Council Chambers 300 First Street Woodland, California

September 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 discussing public employment (Sec. 54957) of the job title: Fire Chief. Council also held a conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation (Sec. 54956.9) and significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Sec. 54956.9 and initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Sec. 54956.9 (one case).

Council Members present at the meeting were: Rominger, Borchard, Flory, Losoya. Council Members absent: Ryhal. City Manager Kris Kristensen and Assistant City Manager Phil Marler were present for the public employment matter, and Public Works Director Gary Wegener, Senior Civil Engineer Nick Ponticello and Legal Council attended the closed session regarding anticipated litigation.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:05 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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryhal

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Siprelle, Marler, Ruggiero, Winnop, Wegener, Ostebo, Horgan,

Wilson, Brown, Coble, LeCaire, Phipps, Martin, Moutinho, Ponticello, Tice

## CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Manager Kris Kristensen announced that the City Council just completed a closed session dealing with two items regarding public employment and conference with legal counsel. He said these items are permitted for closed session pursuant to the Government Code.

Mayor Rominger said no decisions were made during the closed session and the matter involving anticipated litigation will be considered later on in the meeting under regular calendar items.

#### MINUTES:

There were no minutes submitted for approval by Council.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control a copy of an application was received for an on sale general alcoholic beverage license for Woodhaven Lanes, 154 West Main Street.
- 2. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a memo was received advising of payroll and accounts payable paid by the City of Woodland for August 1997.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. From Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry a report was received summarizing action taken at the Commission on Aging meeting of August 12, 1997.
- 2. From Tim Barry a report was received summarizing action taken at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission meeting of July 16, 1997.
- 3. From Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of September 4, 1997, as follows:
  - a. Commission recommended approval by the City Council of the prezoning of 27 acres of land to Service Commercial. The property is located approximately 500 feet north of Kentucky Avenue (north of College Street) and west of the railroad tracks. This prezoning is in conformance with the General Plan. This item will be on the October 7th Council agenda.
  - b. Commission approved a conditional use permit for Golden Gate Petroleum Facility (Shell) at the south side of East Main Street, east of County Road 102. This project involves a 3,400 square foot convenience market, a car wash, and gas pumps. The Planning Commission also approved a comprehensive sign plan for the project and certified a NDEIR.
  - c. Commission received a presentation on the Capital Budget from Public Works Director Gary Wegener.

- 4. From Human Resources Manager Dean Gualco a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Personnel Board meeting of August 4, 1997.
- 5. From Police Chief Russ Smith a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency Board meeting of August 6, 1997.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Rominger reported on her attendance at a recent Sacramento Valley Division quarterly meeting held in Corning.

## PROCLAMATION - RECOGNITION OF FRANK COBOS:

Ernie Woolner, Vice Chair of the Commission on Aging, and Maryjayne Coble, Senior Center Program Manager, requested that Council issue a proclamation to recognize Frank Cobos for his service to the community. Mr. Cobos served as an active member of the Commission on Aging from 1992 to 1997, serving one term as chair. He passed away this past spring. Ms. Coble reported on his many activities and involvement in the community.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed that Frank Cobos be recognized for his significant contributions to the City of Woodland.

Mayor Rominger presented the proclamation to Mr. Cobos' widow Florence Cobos.

# PROCLAMATION - FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed the week of October 5-11, 1997, as Fire Prevention Week.

Council Member Flory presented the proclamation to Acting Fire Chief Dave Ostebo.

# WOODLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT - 1996:

Acting Fire Chief Dave Ostebo presented to Council the Woodland Fire Department Annual Report for 1996.

# MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD:

The City Council honored Mike Egnew with a Medal of Valor Award for his quick action in rescuing a young child, Johny Morris, from a burning garage on August 11, 1997. Johny Morris was present at the meeting with his parents.

## STATE WATER TRANSFER PROGRAM:

Council heard a report from Forrest Sprague, Chief of Staff for Senator Johannessen, regarding the proposed State Water Transfer Program.

## CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL UTILITY SYSTEM DEREGULATION:

The City Council heard a presentation from P. G. and E. representative Rodney Nelson regarding the California electrical utility system deregulation.

