

Woodland City Council
City Hall – Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, CA 95695

MINUTES

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
SPECIAL/CLOSED SESSION**

OCTOBER 25, 2005

6:30 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION-REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Agency Board held a conference with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Section 54956.8 for the property in the area bounded by Main Street, Lincoln Avenue, Fourth Street and Sixth Streets. The Agency Negotiator was Rick Kirkwood, the Negotiating Parties the City and Union Pacific Railroad. Under negotiation were price and terms of payment. Present at this session were Agency Board Members Flory, Monroe, Pimentel and Rexroad, Executive Director Kirkwood, City Attorney Siprelle and Community Development Director Stevens. Board Member Peart was absent.

CLOSED SESSION-COUNCIL

Council held a conference with Legal Counsel regarding three cases of existing litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9, the County of Yolo versus the City regarding the Gateway Center, Legal Services of Northern California versus the City regarding HUD Case No. 09-05-1056-8 and Adobe Lumber versus the City, Case No 2:05-CV-01510-WBS-PAN. Present at these sessions were Council Members Flory, Monroe, Pimentel, Rexroad, City Manager Kirkwood, City Attorney Siprelle and Community Development Director Stevens. Council Member Peart was absent.

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION**

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice Mayor Flory announced that the Agency Board had met in Closed Session regarding real property negotiations, received a report and took no action.



Vice Mayor Flory announced that the Council had met in closed session regarding three cases of existing litigation, received reports on the issues and provided direction to Staff and the City Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Flory called the special meeting of the Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Flory invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Vannucci.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: David Flory, Jeff Monroe, Art Pimentel, Matt Rexroad

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Neal Peart

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kirkwood, Tricia Stevens, Paul Miller, Sue Vannucci, Joan Drayton, Carey Sullivan, Gary Wegener, Dan Gentry

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dudley Holman indicated that the Redevelopment Agency Board had been disbanded and his understanding was the item was to return for further consideration at some point.

Colette Stewart lives in the Southeast area and has a Green Waste toter. She said street pickup of leaves was to start on October 15th and that has not happened. They pay the same as for ¼ of the service of the other citizens. There are large piles in the streets in other areas of the City that are being removed by Waste Management and they pay the same amount. City Manager Kirkwood will forward this information to the Sub-Committee studying the issue.



COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Rexroad asked that Council acknowledge the death of a member of his Marine unit, Corporal Seamus M. Davey, who was killed in Iraq.

PUBLIC HEARING

EXTENSION OF ½ CENT SALES TAX

City Manager Kirkwood said staff had been given direction on gathering proposals for items needed to fund through an extension of the ½ cent sales tax. Some public outreach has already begun. The Board and Commissions have discussed during their sessions and will present recommendations to Council. The current proposals for future funding are: continued repair and rehabilitation of City roadways; funding of Phase II of the Community/Senior Center; renovation and improvement of City parks, swim centers and the repair and relocation of Buchignani Field; and expansion of Carnegie Library, the City Hall, funding for a reliable book budget and money for literacy programs.

Council Member Pimentel asked that the citizens be reminded of the amount of funds lost to the State over the past years and City Manager Kirkwood indicated that since 1991 the State has taken over \$20 million from our City alone.

Council Member Monroe asked if an Advisory Measure does not pass with a majority, what would be the allocation of those funds. City Manager Kirkwood said the money could be used for the other Advisory Measures. However, the Council could determine to reallocate those funds via a Resolution passed by a fourth/fifths vote of the Council. Council Member Monroe indicated there had been discussion about a parking structure in the Downtown and City Manager Kirkwood said Council could determine to put that issue on the ballot as an Advisory Measure as well. Mayor Rexroad asked if the Advisory Measures do not pass, could the Sales Tax still be instituted. City Manager Kirkwood said the advisory measures are permissive and the action on implementing the ½ cent general sales tax is voted on separately and would be implemented. It is Council's prerogative to make the commitment on the expenditure of the general sales tax. Additional input from the City Attorney on that question will be done and a report will return to Council.

Vice Mayor Flory opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

David Sanders, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, said the Commission had unanimously voted to support the extension of the sales tax but



did not choose to commit to any specific Advisory Measures without further extensive community input.

Nate Peterson, Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation, Community Services and Urban Forestry Commission, said the Commission does wish to go forward with the extension and would like the funds to be allocated for upgrades of parks facilities and improvements to recreation programs. Wim van Muyden urged support, John Murphy would like some of the funds to go toward a skate park and Tanya McKay would like the Community/Senior Center completed. Daron Whittle, Member of the Board of Directors of the Woodland Swim Team, supports extension and wants funds to be allocated to Hiddleson Pool for ADA compliance, addition of restrooms at the Brooks Swim Center and repairs to the facility and will assist the City in identifying specific needs.

Alain Traig of the Library Board of Trustees indicated the Board supports the extension and would like the funds to be allocated to Library services. Randy Nordmark of the Literacy Program said they had asked for \$20,000 per year as there is an 18.4% rate of illiteracy in the City. They support extension to support their program. Mark Diel of the Yolo Literacy Council also urged support of the Literacy Program.

Georgia Cochran of the Traffic Safety Commission said the Commission supports extension of the sales tax and would like the funds to be utilized for road improvements and for the safety of the citizens. She specifically cited maintenance, traffic calming, and traffic interconnections. There are other items which need to be addressed but the Commission has not had the opportunity to study them fully.

Colette Stewart of the Commission on Aging said they did not vote and have not come to any conclusions on recommendations.

Jeff Kean, Director of the Woodland Opera House, asked for allocation of funds to build a Youth Performing Arts Center to the South of the existing Opera House structure. Kathleen Olander, Yvonne LeMaitre, Angela Shellhammer, Gordon Jackson, Louis Anderson, Betsy Taloff, Mike Miles, and Rick Hayes all supported this request.

Council Member Pimentel left the Chambers at 7:56.

Danielle Thomas of the Beamer Park Circle Restoration Committee supports the extension and would like funds allocated to help in the restoration of the circle by adding lighting, automated sprinklers, new sidewalks and stairs, benches, concrete pedestals, urns or finials, plantings, brick, gutter and curb restoration, recoating of iron work on arches and general clean up and



maintenance of arches, upgrading of restroom facilities at Beamer Park, reproduction lighting on Palm and around Beamer Park, traffic calming on Palm and West Keystone, to reconstruct the columns at the entrances to the Beamer Park division on Pershing Avenue, Bliss Avenue, Jackson Street and Sutter Street.

Council Member Pimentel returned to the Chambers at 7:59.

Jim Hefferenan supports the extension but feels 12 years is too long and a definite sunset should be in place.

Mayor Rexroad left the Chambers at 8:16 and returned at 8:18.

Colette Stewart said 12 years is too long. Parks renovations should be paid for out of their current budget. The Community/Senior Center should be completed, roads fixed and the Opera House funded.

Dudley Holman supports extension but feels 12 years is too long.

Vice Mayor Flory closed the Public Hearing at 8:25.

City Manager Kirkwood originally proposed this return to Council on November 1st but with the input received this evening would like to shift that return date to November 15 or November 29. The letters and comments received will need to be analyzed and costs attached via spread sheet or similar document. The figures thus far are based on estimates on costs and are dependent upon the economy. He will need more time to meet with some of the speakers and ascertain the costs associated with their proposals. Council concurred to receive information back on November 15 or 29, dependent upon the time needed by the City.

MINUTES

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Mayor Rexroad and carried by the Members present, Council adopted the minutes of the Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board meeting of September 6, 2005 as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Flory adjourned the special meeting of the Council at 8:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Vannucci, CMC, City Clerk