

## **MINUTES**

### **JOINT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/ REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

**March 3, 2009**

**6:00 P.M.**

#### CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Davies called the joint regular meeting of the Council and Agency Board to order.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davies invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Public Works Director Meyer.

#### ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: William Marble, Jeff Monroe, Artemio Pimentel,  
Marlin Davies

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Martie Dote

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Deven, Sue Vannucci, Andrew Morris,  
Carey Sullivan, Barry Munowitch, Greg Meyer,  
Tod Reddish, Mark Cocke, Mark Hierholzer,  
Diana Ayon, Cynthia Shallit, Dan Sokolow,  
Doug Baxter

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council received the minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting of January 26, 2009.



## COUNCIL/STAFF STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Marble said he and Vice Mayor Pimentel had attended the "Rose Colored Glass" reading at the Library on February 9<sup>th</sup>. On February 20, he and Mayor Davies had attended a Flood Team meeting for the Cap-to-Cap. On February 24 the Water Resources Association Executive Committee met and drought issues were discussed. This morning he attended the Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs meeting. The discussion was primarily on the economic situation in the City.

Mayor Davies said on February 26 he attended the United Way Dinner. He participated in the "Geartown" at the Christian School and was given a key to the City. He, along with Vice Mayor Pimentel, City Manager Deven and Assistant City Manager Munowitch, met with Elizabeth Kemper of LAFCO to discuss the City's sphere of influence.

City Manager Deven said staff is looking at options to present on water conservation. Public Works Director Meyer is prepared to go to the public and require conservation of water and a more formal presentation will return to Council. The Infrastructure Committee is looking at this.

## PRESENTATIONS

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Vice Mayor Pimentel and carried by the Members present, Council approved the following Proclamations:

### PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY

Council proclaimed March 14, 2009 as the Arbor Day observance in the City. Mayor Davies presented the Proclamation to Angie Dennie of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Marjorie Brown of the Woodland Tree Foundation. Ms. Dennie said that on March 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m., 20 trees will be planted in the City parks.

### PROCLAMATION - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Council proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. There was no representative present to receive the Proclamation.

### PROCLAMATION - WORLD POLIO AWARENESS MONTH

Council proclaimed April as World Polio Awareness Month. Council Member Marble presented the Proclamation to Rick Pomeroy representing the Woodland Rotary Clubs.



## CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Vice Mayor Pimentel and with the concurrence of Council, the following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

### PROJECT NO. 97-24 - UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR INTERSTATE 5/COUNTY ROAD 102 INTERCHANGE

Vice Mayor Pimentel asked these funds were needed at this time. Engineer Ayon said it was part of the Agreement. Assistant City Manager Munowitch said the actual relocation of the tower is due to the widening and was generated by the Petrovich Development Company project. Vice Mayor Pimentel asked why the gas line and tower relocation was not considered earlier. Engineer Ayon said in the language in the original Agreement, there would have been an 8 inch gap but that was changed.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Vice Mayor Pimentel and carried by the Members present, Council adopted the following Consent Calendar items as presented.

### MONTHLY STATUS REPORT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Council received the Monthly Status Report from the Community Development Department.

### GRANTS - APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Council accepted Grant Awards for three projects and \$91,206 in revenues and expenditures to implement the programs. The Grants were from the Homeland Security Grant Program, the Heritage Program® from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company®, and the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant Program from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

### PROJECT NO. 97-24 - UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH P. G. & E. FOR INTERSTATE 5/COUNTY ROAD 102 INTERCHANGE PROJECT,

Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Utility Agreement between the City and Pacific Gas and Electric in the amount of \$267,750; approved a contingency not-to-exceed 25% of the original agreement value.



## REDEVELOPMENT - REGULAR REPORTS

### AGENCY RESOLUTION 08-08 - ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE YOLO COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT

Planner Sokolow identified the services the Agency could provide relating to the Courthouse project and associated parking structure. The Administrative Office of the Courts has already requested the Agency to provide specific information to assist the State AOC in their project.

Council Member Monroe said at the last meeting a study was approved to look at whether we need a parking structure and we have not had time to receive the results as yet. Mayor Davies said this Resolution would tie us to the study.

Council Member Monroe asked if we have the financing to participate on our own and whether the Resolution is binding on us. Council Member Marble asked if the structure is not economically feasible what would be the next step. Assistant City Manager Munowitch said the Court has identified the number of spaces they will need. The Staff is working with the Courts to identify property, costs and financing. The economic stimulus, parking, Redevelopment funds and State infrastructure financing are all being studied. All of the money has not yet been identified. The City does not have the funds to build a structure on our own. We need ongoing funds and we are working with the State on this.