## REVIEW OF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

Management Analyst Sherri Martin gave Council a review of the new Assistive Listening Devices for the Council Chambers.

Council took a recess from 8:52 p.m. until 9:01 p.m.

## TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Rominger temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 9:01 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 9:23 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

## REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

#### CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

# RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AT WAL MART SIGNAL:

The City Council authorized the Public Works Director to execute an agreement with Yolo Shortline Railroad Company for railroad crossing improvements at the Wal Mart signal on East Main Street for an amount not to exceed \$79,243.00.

# LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) TRAFFIC SIGNAL HEADS:

The City Council received an update on Light Emitting Diode (LED) traffic signal heads. The Capital Budget included Project No. 97-01 to retrofit the red signal indications (red light) on traffic signals with LED bulbs.

# RESOLUTION NO. 4017 - PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT BALLOT MEASURE:

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4017, in opposition to the Professional Engineers in California Government ballot measure, entitled "The Government Cost Savings and Taxpayer Protection Amendment."

## REVISED FINANCE SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION:

The City Council approved the updated Finance Specialist job description.

## **REGULAR CALENDAR:**

#### COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Management Analyst Sherri Martin reported that the installation of the Council Chambers Audio/Visual Equipment including the installation of new cameras is complete. She said City employees are in the process of learning to use the equipment to its fullest potential. Mayor Rominger noted there is a great improvement in the television reception for home viewers with the new cameras.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council accepted the Council Chambers audio/visual equipment replacement project by Snader and Associates as complete; directed the City Clerk to file a notice of completion; and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to sign the notice of completion.

# USED OIL OPPORTUNITY GRANT:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized Curbside, Inc., to prepare a Used Oil Opportunity Grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board on behalf of the City of Woodland.

## WALGREENS PROJECT:

Associate Civil Engineer Greg Moutinho reported on the project review process with respect to the Walgreens Project between Court and Main Streets at West Street. He said as part of the review staff is concerned with conformance with the General Plan which triggers the Master Plans. He said the Traffic Master Plan was the key focus. The Traffic Master Plan which was approved in 1989 did not call for any additional improvements in this area. The Plan had projected level of service at the West and Main Street intersection at level of service "A." He said the

intersection does get congested, but it does operate efficiently. He said efficiency is what governs all of our intersections. This intersection at full build out to maximum potential of all the commercial parcels in the area was projected to operate at level of service "A." After review of the project, he said staff could find no justification for increasing the number of lanes.

Council Member Flory said he requested the staff report on the Walgreens project, and he felt the report was very concise and thorough.

## UPDATE ON EAST STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT:

Senior Civil Engineer Nick Ponticello gave Council an update on the East Street Bikeway Project (Project No. 94-11). He said on July 15 Council was given a status report on the proposed bikeway project along East Street. Council requested Public Works staff to return on September 2 with further information specifically with regard to costs associated with the bikeway, taking into account the 25-foot setback requirement of Cal Northern Railroad right-of-way. He said staff has updated the alignment to stay outside the 25-foot setback and determined two cost estimates for the bikeway, depending on the location of the crossing from the east side to the west side of the tracks. The first estimate is \$300,000 and assumes the bikeway crosses from east to west at Pendegast Street. He said this means the bikeway stays on the east side of the tracks until Pendegast Street and then the bikeway moves over to the west side of the tracks and down towards Gibson Road. With the first alternative \$160,000 can be tied to the requirement to stay outside the 25-foot setback. A second alternative with an estimated cost of \$390,000 assumes the bikeway crosses one more block down at Oak Avenue. Of this estimate, \$240,000 can be tied to the 25-foot setback requirement. The unfortunate aspect of this analysis is that having to stay outside the 25-foot setback requirement the City has exceeded the amount of funds that the City has available which is approximately \$212,000. The funds include State, Federal Aid money as well as Redevelopment Agency matching funds.

He said staff has been trying to work with Cal Northern as far as Cal Northern committing themselves to work with the rails to trails study project which the Federal Government is sponsoring to establish some standards and guidelines for shortline railroads which operate tracks with trails along side them. He said unfortunately that is some time off in the future. The consultant projected six months before any type of draft guidelines would be produced, hopefully in the Spring of 1998. Another concern is the East Street Specific Plan and the potential need for additional widths on East Street as a result of the adoption

of that plan. The existing widths on the east side of the tracks may change depending on the placement of left turn lanes. The final proposed bikeway alignment rests heavily upon this determination.

