

Council Chambers  
300 First Street  
Woodland, California

October 20, 1992

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Rominger 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, Crescione, Sandy, Slaven

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Flory

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Ruggiero, Murphy, Blankenship, McDonell, O'Toole, De Weerd, Woodruff, Tice, Carter, Smith

MINUTES:

Council Member Slaven asked that the Council minutes for July 21, 1992 be corrected to eliminate the second sentence under the first paragraph of "Presentation to Griffin Childers". The sentence read: "He (Council Member Slaven) said since 1929 no one from Woodland has even qualified for the State meet."

On motion of Council Member Sandy, seconded Council Member Slaven and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 21, 1992, as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control copies of applications were received for an off sale beer and wine license for Cross Road Market, 174 College Street; and an on sale beer and wine eating place license for China Smorgie, 14 West Court Street. Police Lieutenant Del Hanson had advised that the Police Department has no objections to the issuance of these licenses.

Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero informed Council that when the Planning Commission took action on the Crossroads Market, the Commission did restrict the sale of alcoholic beverages to prohibit the sale of single containers and banned the sale of fortified wines. She also said there are some neighbors who are protesting the issuance of the license. Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Sandy, she said that the applicant for the former L & K liquor store on Walnut Street was not able to obtain a license and will have to wait a year to reapply. She said she will report back to the Council.

2. From Chuck Pratt a letter was received submitting his resignation from the Commission on Aging.

On motion of Council Member Sandy, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council accepted the resignation from Chuck Pratt as a member of Commission on Aging and directed staff to send a letter of appreciation to him.

3. From Sharon Kay Green a letter was received suggesting alternatives to the Yolo Bus service for noon time traffic for high school students to fast food restaurants. Mayor Rominger asked that Ms. Green be invited to the meetings regarding the traffic/student problems at the High School.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From Chief of Police Bob McDonell a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency Board meeting of September 2, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

2. From Assistant City Manager Kristine O'Toole a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Community Access Cable meeting of September 23, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

3. From the Community Development Director a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of October 1, 1992, as follows:

(a)Commission continued action on their recommendation on the Spreckels project until October 15, 1992.

(b)Commission approved a mural project for the north wall of the Contadina building along Lemen Avenue.

(c)Commission approved the Owens Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4068 and certified an NDEIR on the map. This map divides a three-acre parcel into ten lots. The project is located on the south side of Ridgeview Drive, east of County Road 98.

- (d) Commission recommended approval to the City Council of an amendment to the City Subdivision Ordinance regarding lot reservation regulations. The Commission also certified an NDEIR on this item.
- (e) Commission approved a vesting tentative map and conditional use permit for the Gibson Ranch East (Winncrest Homes) project located at the northwest corner of Gibson Road and County Road 102.
- (f) Commission reviewed the City's policy on trash enclosures and decided to keep the existing policy, including the size of the enclosure and the materials used to construct the enclosure.
- (g) Commission set two public hearings for their October 15th meeting to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding amusement arcades and pool halls and dog grooming businesses.
- (h) Commission held a study session on design review and set the next study session for October 29, 1992.

On motion of Council Member Sandy, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council set a November 3, 1992 hearing to consider an amendment to the City Subdivision Ordinance regarding the lot reservation policy.

4. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received summarizing topics discussed at the Davis/City 2 x 2 meeting of October 7, 1992. Mayor Rominger said the City of Davis suggested that the Davis and Woodland City Councils meet informally to discuss their respective activities.

Council agreed to hold a joint dinner meeting with the Davis City Council on November 10, 1992.

Council Member Crescione suggested that the Council hold a 2 x 2 meeting with our legislators to let them know what our needs are.

5. From Parks and Recreation Director John Suhr a report was received summarizing action taken at the Child Care Commission meeting of October 7, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

6. From the Community Development Director a report was received summarizing the discussion which took place at the County Road 98 soundwall meeting of October 8, 1992.

