Council Chambers 300 First Street Woodland, California

February 4, 1997

The Woodland City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in order to convene a closed session. Before the closed session the City Manager announced that the purpose of the closed session

was to discuss public employee appointment (Sec. 54957) regarding the job titles of Fire Chief and Assistant City Manager. Council Members present at the meeting were: Rominger, Borchard, Flory, Losoya, and Ryhal; Council Members absent: None. City Manager Kris Kristensen also attended the closed session.

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 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, Barry, Wegener, Gualco, Phipps, Rice,

Martin, DeWeerd

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Manager Kris Kristensen said the City Council just completed a closed session for a conference with legal counsel regarding public employee appointment (for the job titles of Fire Chief and Assistant City Manager) pursuant to the California Government Code.

Mayor Rominger said in regard to the Fire Chief position the City Manager has narrowed the applicants down to three, and has completed final interviews. He will be focusing on one applicant and doing background checks on that applicant. In regard to the Assistant City Manager she said final interviews will begin the week of February 10.

MINUTES:

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

regular Council meeting of November 26, 1996, as prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. From the City Personnel Board a memo was received expressing concerns about the number of vacancies that currently exists on seven of the City's boards and commissions. The Board recommendation that the Council consider first filling the vacancies on the Library Board and the Planning Commission was a regular calendar item on the agenda.
- 2. From City Treasurer Ann Hanson a memo was received advising of investment activity for the month of December 1996.
- 3. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) a copy of an application was received for an on sale beer license for Last Pocket Billiards, 534 Bush Street. This application was a revision from a previous application for sale of beer and wine. Council had previously made a determination on January 7 that the issuance of this license "serves a public convenience or necessity." Police Lieutenant Terry Brown had recommended a beer only license.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. From Library Services Director Marie Bryan a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Library Board meeting of December 16, 1996.
- 2. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Transit Authority Board meeting of December 18, 1996.
- 3. From Human Resources Manager Dean Gualco a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Personnel Board meetings of January 8, January 15 and January 20, 1997.

Council Member Ryhal inquired about the changes to the Personnel Rules.

The City Manager said changes the Personnel Rules, a 30-page document, have been discussed for several meetings. He said after the changes have been approved by the Personnel Board the changes will have to go to the employee organizations, and those changes may not be what will ultimately come to the Council in a final package. He said he will present the final version of the Personnel Rules to Council for review. The recommended changes will be noted.

- 4. From Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero a report was received summarizing action taken at the Historical Preservation Commission meeting of January 8, 1997.
- 5. From Director of Public Works Gary Wegener a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Tree Commission meeting of January 13, 1997.

Council was advised that the Tree Commission's recommendation to suspend the current street tree removal permit requirement will come back to Council at a later date

for action.

- 6. From Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry a report was received summarizing action taken at the Commission on Aging meeting of January 14, 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 January 15, 1997.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Rominger said she wanted to make a clarification to an editorial which appeared in The Daily Democrat about ten days ago criticizing the Council for its discussion and decision on the I-5/State Route 113 connection. She said the Council started its discussion of the project in 1989 when the alternate connections were considered. In 1992, 1994 and 1995 the Council also discussed the issue. Each of those discussions were agendized at regular meetings, and there were a total of seven meetings, not including study sessions. She said the editorial staff of The Daily Democrat was incorrect in stating that the Council did not take enough time in reaching a decision on a preferred alternative.

Council Member Borchard said some of the remarks in that editorial were irresponsible, and he said he would not mind if the Council wants to discuss the matter again to clarify the Council's position.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - FRED BAILARD:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the issuance of a certificate of appreciation honoring Fred Bailard to recognize his efforts in organizing the annual Christmas parade for the past 22 years.

Mayor Rominger presented the certificate of appreciation to Mr. Bailard. Mr. Bailard thanked the Council for the presentation as well as the people he worked with on the parade over the years.

UNITED WAY REPORT:

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry gave a report on the results of the 1996 City United Way drive. He said the total dollars contributed \$7,390 was up 13 percent from last year. He said the Public Works Department donated the most money, and the Library had the highest participation level.

GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES:

Mayor Rominger announced that since the Community Development Director is ill and not present at the meeting, the Council will postpone its discussion of the General Plan implementation measures and time schedule until February 18, 1997.