Mayor Davies said the Courts are very interested in the structure for the Court use. Construction and operation costs must be considered. We need to go forward but with reservations. Assistant City Manager Munowitch said this does not commit the City until we have some commitment from the Courts. City Manager Deven indicated Item 3 would read "facility" rather than "structure" and Item 4, "parking facility" rather than "parking structure". Vice Mayor Pimentel said the structure and facilities should be of benefit to the downtown, as well as, the Courts, and that should be part of the Resolution.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Marble and carried by the Members present, Council adopted Redevelopment Agency Resolution 08-08, "A Resolution of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Woodland Identifying the Economic Opportunities Associated with the Yolo County Courthouse Project and Providing Information on the Sites Proposed for the New Courthouse", with language to be changed under Items 3 and 4 to indicate "construction of a parking facility" rather than a specifically a "parking



garage” and to include language that the facility should be of benefit to the downtown.

## REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

### NOMINEES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS

Director Vannucci indicated that Council recognizes citizens on an annual basis who has contributed to the betterment of their community. Council receives and approves these recommended nominations and presents such recognition to them at a special dinner in their honor.

Mayor Davies announced the dinner this year is scheduled for April 2, 2020.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Pimentel, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by the Members present, Council accepted and approved the recommendations for receipt of the Community Service Awards.

Council Members indicated their preference to which they wish to present as follows:

Mayor Davies	-	Don Campbell or Lenore Sharp
Vice Mayor Pimentel	-	David Flory
Council Member Dote	-	Don Campbell or Lenore Sharp
Council Member Marble	-	Chris Dreith
Council Member Monroe	-	American Legion

### YOLO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY STATUS

Police Chief Sullivan, Member of the Board of YECA, introduced the new Director, Patricia Williams, and presented a report on the Yolo Emergency Communications Agency Strategic Plan and Financial Strategy.

This Joint Powers Agency was formed in 1988 and amended in 2007. It provides Police and Fire dispatch services for the Cities of Woodland, West Sacramento, Winters, and the County of Yolo. The Agency is responsible for their own infrastructure, hardware and personnel. It is a lifeline for the community and the first responders. He presented the planned fiscal issues over the next several years to include radio system upgrade, technology upgrades and a facility. The major issue is the need for a new facility. The strategy identifies alternative methods and timing to finance the implementation of a strategic plan



to include a lease/purchase, certificates of participation, or self-financing. It provides estimates of member agency costs through a term of financing by using mid-range costs and assumptions while maintaining the ability to adjust as needed.

Chief Sullivan said last year the Agency handled 42,000 calls to the 9-1-1 emergency line, with 240,000 calls on the regular line. There were 175,000 dispatch calls to Police and 24,000 to Fire. All of the member agencies would participate in the cost to replace the building, equipment, etc. There are funds available for Phase I of the project.

Vice Mayor Pimentel asked why we are not using West Sacramento infrastructure and why are they not being required to participate more in the funding. Chief Sullivan said they were unincorporated. They did not have their own radio frequency, but we did. The band we were in was a VHF but since 1980, agencies are moving away from that band. Their towers are in Sacramento which is easier than those in Yolo. They did not want to buy a frequency to join us. Many Cities throughout the State have their own frequencies. Vice Mayor Pimentel asked if we all have equal voice. Chief Sullivan said operationally, we will. These improvements will not have a benefit to West Sacramento.

Council Member Monroe asked if the City of Davis is part of the JPA. Chief Sullivan said they have been looking at all the alternatives. Operationally this is not feasible for us to go forward alone. Davis would like to have their own system to operate and manage. The average rate of increase is 5.54%.

Council Member Marble said the plan is two years old and the dollars should be off. Chief Sullivan said this is a general roadmap only. The consultants were instructed to look at very conservative numbers. The needs are still the same. They took the mid-range figures and may need to look at cost savings alternatives due to the economy. They may also need to delay segments. The anticipated cost per square foot is \$590.00.

Council Member Marble asked if the old Courthouse could be used for the new Dispatch Center. Chief Sullivan said the cost of the rehabilitation to the building would prohibitive. There may be other facilities that could be used.

Council Member Marble asked about the single frequency band for all safety personnel. Chief Sullivan said they have not identified specific platforms to move toward. They are waiting for the FCC to provide some direction.

Vice Mayor Pimentel asked where the other jurisdictions are in their funding and Chief Sullivan said they are all coming forward with a long-term



funding and financing strategy. Vice Mayor Pimentel asked if there are other grant sources available. Chief Sullivan said part of the Phase I PSAP grant at \$630,000 and Fire Departments currently in the service area are putting in \$800,000 in Phase I. Director Williams said they applied for grants of \$900,000 and \$5 million for another one. They would be combined for the entire project.

Chief Sullivan said it is a secure building that will need to be protected against natural and manmade disasters. Mayor Davies urged Chief Sullivan to look at cost savings and to look beyond the local area for associations that have funding.

Chief Sullivan said this presentation is to seek input from the Council on whether the JPA is going in the right direction.

