

Council Chambers  
300 First Street  
Woodland, California

November 30, 1993

Vice Mayor Sandy opened the adjourned session (a joint meeting with the Planning Commission) at 7:09 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLANNING COMMISSION

MEMBERS PRESENT: Agostini, Fernandez, Hicks, Friedlander, Moore,  
Seiberth

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, O'Toole, Siprelle, Bach, Nies, McDuffee

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

GENERAL PLAN:

Senior Planner Tim Bach discussed a summary of the public comments on the General Plan which had been distributed to the Council and Commission.

Paul Muller of the Yolo County Farmland Trust made a presentation on agriculture preservation. Mr. Muller discussed the importance of prime agricultural land as a resource and discussed land trusts and conservation easements as mechanisms to mitigate loss of land.

Al Sokolov of University of California at Davis reported on a study he is completing on farmland in the central valley. Mr. Sokolov described what other jurisdictions are doing in the area of agricultural preservation. He reported that city policies are more critical than county policies in preserving farmland.

Council and Commission discussed existing Goal No. 3: "Preserve and protect prime agricultural lands and their uses when feasible." Planning Commissioner Tony Fernandez reviewed a memo he had written regarding this Goal and why he thinks the words "when feasible" should be removed. Commissioners Dan Friedlander and Paula Agostini, Council Member Jack Slaven and Mayor Elaine Rominger expressed support to remove the words "when feasible." Commissioner Alex Seiberth said he felt this Goal was different than all the other goals because it is not an urban goal. Commissioners John Moore and Jan Hicks and Council Member Crescione said they wanted the words "when feasible" to remain in the Goal. Vice Mayor Sandy and Council Member Flory said they felt the problem was with wording of the goal. Commissioner Fernandez suggested that a

subcommittee be established to look at the Goal and also to look at the possibility of an Agriculture Element. Mayor Rominger and Commissioners Fernandez, Seiberth and Moore were appointed to the subcommittee.

Council Member Crescione presented his plan for City-owned property. He explained he is mainly interested in securing a revenue source for the City (Goal No. 7). He said the City must lay the groundwork for its financial future just like a business. He explained the options the City has and the process that would be followed for its development. He said his proposal is for a 40 to 50-year long-range plan, and the City property in question is the sewer treatment facility east of County Road 102. He said the City will not sell the property but will lease it. He said he envisions a heavy recreation use in this area.

The Commission and Council decided they would discuss Council Member Crescione's proposal at a later date.

The Council referred the General Plan preparation to the Planning Commission for a report on the following:

1. Approval of goals in concept.
2. Endorsement of target dates and population forecasts.
3. Determination of the geographic parameters of the Urban Limit Line.
4. An outline for the draft General Plan Report.
5. A recommended schedule for the preparation of the Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report.

The Planning Commission agreed to report back to the City Council at a study session on January 25, 1994.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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Deputy City Clerk of the City of Woodland