

Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, California

November 9, 1993

The Council met in adjourned session at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rominger, Slaven, Sandy

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Crescione, Flory

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, O'Toole

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS STUDY ON BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

Since the representatives from the League of Women Voters had not yet arrived at the meeting, Council postponed discussion of the League's study of Woodland's board and commissions.

BOARD AND COMMISSION RECRUITMENT/APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

City Manager Kris Kristensen said the Council has used the same recruitment process for selecting board and commission members for several years but recently the interviews have been open to the public.

Mayor Rominger said she initially suggested this study session because of various issues raised with regard to appointments. She suggested the possibility of changing the terms of some commissioners so that not all terms end on December 31. She said staggering the terms more will eliminate the situation of two Council Members interviewing and recommending the appointment of two commissioners. She said each commission and board should determine which members will have term expiring six months later.

Art Apodoca said there is a need to review the make-up of the boards and commissions. He said the Council should consider whether the boards and commissions are representative of the entire community. He said he favored the idea of staggering the terms but felt some commissioners should be replaced.

With the arrival of the League of Women Voters representatives Council agreed to

postpone its discussion of the recruitment/appointment process.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS STUDY ON BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

Mary Lynne Ishikawa and B. J. Ford, representing the Woodland League of Women Voters, reported to Council on its update of a 1978/79 study of Woodland's boards and commissions. Ms. Ishikawa gave the League's position by stating that City boards, committees and commissions serve an important role in bringing the public point of view into the decision making process of government. She said the League supports and encourages strengthening the effectiveness of commissions and generating an informed citizenry. B. J. Ford then reviewed League recommendations with regard to advertising for commission vacancies, orientation of new commissioners, compliance with the Brown Act, increasing efforts for commissions to inform Council of projects and plans, and technical amendments to the City Code regarding specific commissions. Council also received copies of the results of a questionnaire distributed to City board and commission members. She said the League will have a final report on its study update in the early part of 1994 and will report back to Council at that time.

BOARD AND COMMISSION RECRUITMENT/APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

Dudley Holman, former Council Member, said he is satisfied with the recruitment process. He questioned earlier comments about ethnic imbalance on the commissions. He said the existing process gives a check and balance with having two Council members interview candidates.

Art Apodoca said there needs to be representation on the Parks and Recreation Commission from the Mexican American community. He asked that the Council appoint a committee to allow various segments of the community to express their grievances and provide a means of giving their input on community activities.

Hugo Rodriguez, owner of El Charro restaurant, and John Roman, local business owner, also expressed their views regarding ethnic representation.

Continuing with a discussion of the board and commission recruitment process Mayor Rominger said the Council should seek quality among candidates for positions. She said the community is best served by people who do not have a personal agenda.

Vice Mayor Sandy said he felt the Council should seek people with special knowledge in a particular field, and that having this background should not exclude persons from being appointed. He said common sense needs to be used in dealing with issues, and he said he was uncomfortable with rigid guidelines. He favored keeping the existing process.

Council Member Slaven said he felt the recruitment process was good, and periodic review of the process is also appropriate. He said he is concerned with the Park and Recreation Department having three commissions. He said the senior citizens have expressed a desire to have their own identify and that should be considered.

Vice Mayor Sandy said the Council needs to commit to improving its relations with the boards and commissions. He said the roles of some of the commissions need to be

more clearly defined.

The City Manager suggested that the Council could devote one hour study sessions to meet jointly with two commissions and allow time for a specific annual report from each commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk of the City of Woodland