

Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, California

September 15, 1992

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Sandy invited everyone present to join him in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Crescione, Flory, Sandy, Slaven

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Rominger

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Nies, Finan, Ostebo, McDonell, Rosasco, Kindsfather, O'Toole, Woodruff, Martin

MINUTES:

On motion of Council Member Slaven, seconded Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote (Council Member Flory abstained), the City Council approved the minutes of the adjourned Council meeting of August 25, 1992, as prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From residents along California, Buckeye and Antelope Streets a memo was received requesting that parking permits be required in front of their homes. This memo was forwarded to the Traffic Safety Commission which is reviewing the proposed preferential parking permit ordinance.

2. From Yolo Solano Air Pollution Control District a letter was received responding to the City's concerns about the District budget, funding for transit and relocation of their office to Davis.

3. From William H. Levers a letter was received commending the Council on its process for handling the Wal-Mart proposal and recommending that a similar review process be used for the proposed amphitheater project.

4. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control copies of applications were received for two off sale general alcoholic beverage licenses: Thrifty Drug Store, 18 W. Court Street, and Payless Drug Store, 215 N. California Street. Police Lieutenant Del Hanson had advised that the Police Department has no concerns with the issuance of these licenses. No Council action was necessary.

5. From Melita Walden, owner of Airport Express, a notice was received advising of her application to the Public Utilities Commission for approval of a "Zone of Rate Freedom" for her service which provides transportation between Sacramento Metro Airport and all areas of Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, and Yolo counties. The Zone of Rate Freedom will allow Airport Express to adjust its fares within a range which has already been specified by PUC. No Council action was necessary.

6. From Finance Director Peter Woodruff a memo was received advising of the total amount of claims paid for the month of August 1992 for accounts payable and payroll. No Council action was necessary.

7. From Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission a letter was received requesting that the Council adopt a policy to allow the Yolo County Resource Conservation District to retain its base amount of property tax after detachment in annexation of property to the City of Woodland. The City Manager recommended that the City take this matter under advisement and address the issue when future annexations are considered.

8. From William R. and Irma Frank a letter was received expressing opposition to the proposed Taormino Project. No Council action was necessary.

9. From Ada Merhoff a letter was received expressing opposition to the proposed Taormino Project. No Council action was necessary.

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 meetings of July 2, July 14 and August 12, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

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

3. From Finance Director Peter Woodruff a report was received transmitting

the draft minutes of the Yolo County Public Agency Risk Management Insurance Authority Board meeting of August 12, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

4. From Senior Engineer Dan Blankenship a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting of August 17, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

5. From Redevelopment Coordinator John DeWeerd a report was received summarizing topics discussed at the Redevelopment Advisory Committee meeting of August 19, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

6. From Assistant City Manager Kristine O'Toole a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Local Cable Access Committee meeting of August 26, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

7. From Parks and Recreation Director John Suhr a report was received summarizing action taken at the Child Care Commission meeting of September 2, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

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

(a) Commission appointed Jack Fechter to serve on the Review Committee for the Blue Shield Project.

(b) Commission continued Gibson Ranch Villas at the southwest corner of I-5 Freeway and County Road 102, which is a Tentative Subdivision Map (No. 4061) to divide 27± acres into 34 residential lots and one landscape corridor parcel and a remainder parcel and planned development conditional use permit to allow corner lot widths of 55 feet where 60 feet is required.

(c) Commission approved the Camray Project north of Gibson Road and east of (old) County Road 101, which is a tentative map (No. 4060) to divide 146 acres into 701 single family lots; one school site; and two park sites and a planned development conditional use permit to allow 15 foot rear and front yard setbacks where 20 foot setbacks are required.

(d) Commission approved the Century Buick comprehensive sign plan at 333 Main

Street.

(e)Commission set for a public hearing on October 1, 1992, an ordinance regarding changes to the lot reservation policy.

9. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received summarizing highlights from the County/City 2 x 2 meeting of September 9, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

10. From the City Manager a report was received summarizing topics discussed at the Chamber/City 2 x 2 meeting of September 9, 1992. No Council action was necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice Mayor Sandy thanked Matt Rexroad for serving as camera operator for the meeting.

Christine Villegas, 130 Buckeye Street, Woodland, told Council about a cat getting into her car and breaking her windshield. She urged the Council to adopt an ordinance to deal with cats roaming around.

Vice-Mayor Sandy said City staff will contact Animal Control and determine what measures are available and report back to Ms. Villegas about what can be done. He said the City can also check with the League of California Cities and see if any other city in the State has had any success in dealing with this problem.

REPORT FROM WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:

Opera House Board Members Les Engleman and Paul Hamilton gave Council an update on Opera House activities and future plans.

PROCLAMATION - FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed October 4 through 10, 1992 as Fire Prevention Week. Vice Mayor Sandy then presented the proclamation to Fire Division Chief David Ostebo.