Council Members Ryhal and Flory emphasized that they wanted to see a time schedule in the staff report for the February 18 discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING - URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Mayor Rominger said the only public hearing scheduled is to consider adoption of the Urban Water Management Plan.

Water Resources Specialist Harrison Phipps said the City is required by the State through Assembly Bill 797 to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan, and the City is required to update that every five years. The City adopted the original Plan in 1985, and there was an update in 1991. In 1991 there was an emergency update to deal with the water shortage contingency plan. He said the proposed update to the existing Plan contains a number of elements, and many of them are required by the State. The elements include: (1) accomplishments made over the past five years; (2) current, future and drought water supply conditions; (3) current water conservation programs the City has; (4) a water shortage contingency plan; (5) recycled water opportunities; and (6) proposed water management programs that the City intends to carry out between now and the next Plan update in the year 2000. He said the most significant part of the Plan is the water management program. He noted the last update was done with a consultant, and this proposed update was done in house. Section VI of the Plan includes six separate proposals: Woodland Appropriate Landscape Program; Groundwater Protection Needs Assessment; Landscape Water Surveys; Water Recycling; Water Efficient Fixture Retrofit; and Water Meter Pilot Program. He said the draft Plan has been circulated to the Woodland Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, the Community Development Department, and the Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordinator for comments. The comments have been incorporated into the Plan.

Mayor Rominger opened the public hearing.

Lois Linford, representing the League of Women Voters of Woodland, commended the City for the preparation of the Urban Water Management Plan Update document. She said this is a comprehensive document and shows the City is moving forward with Woodland's water needs.

Jason Warner, Water Resources Intern, said Section VII of the Update discusses the best management programs that were not considered for implementation. These best management practices save the most water, and he asked why those could not be implemented.

The Water Conservation Specialist said the best management practices were listed because they are recognized throughout California as being the top 16 programs to implement to save significant amounts of water. He said some of those practices utilize meters, and this impacts the community.

The Director of Public Works in the process of implementing different programs the additional practices are ones involving meters and there are strong feelings about the use of meters. He said there is a natural phase in that occurs.

There being no further comments, Mayor Rominger closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 3979:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3979, "Resolution Adopting the City of Woodland Urban Water Management Plan Update."

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Rominger temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 7:56 p.m. in order to convene the meeting of the City of Woodland Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. See Agency minutes attached to these Council minutes as Exhibit A. At 8:25 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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:

ACCEPTANCE OF PROCESSED WASTE:

The City Council authorized the Public Works Department to accept industrial wastewater from outside the City limits subject to limitations, terms and conditions as specified.

EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM:

The City Council authorized the sole source purchase of one Nederman

Exhaust Extraction System in the amount of \$5,081.51 from NEU-TECH to be installed in Fire Station No. 3.

The City Council took a recess from 8:27 p.m. until 8:39 p.m.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

PROPOSED SKATEBOARD FACILITY:

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director said his staff has been meeting with a citizens group led by JR Perez and Debbie Whitehouse who are present at the meeting to actively pursue the feasibility of a skateboard tract in Woodland. He said staff felt it was necessary to gather research and public input and committee input from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to consider before coming to a final recommendation to Council. Starting last September they explored the possibilities of collaborating with business partners, and knowing the City's financial position they tried to see if the need could be met without providing all of the money for a facility. He said they discussed with Foys Bike Shop coming to some agreement about the use of some of their property and some adjacent City property. With a business partner there will have to be a charge to meet their needs to make this a low cost or no cost type of attraction to Woodland's youth. He said they can vassed the community for public sites, and the one that stood out in their mind was taking up two tennis courts at Crawford Park. In early December a public meeting was held at Gibson School and nearby neighbors were invited. He said comments were received in favor and against. The issues were discussed with the Commission, and the Commission wanted staff to look into a few more facts. The Commission also wanted a group to work with the City to help establish a site and help manage issues as the site continues on.

Debbie Roman-Whitehouse, 18 Third Street, Woodland, said she is the parent of three children, and two of her children want to skateboard. She discussed the positive aspects of skateboarding and its family-oriented environment.

Council Member Ryhal said the staff report points out that there are several key considerations as yet unresolved: proper location, level of supervision required and volunteer versus paid staff (City budget considerations), liability requirements of the site and supervision, and the ability of the community to fund and construct the tract on the approved site.

