

Council Chambers  
300 First Street  
Woodland, California

May 24, 1994

Vice Mayor Elaine Rominger called the adjourned session of the Woodland City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy, Borchard, Rominger, Slaven, Flory

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Woodruff, Gatie, Wegener, Buchanan, Bryan,  
O'Toole

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 3818 - FINANCE DIRECTOR PETER WOODRUFF:

City Manager Kris Kristensen said Finance Director Pete Woodruff has served as the City's Finance Director since August 25, 1986, and has accepted another position with the City of Pacific Grove, California. He said May 27 is his last day on the job in Woodland, and he will be greatly missed.

On motion of Mayor Sandy, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3818, a resolution of appreciation for Finance Director Pete Woodruff.

Mayor Sandy read the Resolution of Appreciation, and he and Vice Mayor Rominger presented the resolution to Mr. Woodruff.

1994-95 GENERAL FUND PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

The City Manager said on May 3 the Council was presented with a Preliminary 1994-95 Budget which outlined the cutbacks necessary to offset the anticipated revenue losses which have been contemplated for almost a year. He said the Council at the same time as considering this cutback is also considering two different City-wide assessment districts that would help to raise funds to offset some of the cutbacks. At this meeting the Council will conduct the first of two public hearings to review the budget, give some overall view of the budget and review the two proposed assessments. Each property owner and each registered voter in the City received a notice of these public hearings and meetings. The final protest hearing, he said, is scheduled for June 21, 1994, and at that time the Council will consider action on the budget as well as the two districts.

Finance Director Pete Woodruff outlined the Budget. He used the overhead projector to display charts with information on the General Operating Budget showing expenditures by fund, the General Fund balance history, the Operating Budget with expenditures by Department, General Fund expenditures broken down by category, the General Fund expenditure history, Operating Budget indicating revenues by source, the General Fund revenue history, sales tax receipts, property tax history, Enterprise Funds showing total expenses by fund, water and sewer funds income and losses, Water Enterprise operations history, Sewer Enterprise operations history, parking and transit funds expenditure history, Parking Enterprise operations history, Internal Service Funds expenses by fund, Self-Insurance Funds expenditures history, health benefit rate history, health claim payment history, and Debt Service Funds expenditures by fund. He estimated if the Council were to adopt the preliminary 1994-95 budget as presented the City would finish the fiscal year with about \$1.6 million (and assuming no further State cuts). He said the Police Department is the largest department with 35 percent of the total spending, and the Fire Department has 18 percent of the total spending. Together these departments comprise over 50 percent of the total operating budget. Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation Departments are next, and those two departments which have been considered for cuts comprise almost 30 percent of the budget. He said salaries and benefits combined total 73 percent of the total General Fund Budget. He noted that there were fairly consistent increases in General Fund revenues with respect to property taxes from 1988 through 1992, and now the revenues are decreasing. He said this is a very worrisome trend, and cuts have been necessary since our base which fund services has been eroded. Also, he said the General Fund balances would not be as great over the last few years if it had not been for one time revenues, such as the Motor Vehicle License Fees to offset cuts, and in 1994 the County went to the Teeter Plan allowing the City to obtain some old property tax that was due which the City will not receive again in the future. He said in terms of sales tax the City of Woodland has been on a plateau for the last year, but he said Woodland is incredibly stable with respect to sales tax revenue because of the diversity of the economy which we enjoy here.

The City Manager pointed out that with all of the cutbacks the State has made to local government revenues today for every property tax dollar that people pay in Woodland only 15 to 20 cents of the dollar goes to City services. He said the vast majority of the property tax dollars goes to public schools.

CITY-WIDE PARK MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT AND CITY-WIDE ROAD MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS:

Director of Public Works Gary Wegener previously gave Council a binder which included a compilation of information provided over the past several months relative to the Park Maintenance and Landscaping District and Road Maintenance District. He explained the services proposed at this time under the Districts and proposed assessments. He said the law required that notices be mailed to all registered voters of the City with regard to the Road Maintenance District and to all property owners regarding the Park Maintenance and Landscaping District. If over 50 percent of the property

owners protest the Park Maintenance and Landscaping District, the Council would need a 4/5 vote to override the protest. If over 25 percent of the registered voters protest the Road Maintenance District, the Council cannot override the protest. He also outlined the City tree maintenance program and advised of layoff notices to be sent to three employees effective July 1 if the Park Maintenance and Landscaping District does not pass. The service of tree maintenance would then revert to the property owners who would be responsible for maintenance of trees on their property, but the City would still have the responsibility for the trees in the landscape strips and the trees on City property. The sidewalk program would virtually be eliminated; sidewalk repairs would be the responsibility of the property owner. Sidewalks, he said, are City property, but State law does allow fronting property owners to provide that maintenance. The City still retains the liability for problems with trees and sidewalks if there is a vehicle accident or if someone trips on the sidewalk. The City will still have an active inspection program to make sure trees are trimmed properly and sidewalks are in reasonable repair. He said the City could go into a nuisance abatement process if that was necessary to accomplish the repair work. He gave the Council a copy of a book on the need to keep the streets maintained. He noted that the second public meeting on the proposed districts will be held on June 14, 1994 at the High School Little Theater, 7:00 p.m.

Representatives from Vail Engineering were present in the audience to answer any technical questions on the districts.

Vice Mayor Rominger invited comments from the audience regarding the proposed districts. She said there will be a two minute limit per speaker. The following persons offered comments: Ernie Gonzales, Steve Gake, Bill Long, Gene Chaffin, Ed Young, Martha Proctor, Gracie Hiddleston, Wayne Berlin, Elizabeth Romero, Xavier Tafoya, Esmeralda Sanchez, James Barrera, Lloyd Ingraham, Georgia Cochran, Ralf Christie, Jess Powell, Karen McManus and Jim Cogbill.

The commend period ended at 9:20 p.m., and Council then took a recess until 9:28 p.m.

#### 1994-95 PELIMINARY BUDGET FOR ALL OTHER CITY FUNDS:

Phyllis Halbasch, Woodland Joint Unified School District, spoke in support of including funds for a truant officer in the 1994-95 City Budget.

Mayor Sandy requested that Police Chief Russ Smith prepare a letter with regard to funding for a truant officer.

Council agreed to discuss the 1994-95 Budget Summary Narratives at the June 7, 1994 regular Council meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:52 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk of the City of Woodland