He said we do have a proposed recommendation, and the traffic study has been done. He said staff has yet to respond to the final review of that particular traffic study. He said the study clearly shows that if we were to take into consideration left hand turn movements being required and the additional right-of-way being taken to the west side of the street that is into the railroad property that would sorely impact the City's ability to keep the bikeway on the east side of the tracks (the roadside outside the 25-foot setback). He said with the high construction estimates and the uncertainty of the East Street Specific Plan staff suggests placing this particular bikeway project on hold until the City receives additional information from Railroad Administration/Institute Federal Transportation Engineer's "Best Practices" as adoption of the East Street Specific Plan to get a better awareness of where we are going. He said there are State and Federal Funds in the approximate amount of \$400,000 because there is a Phase 2 project that will go north of Main Street. He said all of that money will be in jeopardy by the end of 1999, but he said that money can be pulled at any time for other State projects. He said the sooner we get these issues resolved and the project started the better. He said he is a proponent of the project.

The Community Development Director said she hopes to have the draft East Street Corridor Specific Plan out for review by the Committee in the first part of October. When the formal hearing process begins, the Plan will go to the Council in November or early December for adoption.

## FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAND:

Associate Civil Engineer Jon Tice in the Utilities Division of the Public Works Department gave Council a status report on flood preparedness for the City of Woodland. He said there has been a great deal of news media attention on the El Nino event (which is the warmest and earliest ever on record) and predictions of above average rainfall for Northern California. He said information from the State Department of Water Resources indicates that there is much uncertainty due to the overall meteorological patterns, and they cannot predict whether we will have a very wet winter. He said in some years there have been drought conditions with an El Nino event. He said the City is taking its routine rainfall precautions. In the winter of 1982-83, the wettest water year in California History, Woodland measured 41.33 inches of rain. However during the past 22 El Nino events, the yearly rainfall amount for our

area during those years averages out to a yearly average area rainfall of about 18 inches, since below average rainfall also occurs during El Nino events. He said the City has been holding information faires and meeting with area residents to discuss local flooding concerns. He said the City is also going to coordinate with property owners in the field southwest of the intersection of West Street and the south City limits to berm the field flows into the Farmer's Central Canal to minimize flooding West Street and adjacent neighborhoods. He said staff coordinated with the property owner and the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to get a larger drain pipe installed into the Canal. The District will continue maintenance of the Canal to facilitate drainage. He said there will be a flooding exercise in October in which the Public Works staff participate to prepare the City for a potential flooding event. Also, he said the Storm Drain Master Plan is underway, and all of the exiting maps of the storm drain system have been gathered and given to the consultant to develop a new storm water model for the entire City. Also some surveying will be occurring within the next two weeks to make sure that the benchmarks and the elevations are accurate.

Allison Mitchell spoke to the Council about her concerns with the flooding in her neighborhood, the Prairie School area.

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

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RELOCATION/REGIONALIZATION:

Responding to a request by Council Member Borchard at the June 17 Council meeting, Senior Civil Engineer Mike Horgan discussed with Council the possible wastewater treatment plant relocation/regionalization. Mayor Rominger said she felt this proposal is a good idea and needs further study.

# CONAWAY RANCH SURFACE WATER RIGHTS:

Mayor Rominger said she liked the rewrite of the letter to Conaway Ranch regarding surface water rights. She only requested that copies of the letter also be sent to Congressman Vic Fazio, Assemblywoman Helen Thomson, Senator Maurice Johannessen, and Assemblyman Tom Woods.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved and authorized sending the letter as rewritten regarding Conaway Ranch surface water rights to

the Bureau of Reclamation with copies also sent as requested by Council.

## DESIGN CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized an additional \$60,000 for the design phase of the contract for services between the City and ECO:Logic Engineering (Consultant).

## **FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mayor Rominger requested a report on Woodland Cemetery headstones and wanted to look at the policy on flat headstones.

## ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk of the City of Woodland