

MINUTES

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

JUNE 23, 2009

5:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:00 p.m. Council met in Closed Session to hold a conference with the Labor Negotiators, pursuant to Section 54957.6. The Agency Designated Representatives were William Avery, Amy Buck, and Sue Vannucci. The employee organizations discussed were the Woodland City Employees' Association, Woodland Mid-Management Association, Woodland Police Officers' Association, Woodland Police Supervisors' Association, and Woodland Professional Firefighters' Association. Present at these sessions were Mayor Davies, Vice Mayor Pimentel, Council Members Dote, Marble and Monroe, City Manager Deven, City Attorney Morris, Chief Negotiator Avery, and Director of Administrative Services Vannucci.

REGULAR SESSION

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Davies opened the regular session of the Council.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Davies advised that Council had met in Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations and had given direction to the Labor Negotiators.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davies invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Barry Munowitch.



ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlin Davies, Martie Dote, William Marble, Jeff Monroe, Art Pimentel

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Deven, Andrew Morris, Sue Vannucci, Dick Donnelly, Doug Baxter, Barry Munowitch

COUNCIL/STAFF STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS

Vice Mayor Pimentel said the Casa del Sol project is being stalled by the State at this time.

Council Member Monroe said he and Council Member Marble had attended the 3 x 2 x 2 with the Woodland Joint Unified School District and the District is requesting an Ordinance to prohibit vendor carts at school sites.

Council Member Marble said the Water Resources Association and FloodSafe Yolo held a symposium on Cache Creek and Settling Basin issues. There were over 100 people in attendance. All of the Agencies were there from Regional Water Quality Control and the Water Board. The Army Corps of Engineers project member was also present. The issue seems to be moving forward slowly.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

DAVIS-WOODLAND WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Deputy Director Donnelly introduced Engineer Baxter as the primary lead on this project. Other individuals involved are Dick Shanahan, who will provide the expertise in the formation of the Joint Powers Agency; Jim Yost of West Yost and Associates, and Jacques DeBra, Utility Manager for the City of Davis.

At 6:18 p.m. Vice Mayor Pimentel left the Chambers.

Mr. Shanahan outlined the processes for development of a Joint Powers Agency. The JPA process is defined by the Government Code and is a process whereby government agencies can enter into Agreements to jointly exercise



common powers. There are two types of JPA, an Agency or Authority and an Agreement. He recommends the Agency format.

At 6:24 p.m. Vice Mayor Pimentel returned to the Chambers.

The advantages of a JPA are using a regional focus and the Agency owns or manages the property or facilities. Bonding is a method of financing and it provides a funding competitiveness. The JPA provides for flexibility and efficiency of operations.

The disadvantages are that exceptional mutual trust is required. There are difficulties in maintaining and dissolving a JPA. There is a perception that the JPA is unnecessary. The new local Agency must comply with all legal and administrative requirements.

Mayor Davies asked what the City Attorney or City Manager would recommend as the best type of JPA for the City to follow. City Attorney Morris agrees with Mr. Shanahan's analysis and has been through the Agreement in great detail. He has only one issue and that is in regard to cost allocation. He is still waiting for the Davis City Attorney's analysis and will be watching for this. City Manager Deven is comfortable with the proposal and with the representatives from each City on the Board. He does not feel there will be any issues between the two Cities and that we will be working together.

Mayor Davies is concerned about the ability to obtain the water rights depending on what happens in the Delta. Stefanie Hudland of Best, Best and Krieger said there are areas where we will need to purchase. We will be able to get the water but it will cost us. Sediment Contractors have more rights. The value is set by the market. Supply is not the issue.

Jim Yost said they have six agencies that have very strong water rights and others have come forward. All would be willing to sell us their water.

Council Member Marble asked that once water billing starts to be implemented, does staff see that the curve would lower as individuals become more water conservation conscious. Engineer Baxter feels we should see a 5% to 15% reduction or more over the coming years.

Vice Mayor Pimentel asked if there will be an opportunity for us to sell water to others that might be close to the line. Ms. Hudland said we would have to go back to the State Board to add others and that could open the project to protestors.



Mayor Davies asked if we can look at the other Water Districts to buy water. Mr. Yost said that area where we need to purchase we could use any District.

Ms. Hudland said County water in the area is not adjudicated and we could sell treated water in this area but could not transport to other areas.

City Manager Deven said it appears that Council would like to have the JPA refined and be presented back to them at the July 21, 2009 meeting for consideration.

Mayor Davies would like to have it move through the organization and still be open to modifications.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Marble and carried unanimously, Council approved the development of a refined Joint Power Authority to return to Council on July 21, 2009 with additional modifications as necessary.

ADJOURN

At 6:36 p.m. Mayor Davies adjourned the regular meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

SS: Sue Vannucci, Director of
Administrative Services

Adopted by Council: September 7, 2010