HEARING - GIBSON RANCH

REORGANIZATION:

Vice Mayor Sandy said this time was set for a hearing to consider annexation of Gibson Ranch Reorganization (Southeast Area) to City of Woodland and detaching it from the Springlake Fire Protection District and Yolo County Resource Conservation District.

Senior Planner Howard Nies said the Gibson Ranch Reorganization also known as the Southeast Area contains 469 acres south of Interstate 5 between County Roads 101 and 102.

Vice Mayor Sandy opened the public hearing.

Malcolm Leiser said this project has taken a long time, and he thanked the City Manager and Community Development Director for their efforts toward annexation of the Southeast Area. He said he felt the addition of this property will be a real asset to Woodland. He noted that there has been a turn over in Council Members who have worked on this project, but the developers have remained the same throughout the process.

The City Clerk noted that for the record a letter was received from Morrison Homes indicating their support of the annexation.

There being no further comments, the Vice Mayor closed the hearing.

After comments from other Council Members Vice Mayor Sandy commended and congratulated everyone for their efforts to move this project forward.

Resolution No. 3691:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3691 ordering a reorganization of the Gibson Ranch property consisting of the detachment of the property from the Springlake Fire Protection District and the Yolo County Resource Conservation District and annexation of the property to the City of Woodland.

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1991-92 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT:

The City Council approved the response to 1991-92 Grand Jury Final Report as prepared by the City Manager.

RESOLUTION NO. 3692 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 3692 authorizing Gerald Kindsfather, City of Woodland Recycling Coordinator, to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the City of Woodland for grant money from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to reimburse the City of Woodland for money spent on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event held April 25, 1992. The City of Woodland is seeking reimbursement of \$11,737.46.

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM:

The City Council authorized the City Manager to sign an amendment extending the agreement with Connerly and Associates for administration of the Residential Rehabilitation Program until December 31, 1992.

POLICE PERSONNEL RECLASSIFICATION:

The City Council reclassified the Police Records Supervisor position in the Police Department to a permanent part-time Management Analyst.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

CITY BUDGET:

City Manager Kris Kristensen outlined where the City is with respect to the recent adoption of the State budget. He said the City's general fund impact from the State action is a 9% reduction in the City's property tax receipts based on what was received last fiscal year. He said the State's action is a permanent one so that money will not be coming back in future years, and this translates to about \$500,000 to the City of Woodland. Another significant impact, he said, was the State action to reduce an amount of tax increment, the primary revenue source for redevelopment agencies, by approximately 16% of tax increment that was to have been received two years ago. He said they estimate this amount to be about \$46,000, and he said this is in contrast to the property tax revenue reduction a

"one time" reduction. With regard to booking fees he said the County Board of Supervisors will be holding a public reviewing meeting with all agencies affected and revised figures will be approved next month. He said the impact of this will be less than what he had originally projected. He said the Budget Committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss how to deal with the reduction in the general fund budget.

RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION AND REINSURANCE CONTRACT:

Finance Director Pete Woodruff said the City's annual renewal is due for health insurance administration. He said the plan calls for the existence of a third party administrator to administer claims, and for the past several years the City has used Blue Shield. Also the City contracts for reinsurance which is stop loss protection on claims with respect to the amounts that a single claim can reach and with respect to the total aggregate in terms of catastrophic events. He said this year he is proposing a change in long term disability insurance carriers from Standard Insurance to Unum so that the City can receive more favorable rates.

Dan Parrish, the City's broker, said he and staff are recommending renewal of the claims administration contract with Blue Shield because of the excellent service in the past.

On motion of Council Member Crescione, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the renewal of contract agreements with Blue Shield to perform claims administration and US Benefits to provide reinsurance for the City's self-insured health plan for the period October 1, 1992, to September 30, 1993; and Council authorized a change in the insurance carrier for Long-Term Disability coverage from Standard Insurance to Unum, effective October 1, 1992.

ORDINANCE NO. 1219 - DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY:

Police Chief Bob McDonell proposed some revised language to an existing ordinance to scale down the time the Police Department retains lost property since they are experiencing a lack of storage space. He said the proposed amending ordinance would reduce the time unclaimed property is held by the Police Department from six months to three months.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council introduced and read by title only Ordinance No. 1219 amending Chapter 17A, Article 1 of the Woodland

Municipal Code relating to the disposition of unclaimed property.

RESOLUTION NO. 3693 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE:

The City Clerk reviewed for Council the requirement that the City update its Conflict of Interest Code. She said the proposed updated Code will extend the filing requirements for statements of economic interests to 25 additional City employees and 19 additional City board and commission members plus various consultants.

On motion of Council Member Crescione, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3693, adopting a Conflict of Interest Code and incorporating by reference the Fair Political Practices Commission's standard model Conflict of Interest Code.

