council meeting of October 7, 1997, as prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) a copy of an application was received for an on sale beer and wine license for Mountain Mike's Pizza, 375 West Main Street. Police Lieutenant Terry Brown had advised that the Police Department has no concerns with the issuance of this license.

2. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a memo was received advising of accounts payable, wire transfers and payroll for October 1997.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From Human Resources Manager Dean Gualco a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Personnel Board meeting of October 30, 1997.

2. From Police Chief Russ Smith a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency Board meetings of October 1 and November 5, 1997.

3. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Board meeting of November 12, 1997.

Mayor Rominger inquired about an item in the minutes regarding a closed session for a discussion of District goals.

Council Member Flory, the City's representative on the District Board, said the discussion was held in closed session because personnel issues were included. He said he would give Council Members a copy of the District goals.

4. From the City Manager a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Transportation District Board meeting of November 13, 1997.

5. From Public Works Director Gary Wegener a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting of November 17, 1997.

6. From the City Manager a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Economic Renaissance Foundation meeting of November 21, 1997.

7. From the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director a report was received summarizing action taken at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission meeting of November 24, 1997.

8. From the Community Development Director a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Community Development Block Grant Committee (CDBG) meeting of December 1, 1997.

9. From the Community Development Director a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of December 4, 1997. The Commission held a study session on the draft Design Guidelines and continued the discussion on the matter to the Commission's December 18, 1997 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joshua Johnson said had to leave by 8:30 p.m. and may not be present during the regular calendar discussion of a tree permit ordinance. He urged the Council not to remove the permit requirement, particularly regarding the trees that border the streets. He said the City of Woodland should have some consistent policy as to how the trees should be removed and/or pruned.

The City Manager said over a year ago the City Council approved an updated agreement between the City and Contadina for their industrial waste treatment operation. He said recently Del Monte announced that it plans to purchase the facility from Contadina. He said during the last few days Del Monte contacted him and is requesting that the City work with them on a transfer of that agreement to Del Monte. He said there will not be a Council meeting between now and the time Del Monte wants to close the deal, and Del Monte would like the closure to occur with that transfer. Unless the Council objects, he said staff with the City Attorney will work towards making that transfer. He said the conditions of the agreement will remain the same.

Council voiced no objections.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry said annually the City participates in the Santa Train activity which will be held this year on Saturday, December 20, from 2:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. He said the Santa Train comes to Woodland through the efforts of Yolo Shortline Railroad, the City of West Sacramento and the City of Woodland. At this time children can visit Santa Claus in the train car located on East Main Street near Pioneer Avenue. There is no cost to participate in the program.

WELFARE REFORM UPDATE:

Chairperson of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Lynnel Pollock said the County reported on welfare reform last June, and the County wanted to give the City an update.

Meg Sheldon, County Social Services Director, gave Council an update on further developments on welfare program changes. She said California's version of welfare reform is called "Calworks." She reviewed the key elements of welfare reform, described the County's current services, outlined their planning approach and reviewed some potential impacts on the City. She said the County has enough resources for the first few years, but the long range prospects for the program are a little more unknown. She said the main focus is helping clients who are on welfare work toward self-sufficiency with an emphasis on temporary assistance and transition into employment with incremental steps.

Alex Laiweski, representing Yolo County Community Partnership Agency, also explained current services the County is providing.

Ms. Sheldon said she will be giving the Council another update in the Spring of 1998.

HEARING - HISTORIC SURVEY LIST:

Mayor Rominger said this time was set to hold a public hearing to receive input on the proposed Historic Survey List.

Council Member Flory said he has a conflict of interest and temporarily left the Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Associate Planner Bob MacNicholl explained the process involved in developing the survey of historic properties in the City's redevelopment area and outlined further steps that need to be taken to achieve the initial goal. He said the process originally was started in 1993. He said there is no action requested of Council at this time, and he recommended that the hearing be continued to a later date for Council action. He noted that the survey process is very tedious and technical in nature. He said there were a total of 164 properties identified in the survey. Among those properties were the following:

1. Six (6) buildings are already separately listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register and are eligible for tax credits.

2. Twenty (20) buildings appear eligible for separate listing in the National Register and are eligible for tax credits.

3. Thirty-five (35) buildings appear individually ineligible for the National Register but appear to be contributor buildings to a potential National Register Historic District. These buildings could only receive tax credits if the historic district were formed and were within the district boundaries.

4. Forty-nine (49) buildings appear to be ineligible for either of the above categories and would not be eligible for tax credits, either alone or as part of a district. Nevertheless,

these buildings have some local historic interest and are therefore thought to be worthy of being placed on the inventory of historic properties.

5. Fifty-four (54) buildings appear to be ineligible for any list.

Judith Boyer, Chair of the City's Historic Preservation Commission, said she also has property in the listing, and she confined her comments to the historical nature of the process involved in developing the List. She noted that all of the properties on the list are commercial properties within the Downtown area.

Don Napoli, the City's consultant who conducted the survey, explained the benefits to the owners of property included on the listing of historic properties.

Mayor Rominger opened the public hearing.

The following persons offered comments: David Wilkinson, Joe Johnson, Neal Peart, and Peter Homes.

Council discussion followed.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council continued the hearing to January 6, 1998.

At 8:25 p.m. Council Member Flory returned to the Council meeting.

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Rominger temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 8:25 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 9:25 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

Council took a recess from 9:25 p.m. until 9:35 p.m.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE CONTRACT:

The City Council approved the renewal of a contract with Delta Dental to provide dental insurance coverage for City employees during calendar year 1998.