#### CONSIDERATION OF A STORM DRAINAGE FEE INCREASE AND SET TIMELINE FOR 2010 ELECTION

Senior Civil Engineer Cocke said he is asking Council to provide input on a possible increase of Storm Drain fees to go before the citizenry. The Infrastructure Committee is aware of our needs but there are no funds to address those needs. We have been having culvert failures and have been told not to repair them. The level of service should be improved.

Vice Mayor Pimentel said we need to do something. Staff has provided a good list of reasons why things have failed. There was no sunset to the previous proposed increase and that is why it failed. The cost to fund the election is a concern. We need to start lower and move up gradually and we should not wait.

Council Member Monroe said 2010 is not a good time to put this increase before the citizens. People are frightened about the economy and going forward now would end in another failure.

Council Member Marble asked about the cost to hold an election. Engineer Cocke said the mailing, printing, etc. costs at minimum would be at \$56,000 and a maximum of \$180,000. City Manager Deven said this would be General Fund dollars because the Storm Drain Fund is in the negative already.

Engineer Cocke said if we do determine to go forward for March 2010, we need to decide by September 2009. Mayor Davies said he is not sure he wants to move forward at this time. He would like to reactivate the Committee to look at the levels of tolerance data before moving forward.



Council Member Monroe asked about the total cost and Engineer Cocke said we could put out a mailer to ascertain the feeling of the public. City Manager Deven said we need to go to the Sub-Committee first. Staff needs to provide the Council with the best assessment on when this should go forward. We could have senior staff do some research and what that would cost. Any cost would come back to Council.

At 7:40 p.m. Council Member Monroe left the Chambers.

Vice Mayor Pimentel feels we need to move as quickly as we can. We need to check major problems in our storm drain system as the Council and City need to have that information.

At 7:42 p.m., Council Member Monroe returned to the Chambers.

Mayor Davies said we need to start with steps to help us decide when to go forward. The Citizens Committee needs to be reformed with those who were opposed to the previous attempt and to receive their input.

#### NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION PERMIT UPDATE

Water Pollution Control Facility Superintendent Hierholzer said our National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit (NPDES) was formally adopted on February 5, 2009. A surface water treatment plant has become a requirement to meet future electrical conductivity (EC) limits. The Regional Board approved the expanded 10.4 million gallon per day treatment capacity.

The required environmental studies include, the Salinity Minimization Plan, Selenium and Boron, Pond System Bio-solids Assessment Study, and the Toxic Reduction Evaluation.

In the Salinity Minimization Study multiple locations were sampled in the City's collection system do determine how much salt comes from water softeners, industrial users, business users, and ground water intrusions.

The Pond System Bio-Solids Study is required by the NPDES permit for offsite disposal options. The study will incorporate Woodland's plans for future industrial development and must be environmentally robust to stand up to future environmental policies as established by the Regional Board.



The Toxic Reduction Evaluation is used to determine what type of toxic substances is discharged from the WPCF. The toxicity is determined by the Fathead Minnow, Water Flea, and Algae exams.

The fiscal impact of the permit over the next nine years for the Surface Water Treatment Plant contribution is 50% from the Sewer Fund and will be \$100 million. The Environmental Studies will cost \$600,000 and will be billed

against the Fiscal Year 2009-10 WPCF budget. The Toxic Reduction Evaluations will cost \$140,000 and up to \$560,000 annually up to year 2014.

Council Member Marble asked if the State has any idea in these economic times what these costs will do to the City. The Council should send letters to the State. Director Meyer said if write letters to the State, the environmental groups would spring into action.

Superintendent Hierholzer said the Regional Board may submit further restrictions in the next permit. Vice Mayor Pimentel asked how this relates to tertiary treatment. Superintendent Hieholzer said the State has added a list of additional items they want us to test for. He feels this is a fishing expedition. Vice Mayor Pimentel asked if the City of Davis is objecting we should look at what they are doing and asking the State. Director Meyer said he would draft a letter. The permit is issued and not open to negotiation. The \$100 million could be less or more and we are trying to find a nexus with the Sewer Fund.

Mayor Davies said the ponds will be affected if we continue to attract wet industrial. Superintendent Hierholzer said they could handle a winery or soda factory. The ponds are not designed for heavy organic input. City Manager Deven said we look at industrial that might consider coming here and will let them know of the possible restrictions and capacity.

Mayor Davies said we need to go down a road and maybe the ICMA and League of California Cities can help us. Perhaps a letter to see if there are ways to address our issues. Council Member Marble asked which of the studies are Federal. Superintendent Hierholzer said the TRE is a Federal study and the rest are Regional. Most of them are on the Regional Board.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 8:08 p.m., Mayor Davies adjourned the regular meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sue Vannucci, Director of Administrative  
Services

Approved by Council: July 20, 2010