Senior Planner Tim Bach said City staff met with 14 people representing owners of properties along the County Road 98 soundwall. An acoustical consultant was also invited to the meeting. He said the problem is the steel wall was built about 1977 and is failing in some spots and deteriorating and corroding in others. He said about 70 percent of the wall is not too bad, about 15 percent needs minor repairs, and about 15 percent needs to be replaced. He said the neighbors were generally in agreement that they wanted to be able to repair the wall at the least cost with materials of their choice. The acoustical consultant provided the group with a listing of material used and the associated transmission loss characteristics, and he said the goal is a transmission loss of 22 decibels. The best is concrete block, but there are other materials which could meet that noise attenuation standard, such as steel, plywood and timber. He said the fence is on the private side of the public right-of-way. He said City staff told the property owners that they would meet again in a month with a demolition and replacement plan, an outline of options, information on the noise elements for the State and City, and copies of the Planning Commission's minutes regarding approval of the tentative maps. He said the Yolo County Board of Realtors was sent a letter advising that the fence/soundwall was private property. He said staff will be working with the neighbors to come up with a solution, and he said they might have a local firm in the welding and steel fabrication business that may be able to repair the wall or replace some sections. He said there will be a trade off if the neighbors replace the sections of the wall with materials of their choice, and there will be different materials for different segments of the wall. The neighbors were unanimous in that they did not want to participate in a mechanism, such as creating an assessment district to finance the replacement of the whole wall.

The City Manager said the primary concern is noise attenuation and at the same time staff is willing to look at other multiple kinds of designs they can use in their materials, sacrificing the uniform look in an attempt to keep the costs as low as possible. This will allow repair work as needed.

8. From the City Manager a report was received highlighting topics discussed at the Chamber/City 2 x 2 meeting of October 14, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

9. From the City Manager a report was received summarizing the discussion at the Woodland Joint Unified School District/City 3 x 2 meeting of October 15, 1992. The next meeting will be November 5, 1992, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss alternatives for a permanent solution to the parking and traffic problems at the High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The City Manager advised that the carnival is moving back to the Diamond Lumber

(City-owned) property at 1122 Main Street. He said the Downtowners has the carnival each year as a fund raiser, and the carnival company just informed the Downtowners that they have an open date this weekend. The Downtowners are asking if the site can be available. He said after some consideration, the City Manager said he asked them to look into other sites, and since they could find no other sites he allowed them to go onto the Diamond Lumber site at this time. He advised the Downtowners that the City is working with the Gymnastics program to let them move into the site, and that should occur in about 30 days or so. For the future the Downtowners will have to seek another site. He said they have supplied the necessary insurance documents.

Mayor Rominger said she supports the City Manager in his decision and direction.

#### PROCLAMATION - RED RIBBON WEEK:

Susan Willis of Willis and Newman Counseling Center and Stephanie Polkinghorne of the City Parks and Recreation Department briefed the Council on activities proposed for Red Ribbon Week which is designed to promote drug-free and alcohol abuse-free lifestyles.

On motion of Council Member Sandy, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote the City Council proclaimed October 24-November 1, 1992 as Red Ribbon Week. Mayor Rominger then presented the framed proclamation to Ms. Willis and Ms. Polkinghorne.

#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AWARDS:

Police Chief Bob McDonell briefed the Council on the National Night Out which was held on Tuesday, August 4, 1992. National Night Out is a nation-wide event to encourage residents to turn their porch lights on, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors to call attention to the importance of police/community partnerships and neighborhood units in our fight for a safe America. He said there were 39 Neighborhood Watch blocks participating in outdoor block functions, such as block parties, pot lucks, etc. He said he and several Police Lieutenants, patrol officers, McGruff the Crime Dog and a K-9 unit spent the evening visiting with the neighbors. Community Service Officer Leilani Carter explained the "Best Block Party" contest which was conducted. The California Correctional peace Officers Association in conjunction with KCRA donated \$200 to each law enforcement agency which indicated they would be participating. The contest winners were selected based on neighborhood participation, creativity, activities and crime prevention theme.

Awards of \$50.00 each were presented to each of the following: (1) Muir Circle, Mr. Lynn Pereira, Block Captain; (2) Crystal Springs, Mrs. Joyce Hunter, Block Captain; (3) 100 block of Hays Street, Ms. Paula Sharp; and (4) Kern Avenue, Mrs. Theresa Prado.

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Rominger temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 8:07 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 8:55 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Rominger asked that the agenda item regarding the Sacramento Greenway plan be removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY 1992-93:

The City Council received the first quarter Fiscal Year 1992-93 financial report.