PURCHASE OF CRAWFORD PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT:

The City Council accepted a donation of \$7,000 from Omega Nu Sorority for a matching fund purchase of play equipment at Crawford Park; and the City Council authorized the sole source purchase of train theme play equipment for Crawford Park from Kompan California in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS SUBDIVISION PROJECTS:

The City Council accepted as complete improvements constructed as part of Subdivision No. 4285, also known as Sycamore Ranch East Unit No. 4 (subdivider Winncrest Homes); accepted as complete improvements constructed as part of Subdivision No. 4286, also known as Sycamore Ranch East Unit No. 3 (subdivider Winncrest Homes); and accepted as complete improvements constructed as part of WISPARK (developer WISPARK Corporation); directed the City Clerk to file notices of completion for all three projects; and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to execute the notices of completion.

REGULAR CALENDAR:HEIDRICK REQUEST FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

Associate Planner Bob MacNicholl reported that the Council has received a letter which asks for consideration to annex land owned by the Joe Heidrick Family Trust. He said this letter was the by-product of a meeting earlier held between Community Development staff and representatives of the Heidrick Trust. The meeting originally occurred due to the illegal use of the site for a trucking operation and the joint interest in allowing uses which are appropriate at the site, once the property is properly served with urban services, following annexation to the City. He said the City has informed the Heidrick representatives and the County that the continued use of the site for commercial trucking is illegal and does not conform to the zoning ordinances of the City or County and violates the Urban Development Policy jointly approved by the City and County. He said to date, no action has been taken by the property owners or the County District Attorney's office to rectify the current violation. City staff has informed the Heidrick representatives that its cessation would be a showing of good faith before annexation is pursued by the City.

After discussion Council agreed that if Heidrick Trust desires to initiate an annexation proposal for their property east of County Road 103, Heidrick Trust may proceed only after removal the existing illegal trucking operation and improvements within the area proposed to be annexed, and Council agreed that the applicant shall pay for the annexation.

1998 WOODLAND MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

The City Manager said the Council previously scheduled the 1998 Municipal Election for April 14, 1998. He said if the Council wants to place a local sales tax measure on the municipal election ballot, the decision will have to be made on January 6, 1998 because Proposition 218 approved in November of 1996 tied any tax measure to the same date as the Council holds a City Council election. He said the Partners for Progress have been evaluating the campaign options for such a local sales tax measure and are still meeting once a week to discuss the issues. During the last couple of weeks Partners for Progress have been talking with political consultants about how a campaign for such a measure could be run. Two consultants felt the chances for the measure would be enhanced if the vote was taken at a consolidated statewide election, principally because of the higher voter turn out at such an election as opposed to a City stand-alone election. Another element of the campaign is the idea of conducting a poll of the community to determine the community's interest.

The following persons spoke regarding the possible change in the election date: Don Jameson, Neal Peart, Dudley Holman, and Charlene Shaffer. Those speaking on behalf of Partners for Progress recommended that the election be held on June 2.

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

After discussion Council took the following action:

Ordinance No. 1299:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by the following vote, the City Council adopted and read by title only Ordinance No. 1299, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Woodland to Consolidate the City of Woodland General Municipal Election with the Statewide Primary Election":

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

Resolution No. 4029:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by the following vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4029, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo to Permit the County Clerk of Said County to Render Specified Services to the City of Woodland Relating to the Conduct of the General Municipal Election to be held in said City on June 2, 1998":

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

CEMETERY HEADSTONE POLICY:

Park Superintendent George Ahlgren reported to the Council about the policies at the Woodland Cemetery regarding raised and flat grave markers.

ORDINANCE NO. 1300 - TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council introduced and read by title only Ordinance No. 1300, revising City Code Sections 2-7-35, 20A-1-20, 20A-1-50, 20A-1-60, 20A-1-70, and 20A-1-110 to remove the tree permit requirement for trees located on private property.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the City Council meeting from 11:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.

WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT RENEWAL ISSUES:

Associate Civil Engineer Jon Tice gave Council an update on renewal of the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) discharge permit.

FUNDING OF I-5 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the City's State Transportation Improvement

Program (STIP) application and the funding concepts for projects located along Interstate 5.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

City Attorney Ann Siprelle presented a report to Council regarding the matter of Council Member Borchard's conflict of interest in connection with both the 1996 Woodland General Plan and the proposed Turn of the Century Specific Plan. On December 2 Council had directed staff to place this matter on the agenda.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the City Council meeting from 12:00 a.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Council Member Borchard used a map to point out the specifics regarding his interests in real property.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE UPGRADES:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the Purchasing Manager to advertise and solicit for bids for hardware and software for City personal computers and to enter into a purchase agreement at a total cost not to exceed \$32,805.

1998 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed the following members to the 1998 Community Service Award Nominating Committee: Mayor Elaine Rominger, Anna Marie Beeman, Don LaPlante, Tim Johnson, Olga Nevarez, Anamarie Barros, and Debbie Pedroya.

APPOINTMENTS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Michael Contreras and Bruce Jacks to the Traffic Safety Commission for terms expiring December 31, 1999 and December 31, 2000, respectively.

CANVASS OF 1998 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

Council postponed action regarding the early canvass of the 1998 municipal election returns; approval of the charge for printing candidate statements; approval of limiting candidate statements to 200 words; and prohibiting other material from being sent with sample ballots.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:26 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk of the City of Woodland