Council Chambers

California

300 First Street Woodland,

March 18, 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 City Manager announced that the purpose of the closed session was to hold a conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation (Sec. 54956.9) and significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Sec. 54956.9 involving one case. The Council also met in closed session for a public employee performance evaluation (Sec. 54957) regarding the job title of City Manager. Council Members present at the meeting were: Rominger, Losoya, Ryhal, Flory (arrived at 6:20 p.m.) and Borchard (arrived at 6:40 p.m.); Council Members absent: None. City Manager Kris Kristensen also attended the closed session.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:20 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.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Manager Kris Kristensen announced that the City Council just completed a closed session for a conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation and for a public employee performance evaluation for the job title of City Manager.

Mayor Rominger advised that no Council action was taken during the closed session.

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 January 21, 1997, as prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a memo was received advising of claims paid for the month of February 1997 totaling \$1,887,426.06.
- 2. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control a copy of an application was received for an off sale general alcoholic beverage license for Thrifty Payless, Inc., 215 North California Street, Woodland. Community Services Officer Leilani Vierra had advised that the Police Department has no concerns with this application
- 3. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control a copy of an application was received for an off sale general alcoholic beverage license for Thrifty Payless, Inc., 18 West Court Street, Woodland. Community Services Officer Leilani Vierra advised that the Police Department has no concerns with this application
- 4. From Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG & E) a notice was received advising of its application filed with the California Public Utilities Commission to decrease core transport natural gas rates.

Mayor Rominger instructed the City Clerk to send a letter to PG & E expressing appreciation for its efforts to decrease natural gas rates.

- 5. From the California Public Utilities Commission a notice was received advising of the joint application of GTE California Incorporated and Contel of California, Inc. for approval of the elimination of charges for nonpublished and nonlisted telephone numbers and increasing of basic residential rates.
- 6. From Jonathan Rothman a letter was received urging the Council to proceed with evaluation and changes to the East Gibson Road and County Road 101 intersection.

Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero said the Notice of Preparation has been completed for the Southeast Area Specific Plan amendment to consider the traffic control changes at that intersection, and a notice of completion will be filed. She said her staff is requesting a reduction in time for a review which they have to send to the State Clearing House to reduce the review time period from 45 days to 30 days. The hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for May 1, 1997. She said everyone in the area that the City can get addresses for will be notified as well as through the (Willow

Springs) School.

7. From Laura Valoppi and Frank Spurlock a letter was received in support of the choice of Crawford Park as a site for a skateboard park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Public Agency Risk Management Insurance Authority meeting of January 22, 1997.
- 2. From Police Chief Russ Smith a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency Board meeting of February 5, 1997.
- 3. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District Board meetings of February 12 and February 24, 1997.
- 4. From Human Resources Manager Dean Gualco a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Personnel Board meetings of February 27 and March 6, 1997.
- 5. From Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Community Development Block Grant Committee meeting of February 27, 1997.
- 6. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received transmitting the agenda for the County/City 2 x 2 meeting held on March 10, 1997.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Council Member Flory as the City's representative to serve on the County building project selection committee.

7. From the City Manager a report was received transmitting the agenda for the Chamber/City 2 x 2 meeting held on March 12, 1997.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Flory inquired about the status of the gazebo for Freeman Park.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry said he talked to the project manager yesterday for that project, and he was waiting to get the engineer's approval of a certain plan for the design. He said they anticipate breaking ground in May.

Council Member Flory asked if the gazebo could be constructed in time for the July 4th celebration.

Mr. Barry said this is a volunteer project, and they have been trying for months to develop a schedule for the foundation (concrete) phase of the project.

Mayor Rominger announced that she will be undergoing back surgery on Monday, March 24, 1997, and she will not be attending Council meetings for approximately the next two to three months.

PRESENTATION - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry said an Eagle Scout Project has been successfully completed at the Woodland Regional Park.

Park Superintendent George Ahlgren asked the Council to acknowledge the work of Eric Wagnon for his work in earning a community service badge which is one of the highest level of badges in Eagle Scouts. He used slides to giave the Council an overview of project. In March 1992 a development took place in Woodland which had a negative impact on a large Valley oak tree. To mitigate the damage to the oak tree and the Swainson Hawk nest it contained, the developer was required to plant between fifty and sixty seedling Valley oak trees at the Woodland Regional Park. An irrigation system was installed at the time of planting and chicken wire cages were constructed around the young trees to protect them from jack rabbits. He said the park staff had limited time to give regular, proper care to the trees, and as of this spring the trees were overgrown with weeds. He said the City provided the necessary materials to reestablish the oak grove, and Eric organized and led the work parties that completed the work which took approximately 160 hours of labor.

Vice Mayor Losoya presented a certificate of appreciation to Eagle Scout Eric Wagnon.

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Rominger temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 7:45 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 7:47 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Borchard asked to have two agenda items removed from the Consent Calendar: proclamation for National Agriculture Week and a report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant pesticide information outreach program.

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

BID CALL FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT GRIT CLASSIFIER:

The City Council authorized the Purchasing Manager to advertise for bids for a replacement Grit Classifier for the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) (also known as Wastewater Treatment Plant).