RESOLUTION NO. 3694 - TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:

Management Analyst Sherri Martin proposed that Council enter into an agreement with Caltrans for the maintenance of some of the shared traffic signals. She said the new agreement provides that the City will be paying the energy costs directly to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and Caltrans will then pay all of the maintenance. If this agreement had been in effect last year the City would have saved approximately \$600.

On motion of Council Member Slaven, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3694 authorizing the execution of an Agreement for Sharing Cost of State Highway Electrical Facilities between the City of Woodland and the State California Department of Transportation.

LOCAL CABLE ACCESS BOARD/INCORPORATION FUNDING:

Assistant City Manager Kristine O'Toole said the City Council has sponsored a steering committee to develop a local access television station for the community. She said the steering committee has developed articles of incorporation and bylaws which have been approved by the Council, and the committee is now ready to file for nonprofit corporation status with the State of California. The steering committee has also established a Board of Directors with officers: Bonnie Freshwater, Chair; Iver Johnson, Vice Chair; Reverend Bill Schroder, Secretary; Gloria Alves, Financial Officer; Karl Fisher, member; Dudley Holman, member; Nadine Noelting, member; Kory Parker, member; John Roman,

Jr., member; and Heinz Ludke, ex-officio member. She said the Board has asked that the Council appoint an ex-officio member to the Board who would represent the City of Woodland and allocate \$830 so that the Board can file for nonprofit corporation status with the State. She advised that \$775 of that will be refunded to the City once the agency receives nonprofit status.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Assistant City Manager Kristine O'Toole as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors representing the City of Woodland for the Woodland community access channel.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Crescione and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized \$830 to pay or the filing fees for incorporation funding. (\$775 will be returned to the City upon approval of nonprofit status.)

JAIL BOOKING FEES:

The City Manager said in 1990 the State through passage of Senate Bill 2557 authorized counties to begin charging a County jail booking fee, a per prisoner cost, which is paid by the agency making the booking. The fee became effective July 1990, and the rate is currently \$91.47 per prisoner. The City joined other agencies to protest the fee and discussed it with the County, but a Court decision earlier this year upheld SB 2557 and has changed the City's ability to protest the matter. This summer the County declared its intent to go through an update process of that fee and address the fact that cities have reduced the number of bookings into the jail since the inception of the fee. He anticipated the Board to take action in October. He said the City had voiced concerns about failures to appear and arrests initiated by other agencies, and the County could have made adjustments for these but chose not to. He said the City regularly outlined each of the bills the County sent on the bookings trying to show which the City had withheld payment for approximately a year, but the County deducted the portion the City withheld from the City's property tax allocation. He said that process was upheld in the recent Courts decision, so now the City just pays the bills as presented. He said he could send a letter outlining the Council's concerns.

Vice Mayor Sandy said he views this matter as the County flagrantly taking advantage of the situation at the City's expense. He said the Police Chief has documentation showing the decline in the number of arrests and the impact on the County system. He said he was concerned that the initial premise for the legislation was that arresting someone and placing that person in jail forces the

County to incur some cost for that service, and this fee was to compensate them for that cost. He said he has a problem that the County is quite aggressively levying this fee even when, for instance, the City arrests someone and takes them to an overcrowded jail. The County then releases them; they fail to appear in court; the judge reissues a warrant; and the City pays again to have the person arrested. Also, he said something which is equally outrageous is if a County Sheriff issues a warrant to arrest someone and the City picks up that person, the County charges the City for arresting that person.

Police Chief Bob McDonell said the County is in good company because the other counties in the State are doing the same thing.

Assistant City Attorney Ann Finan said the fee was challenged on numerous grounds. Basically, the Superior Court decided the basic purpose of the legislation was to shift more money to the counties and as long as the fees that were charged were reasonable estimates for the costs incurred. She said the Court system has not been receptive to any of the arguments.

Council Member Flory said the City Police Department has been able to lower its costs and still run effective programs, and now there is no incentive to do that because the Department is being penalized.

Vice Mayor Sandy said he would like the Council to send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors outlining again the City's concerns, and he said a City representative should be sent to the hearings to convey the City's message about the charges. The City Manager said he will represent the City at the hearings.

TREE COMMISSION/CITY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Slaven and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council appointed Dell Gray as a member of the Tree Commission for a term ending December 31, 1995, and appointed Ronald James as a member of the City Solid Waste Committee for a term ending December 31, 1995.

ORDINANCE NO. 1218 - TRIP REDUCTION ORDINANCE:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Slaven and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the City Council adopted and read by title only Ordinance No. 1218, "An Ordinance of the City of Woodland Adding Chapter 24 to the Code of the City of Woodland, California, Related to the Reduction of Vehicle Trips:"

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Flory, Slaven, Sandy
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Crescione
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rominger

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:08 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to September 22, 1992, 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk of the City of Woodland