COMPLETION OF GUM AVENUE OVERCROSSING LANDSCAPE PROJECT:

The City Council accepted the Gum Avenue/State Route 113 Overcrossing Landscape Project by Ecology Sprinkler as complete; directed the City Clerk to file a notice of completion; and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to sign the notice of completion.

BID AWARD - TRAILER MOUNTED HYDRAULIC POWER UNIT:

The City Council awarded the bid for a trailer mounted hydraulic power unit to G.C.S., Inc., in the amount of \$22,276.47 to be used by the Utilities Division of the Public Works Department.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

SACRAMENTO GREENWAY PLAN:

Senior Planner Tim Bach said the Draft Sacramento River Greenway Plan is a proposed Regional Resource Management Plan (greenbelt) for about 30 miles along the Sacramento River. He said the goals of the project are to enhance, protect, and restore the riparian corridor and associated ecosystems; and to design a system for public access for active and passive recreational uses related to the river. He said the Plan includes recommended land use policies and implementation measures which support the goals. While the Plan has no recommendations which directly impact lands currently in the City limits, the Plan will provide a regional ecological resource that would be of great benefit to the citizens of Woodland. He said staff suggests that the Plan discuss relationships between this proposed greenway and the American River Parkway and address opportunities and constraints for relating to a physical connection between the two rivers and along with that consider the possibility of extending the trail system from the river to Woodland. He said staff has prepared a response to the Plan which will be forwarded to the County General Services Agency, Facilities and Administrative Services.

Mayor Rominger voiced concerns about the Plan. She said she agreed with the staff comments in the response to the Plan. She questioned who pays for these improvements and how the land will be acquired. She also asked if there is a feasibility study being conducted.

Mr. Bach said the concept is that the greenway would take place within the levee system plus ten feet from the toe of the levee. There will be parts of that ten feet along the levee system that will be on private land. He said he felt it would be appropriate for that Plan to address that question.

Mayor Rominger said she would also like to know what type of program there will be for compatibility with existing uses because that would increase costs. Also, she asked who will be responsible for law enforcement and fire protection and what costs would be incurred. She asked that an overall cost estimate be included in the Plan.

Mr. Bach said the response letter could be amended to include Mayor Rominger's concerns.

On motion of Council Member Slaven, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized staff to transmit the response letter to the Draft Sacramento River Greenway Plan as amended by Mayor Rominger's comments.

BIKE PLAN UPDATE:

Jon Tice, Assistant Engineer, briefed the Council on the Draft General Bikeway Plan update. The Plan will complement both the Yolo County Air Quality Plan and the Congestion Management Plan as well as the Transportation element of the City's General Plan. He said staff is seeking Council comments first before sending it out for general environmental review. He said the next step is an initial study by staff which will take about one month, and the study will then be distributed to an extensive list of reviewing bodies. After that a General Plan amendment will be necessary to supplement the City's Circulation Element as well as an environmental determination which will take approximately two months. After that the Planning Commission will submit its recommendations to the Council for action, and that process will take approximately one month. He then summarized the four phases proposed in the Plan. The Phase 1 would be the upgrading of existing bike lanes in the City which includes Beamer Street, Ashley Avenue, Cottonwood Street, Gibson Road and West Street. He said there are two substandard bike lanes: West Street between Cross Street and El Dorado Drive and Beamer Street between West Street and College Street. Phase 2 would be new bike routes on arterial streets; Phase 3 would be local streets; and Phase 4 would include bike lanes on future development whereby bike lanes would be installed at the time of development.

The Council received a petition signed by approximately 101 residents on or near El Dorado Drive requesting that proposed bike lane installation for El Dorado Drive and West El Dorado Drive be moved up as a higher priority project instead of in Phase 4 as indicated in the proposed Plan.

After questions from Council the City Manager suggested that if the Council would like to rearrange some of the priorities in the Plan the Council at the next meeting could set some time aside to do that.

Senior Civil Engineer Dan Blankenship strongly urged that the first Phase include upgrading the current bike lane system to bring it up to standards.

Council agreed to continue consideration of the Draft General Bikeway Plan at the November 5, 1992 Council meeting, and Mayor Rominger urged Council Members to convey their concerns to Mr. Tice or Mr. Blankenship. The Mayor asked staff to report to Council on November 5 how the City's proposed Bike Plan coordinates with the County bike plan.

APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 116 BICYCLE GRANT FUNDS:

On motion of Council Member Slaven, seconded by Council Member

Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the City Manager to file an application for the second cycle of the Proposition 116 Bicycle Program.

AGREEMENT WITH YOLO COUNTY FOR STREET OVERLAY PROJECT:

On motion of Council Member Sandy, seconded by Council Member Slaven and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Woodland and the County of Yolo for paving City streets by County construction contract with an amendment to specify the maximum amount of the City's share of the cost.

SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT TESTING (SWAT) FOR OLD LANDFILL:

On motion of Council Member Sandy, seconded by Council Member Slaven and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized staff to enter into an agreement with EMCON Associates for the implementation of a Solid Waste Assessment Test (SWAT) program at the City's old landfill site on County Road 102 and the preparation of a SWAT report.

UPGRADE OF FINANCE COMPUTER SYSTEM:

On motion of Council Member Crescione, seconded by Council Member Slaven and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the purchase and lease financing of an NCR/ADDS Series 7000 Model 3/20 computer system with peripherals as outlined in the staff report.

REPRESENTATIVE TO NEW COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE:

On motion of Council Member Slaven, seconded by Council Member Sandy and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Mayor Rominger as the Council representative to the task force forming the new County Water Association.

CAT CONTROL PROBLEM:

Police Captain Russ Smith reported that at the September 15 meeting Christine Villegas, 130 Buckeye Street, Woodland, expressed a concern about cat control problems in Woodland, and at that time Council directed staff to check out the problem and options. He said one option would be to provide existing laws and Animal Control Services to deal with the problem. A second option would be to look at some existing ordinances in other jurisdictions provided by the League of

California Cities regarding cat licensing and vaccination. A third option would be a voluntary cat licensing program.

Ms. Villegas was advised of this agenda item for this meeting and was given a staff report, but was not present at the meeting.

Captain Smith informed the Council that in talking to the various animal control agencies, they generally support cat licensing but pointed out that an estimated 15 percent of the people comply as opposed to a 30 percent compliance on dog licensing.

Katherine Jull, resident on West Woodland Avenue, said she had a neighbor who was trapping cats and taking them to the Animal Control Shelter. She said she did not feel the City needs to implement any additional laws regarding cats. She said there are many more important problems for our law enforcement to deal with.

After some discussion Council agreed to take no action to change existing regulations regarding cat control problems.

#### UPDATE ON CITY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

The City Manager said last month the City was notified by the State that they will be taking from the City approximately 9 percent of our property tax which is a portion of our General Fund, and this translates to approximately \$500,000 for the year which is 3 percent of our General Fund budget. In addition to that the Redevelopment Agency will be hit by a one-time reduction of \$46,700 which is approximately 16 percent of our tax increment. He said on September 15 the Council approved a process by which the City would respond to that effort which involves generating suggestions from different departments, submitting those suggested cuts to the various board and commissions the City has as well as the Council, and also submit the proposed cuts to the employee groups and request comments. He said he plans to review the proposed cuts with the Council Budget Committee next week, and at that time they will be distributed to Council and the boards and commissions for review. He said at the first Council meeting in December he will report to the Council and ask Council to conduct a public hearing on the proposed cuts with Council action at that meeting or the second meeting in December. He also advised the Council that last year the City ended the General Fund budget with \$1.9 million in reserves. In addition, he said, this year the City will be receiving the bulk of a PERS credit in the amount of \$1.2 million which is one-time money. At this point, he said he is targeting at making cuts during this fiscal year of about \$300,000 to \$400,000, but he said that will not be

implemented until half way through this fiscal year. He said this means we will only experience half of that savings, but these are cuts that will not be restored for several years. He said he has asked department heads to develop cuts which total \$500,000 (3 percent) so the Council has something to pick and choose from.

INTERVIEWS OR CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES:

Council postponed action to Council Members to interview Board and Commission applicants.

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Sandy proposed that the City install a drive-up drop box for paying City utility bills. The City Manager said staff will report back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:55 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 27, 1992, 7:00 p.m.

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City Clerk of the City of Woodland