Ms. Whitehouse said her group has lined up concrete workers who will volunteer their time to assist with a skateboard tract construction, an architect willing to design the facility, information about liability insurance, and many people who want to donate their time. She said the main problem is getting a site. She

explained some of their fund raising plans. She said there should be certain hours when skateboarding is allowed, and there is also a City curfew. She said there are fliers to be posted in apartment complexes stating that tenants will be assessed a fine of \$10.00 every time their children are caught skateboarding, so an approved site is definitely needed.

Council Member Ryhal said he supports the concept.

Other persons speaking in support of a skateboard facility were: Delbert Zeiger, Suzanne Oliver, Tony Gadis, and Michael Walker Overfield.

The City Manager said after the Parks, Recreation and Community Services reviews the proposal, the Council will consider all of the issues.

Council Member Borchard said we need to pick two sites and to have some community meetings for the neighborhoods of the sites. That process will take time for the next month or so. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director said that has been the process in the past to hold meetings with the neighbors of the proposed sites to determine their tolerance for this type of facility and receive their input.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director advised that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission will have a recommendation regarding the proposed facility at the April 1, 1997 Council meeting. He said they will try to complete the necessary public meetings sooner.

Council Members thanked Ms. Whitehouse and her group for their efforts.

After discussion Council agreed to hear a presentation at the Council's February 18, 1997 meeting from Albert Ferero, who is the Vice President of ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments), regarding liability and skateboard parks.

WOODLAND BASEBALL PROGRAMS FOR 13-18 YEAR OLDS:

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director said his department and the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission has been working on the issue of the Woodland Little League voting to offer its program to 13-18 year olds. This age level has not been served by Little League in the past and would be in direct competition with Babe Ruth League which has been in the community for a long time offering programs to youths 13-18 years old. He said the department has been working with the Baseball Committee and the Commission to bring both groups together to find some common ground. He said some felt it would not be healthy for a community our size to have both of those competing interests. A series of meetings took place and the Baseball Committee felt a consolidated program was a wise idea economically, and the Committee

made some recommendations to the Commission. He said the Commission received the recommendations and made no recommendation to the Council because these are two nonprofit organizations who can guide their own destiny. He said his Department's job is to facilitate the play of young people and devised a method of allocating field space. He said the issue has been divisive among various supporters of baseball.

Mayor Rominger said the reason this matter is on the agenda because Council Member Borchard requested that it be discussed.

Council Member Borchard said he requested the agenda item because it is a matter that has created quite a lot of controversy, and he did not want the divisiveness to interfere with the recreational activity of baseball.

Council Member Flory pointed out that this matter is really something that goes back to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission and staff. He said it is not the Council's position to be making decisions on how fields are going to be allocated. He said the ultimate goal is to provide sports facilities for the youth. Staff's job is to facilitate meeting those obligations.

Tag Demment, member of the Baseball Committee, said the Committee was set up last year to try to integrate the program within the City to give a forward looking view to developing facilities and try to mitigate between groups when disputes arose. He said there was general concern in the baseball community with the declining Babe Ruth Program, particularly the fall program. He said the Committee convened a meeting of representatives of both programs. He said it was apparent that Little League had a plan and Babe Ruth had no plan. He said the committee passed several resolutions: (1) that the Woodland Baseball Committee believes it is in the best interest of Woodland youth baseball, serving players aged 7-18, to develop and maintain a unified program, under the support and management of one organization; (2) that the Committee believes the interest of Woodland youth baseball will be best served under the leadership and organization of the Board of Directors of Woodland Little League; (3) that the Committee encourages the Board of Directors of Woodland Babe Ruth League to work with the Board of Directors of Woodland Little League. He said the goal is increased participation within the 7-18 age group, an active fall program, a completed spring schedule as well as a summer post season program.

Mark Aulman, Little League Board member, said the final resolution of the Baseball Committee was to instruct Little League to be open to working with Babe Ruth League for the common goal which is the benefit of youth in the community. He said December 2, 1996 when the Baseball Committee met and both programs were represented, it was good to bring the issues out. He said at that meeting the Little League Board publicly invited the Babe Ruth Board to work toward a common goal of an improved baseball program for youth in Woodland. He said Tim Barry

and Al Beaird form the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director convened meetings of both groups and created an atmosphere of conciliation. He said there are some substantial issues and some are not yet resolved. He said he publicly again wanted to invite members of the Babe Ruth Board to join with Little League Board to put the differences behind them and proceed. He said they did, however, feel it best to accomplish the goals with unified program.