ADULT SPORTS OFFICIATING SERVICES:

The City Council awarded the bid for adult sports officiating services to the Yolo County Officials Association of Woodland, CA, and approved the contract.

THERMOPLASTIC MELTER/APPLICATOR:

The City Council re-awarded the bid for one operator-propelled (street markings) thermoplastic melter/applicator to Line Master Engineering in the amount of \$7,699.48.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK:

Council Member Borchard read the proclamation for National Agriculture Week. On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed March 16-22, 1997 as National Agriculture Week in Woodland.

PESTICIDE OUTREACH PROGRAM:

Council Member Borchard said he felt it was appropriate to discuss the Pesticide Outreach Program.

Associate Civil Engineer Jon Tice distributed a flier about the pesticide outreach program. He said we are trying to reduce our pesticide discharge being found in the City's wastewater treatment plant effluent. There are three stages to the outreach program: (1) specific pesticide outreach, primarily Lindane and Aldrin; (2) general public outreach; and (3) business/agriculture outreach. The upcoming 1997 Yolo County household hazardous waste drop-off days at the Yolo County Central Landfill are March 22, May 17, July 19, September 13, and November 15.

Council Member Borchard said Aldrin is the more toxic of the two chemicals, but Lindane is still being stored in such places as old attics.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council accepted the report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant pesticide information outreach program.

SKATEBOARD TRACK PROPOSAL:

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry briefed the Council on a proposal to convert two tennis courts at Crawford Park to a new skateboard tract. He said the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission at its February 19, 1997 meeting recommended that the Council approve the Crawford Park site for the new skateboard tract and an allocation of \$10,000 for paid staffing in the next fiscal year in the event that core hours of operation are unable to be supervised by volunteers. The Northern California Skateboard Association (NoCaSA), based in Woodland, will develop an advisory board to oversee the operation of the tract and to supply a volunteer work force. The advisory board will be made up of NoCaSA parents, youth, neighbors around Crawford Park, local business people, and a representative of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission. He said staff facilitated a public hearing on March 10, 1997 at Gibson School, and neighbors within 300 feet were notified of the meeting to allow residents to express their opposition or support for the project and to discuss any mitigation measures which were necessary. He said 18 people attended the hearing from the neighborhood. He said the Commission, skateboard supporters and staff have done a lot of work to respond to questions about this project. The results of all of the input are that the Crawford Park site is the premiere site as opposed to other possible sites. He said they debated paid staffing versus volunteer staffing. Al Beaird, Member of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, explained the Commission's involvement in the review process. He thanked the skateboard advocates, parents and staff for their work and dedication. He said they feel this is reaching a productive conclusion.

Vice Mayor Losoya said he supported the idea of having a skateboard tract but was concerned about paid staff for supervision. He said he is concerned about the ownership of the activity and liability issues.

City Attorney Ann Siprelle said that is a legitimate concern. She said to the extent that the City creates a duty for itself to provide safety and supervision there is potential liability to fulfill its duty. She said it depends on what the rules are and enforcement.

Council Member Ryhal said the skateboarding group has really shown initiative and responsibility to actively pursue a site to make the project happen. He said the group has said they do not need the City's money. They just need a place, and they plan to monitor the project.

Mr. Beaird said the skateboarders did not ask for the \$10,000 for the site. The Commission recommended the allocation because the Commission wants to ensure that the activity has as much chance for success as possible. He said the \$10,000 is not a pure gift but more like a bond if they needed it to help provide for supervision. The money is not to pay for the cost of the facility but rather to secure the liability issue.

Council Member Flory said he just wanted to mention that he did receive expressions of opposition to the proposed skateboard tract, but some of the concerns dealt with other issues at Crawford Park.

Debbie Whitehouse said the skateboard group plans to run the activity with volunteers and their goal is to show the participants that they have responsibility to their community, parents and everyone involved. She then gave Council a copy of a proposed work plan outline for the facility.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council made the finding that the skateboard tract proposal represents a minor alteration to an existing public facility, involving negligible or no expansion beyond that use which previously existed, and is therefore Categorically Exempt under Section 15301 of CEQA (Class 1, Minor Alteration to Existing Facilities); and approved the conversion of two tennis courts at Crawford Park as a site of a new skateboard tract.

Mr. Barry said there is not a set time frame on this project yet. The

project is oriented to completely volunteer fund raising. Staff will meet with the architect to define the project better and to see what fees he would charge. The group would then set out to raise the fees to pay for the architect. There would then be a definite plan, and there will be cost estimates for the project. The group would then seek to get the materials and volunteer labor to get the project constructed. He said he will report back to Council with a time frame.

Council Member Borchard said he would not support the \$10,000 allocation for this project at this time, but the Council can always make that decision later. He said we should see how far the project goes, and later see if the City can assist in this effort.

SOUTHEAST AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM:

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry discussed with Council the City's opportunity to expand the Multi-purpose room that is to be designed to accommodate a larger basketball facility of the Southeast Area elementary school. The expansion is being designed by the school's architect. He said the cost figure from the architect is \$212,915.15, and the City has added 10% contingency. Council approval is being requested for a total budget of \$232,207. The cost of the of the entire multi-purpose room is \$1.65 million, and the expansion is 592 square feet of that space. He said the Council had expressed interest in comparing this expansion project to the possibility of leasing warehouse space. He said two contacts were made and Jim Naekle and Jim Reiff, local realtors responded. Both indicated a lack of available space in town for this type of facility. An estimated 10,000 square foot facility would accommodate the floor space, the restrooms, and spectator seating area. He said they indicated 24 cents per square foot would be the cost. If the City would like in the future to construct a new gymnasium the cost would be about \$1.2 million, not including the land acquisition cost. Maintenance of the proposed expansion project would be the responsibility of the School District, and the regular usage by the City would be in the joint use agreement with the District. The benefit of leasing a City facility would be the ability to schedule events any time of the day, and any day of the week. He then explained the terms of the use of the facility.

Council Member Ryhal said he did not feel the Council had sufficient information to make a decision on the expansion project. He said this is not the kind of facility that the City needs.

Woodland Joint Unified School District Superintendent Gina Santangelo gave the Council an overview on the project from the District's viewpoint. She said the District has been working over two years on the plans for the Southeast Area school facility. She described in detail the proposed multi-purpose room. She said the School District will have first priority of the use of the multi-purpose room and the City will then have first priority after the Schools.

Mayor Rominger said she was extremely disappointed with this plan because it does not fit the City's needs. She said a lot of planning went into the Southeast Area for a seven-year period. She said in the future when joint projects are planned there need to be reports regularly back to the Council with preliminary drawings. She said the Council needs the time to make adjustments for those kinds of facilities.

School Board Member Meg Stallard said she sees the Southeast Area school as being the only community facility in the area, and she hoped the residents in the area look at the facility that way. She said a \$230,000 is a substantial amount but not as much as it would cost to rent or construct a facility.

Following further Council discussion the following action was taken:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory, and carried by the following vote the City Council approved the Multi-Purpose Room Expansion of the Southeast Area Elementary School as a capital project with first priority community recreation program use of three nights and one weekend day per week as identified in an agreement with Woodland Joint Unified School District:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Borchard, Flory, Losoya,

Rominger

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Ryhal

Council took a recess from 9:45 p.m. until 9:58 p.m.

NITRATES IN WATER SYSTEM:

Council postponed a report on nitrate concentrations in the City's drinking water supply.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN:

Associate Planner Bob MacNicholl reported to the Council on the recommendations of the local officials' committee on the Habitat Conservation Plan. He said Mayor Rominger has attended three meetings with other local officials to reach consensus on various points.

Mayor Rominger highlighted the areas of consensus.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the meeting from 10:26 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Council Member Flory thanked Mayor Rominger for representing the City well in protecting the City's interest with respect to the Plan.

After Council discussion the following action was taken:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved modification of the previous conceptual approval of the Habitat Conservation Plan based upon the recommendation of the local officials committee and incorporating Council comments.

BID CALL FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council (1) authorized the bid advertisement; (2) approved the plans and specifications; and (3) approved the revised Capital Budget Project Program Summary for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, Project No. 96-04.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD HEARING:

The City Council appointed Council Member Flory to attend the Regional Water Quality Control Board hearing on March 28, 1997 in Sacramento regarding the proposed local limits for the Industrial Pretreatment Program.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SAFETY MANUAL PREPARATION:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council (1) changed the selection as the Process Safety Management (PSM) Program consultant from ERIN Engineering and Research, Inc., of Walnut Creek, CA, to Primatech, Inc., of San Francisco; (:2) authorized the Director of Public Works to execute a consultant contract with Primatech for \$33,000; and (3) authorized changes not to exceed 10% of the award.

SALES TAX LEGISLATION:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council requested that Assemblywoman Helen Thomson sponsor a bill to authorize the City to conduct a local, general sales tax election and appointed Council Members Losoya and Borchard to work on the effort.

FY 1997-98 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET:

Council postponed its discussion of Fiscal Year 1997-98 Operations and Maintenance Budget performance goals.

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT ON PROJECTS:

Council postponed its discussion on the clarification of roles and procedures on project review by City Board, Commission and Council.

CHANGES TO FIRE CHIEF COMPENSATION AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council set a new salary for the position of Fire Chief to \$5,900 per month and agreed to seek consultant services to assist in recruitment for Fire Chief.

CAPITOL TO CAPITOL TRIP:

The City Council postponed its discussion of issues for Capitol to Capitol Trip.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Council Member Losoya to serve with Council Member Ryhal as the Council representatives to the Strategic Planning Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

The City Council postponed considering City Council committee assignments.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Paul Leathers, Larry Schlaht and Ruth Wechsler-Willey to the Historical Preservation Commission for terms expiring December 31, 2000, December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1997, respectively.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Pasha Mikalson to the Library Board effective June 1, 1997, instead of February 4, 1997, for a term ending December 31, 1998.

The City Council appointed Council Members Flory and Ryhal to interview candidates for Board of Building Appeals.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to March 25, 1997, 7:00 p.m.

Jean Winnop, City Clerk

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