Tom Stoffregen of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, gave history prior to Tim Barry being appointed as Department Director regarding field availability and the City's role as a facilitator.

After discussion the consensus of the Council was that the City will provide fields for the programs, and the majority of the Council felt it was not the Council's role to force any group to develop a specific baseball program.

SAND BAG POLICY:

The City Manager requested Council direction on a City policy or the distribution of sand bags to citizens for flood protection.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the meeting from 11:00 p.m. until 11:15 p.m.

After Council discussion the City Manager said sand bags should be only issued at Fire Station 3 and during normal business hours the sandbags could also be obtained at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department office, 1122 Main Street.

After Council discussion Council Member Ryhal said he felt there should be a charge for the sand bags.

Council Member Flory suggested that the sand bags be given away because it is a service that people expect from the City, but he suggested eventually passing on the cost of the sand bags to the sewer fees.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by the following vote, the City Council directed the City Manager to determine on an as-needed basis when sand bags will be distributed to citizens of Woodland, provided that a maximum of 50 sand bags per household shall be allowed at no charge, and funding will come from storm drain fees:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Ryhal

CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE FOR EQUIPMENT SERVICES SHOP MANAGER:

The Director of Public Works gave Council budget information regarding the proposed construction of an office for the Equipment Services Shop Manager.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the Public Works Director to contract for the construction of an office for the Equipment Services shop manager at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BREATHING APPARATUS AND COMPRESSOR:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council [1] authorized sole source purchase negotiations with L. N. Curtis and Sons for the purchase of fiftyone (51) replacement breathing apparatus units, sixty-seven (67) air cylinders, thirty-three (33) face pieces, twenty-one (21) small talk units and related parts; [2] authorized bid requests and purchase of a stationary air compressor unit; and [3] authorized the Finance Director to negotiate lease purchase financing for the breathing apparatus and compressor for the Fire Department subject to Council approval.

1997 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council awarded the City of Woodland's 1997 Community Service Awards to Bobbie Cahn, Clara Perkins and Rick Gonzales, Sr.

Mayor Rominger said Council Member Flory has requested to make the presentation to Bobbie Cahn. Vice Mayor Losoya said he would make the presentation to Clara Perkins, and Council Member Ryhal will make the presentation to Rick Gonzales, Sr. The presentations will be made at a luncheon on February 14, 1997, noon at Hotel Woodland.

LIBRARY BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Bud Goding and Pasha Mikalson to the Library Board for terms ending December 31, 1998.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the meeting from 11:15 p.m. until 11:38 p.m.

Council Member Ryhal said all five Council Members have interviewed eight candidates for Planning Commission, and there are four teams which need to recommend appointments. He said he and Council Member Borchard recommend the appointment of Felix Ybarra.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Felix Ybarra to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2000.

Mayor Rominger said she and Vice Mayor Losoya recommend the appointment of Toni Thompson to the Planning Commission.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Toni Thompson to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2000.

A motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal to appoint Marian Cohen to the Planning Commission failed to carry by a 5 to 0 vote.

Council Member Flory said he and Council Member Ryhal recommend the appointment of Steve Barzo to the Planning Commission.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by the following vote, the City Council appointed Steve Barzo to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 1999:

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

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the meeting from 11:38 p.m. until 11:43 p.m.

Mayor Rominger recessed the meeting, and she and Council Member Flory left the meeting to discuss a recommended appointment to the Planning Commission. They returned, and Mayor Rominger reconvened the meeting.

Council Member Flory said he and Mayor Rominger did not reach a decision and would like the opportunity to reinterview the applicants who applied and extend the application filing deadline.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the meeting from 11:45 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.

After further discussion on the appointment, the following action was taken to extend the meeting:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the meeting from 12:00 a.m. until 12:05 a.m.

Mayor Rominger and Council Member Flory again left the meeting to consider an appointment, and then returned to the meeting.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the recruitment for a vacancy on the Planning Commission an additional two weeks, agreed any candidates may apply within that two week period, and agreed there shall be no further delays in making a fourth appointment.

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