

Woodland City Council Minutes
Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, California

October 3, 2000

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION/CLOSED SESSION

The Woodland City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall in order to convene a closed session. Prior to closed session, the City Council, in the City Hall Council Chambers, announced the closed session topics.

At 6:30 p.m. the City Council received a report on the liability claims of Robicheau, Muniozguren, Moen, Woodland Manor, Sanchez, Fisk, Huff, Medrano, Becerra, Buchan (CSAA), Woodmark Apartments, Speer, Duncan, Tetzlaff, Mata, Scholes, Nieto, Morales and Hudson; had a conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation, (Section 54956.9), City of Woodland v. Laugenour; and received information regarding public employee performance evaluation, Building Inspectors.

Mayor Borchard and Council Members Dote, Monroe and Peart arrived at 6:30 p.m. Vice Major Flory arrived at 6:45 p.m. Council Members absent: None. Also in attendance were City Manager Kirkwood, Assistant City Manager Marler, City Attorney Siprelle and Jeff Tonks, Director of the Yolo County Public Agency Risk Management Insurance Authority.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Steve Borchard opened the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Borchard invited all in attendance to join him in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Major Borchard invited all in attendance to join him for a moment of silence in remembrance of Bob Dahl, recently retired Utilities Superintendent, and Dick Klenhard, former Executive Director of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce, who both have passed away within the past two weeks.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Borchard announced that Council held a closed session and received a report on the liability claims of Robicheau, Muniozguren, Moen, Woodland Manor, Sanchez, Fisk, Huff, Medrano, Becerra, Buchan (CSAA), Woodmark Apartments, Speer, Duncan, Tetzlaff, Mata, Scholes, Nieto, Morales and Hudson. The Council also had a conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation, (Section 54956.9), City of Woodland v. Laugenour; and received information regarding public employee performance evaluation, Building Inspectors. The Council gave direction to staff.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Borchard, Dote, Flory, Monroe, Peart

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Kirkwood, Phillip Marler, Ann Siprelle, Gary Wegener, Henry Agonia, Karl Diekman, Steve Harris, Margaret Vicars, Del Hanson, George Ahlgren, Pat Whelan, George Bierwirth, John DeWeerd, Bruce Pollard. Also present were Contract Engineers, Nick Ponticello, Asa Utterback and Bob Grandy

MINUTES:

Council Member Dote stated the Minutes of August 15, 2000 should reflect approval of Resolution 4215 "Certifying the Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15090", for the Spring Lake proposed development. The Clerk will so correct the minutes.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Vice Major Flory, and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of the special meeting of August 15, 2000 as corrected and the regular meeting of September 19, 2000 as prepared.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the Manager of Discount Tires, Maurice Gallow, a claim against the City regarding damages by Granite Construction during road construction/repair near his business at 60 West Main Street.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council rejected this claim and referred it to the City's insurance representative.

2. From Congressman Doug Ose, a copy of a letter to Colonel Michael Walsh of the United States Army Corps of Engineers urging him to proceed as quickly as possible with the feasibility study on the Lower Cache Creek flood control improvements. Mayor Borchard expressed his gratitude for Congressman Ose's attention to this issue. City Manager Kirkwood stated that Congressman Ose will be present at the October 17, 2000 City Council Meeting. Public Works Director Wegener will meet with the Army Corps of Engineers on this issue on October 16th.

3. From City Attorney Siprelle, a copy of a letter from the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding the Council's request for an opinion on a possible conflict of interest of Council Member Monroe and Tree Commission Jessen regarding the future of the Olive trees on Gibson Road between Bourn and Pioneer. The FPPC feels we should have a decision within 21 working days of receipt, which was September 18, 2000. The case number assigned is 00-213.

4. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, an Application for a person-to-person transfer of an Alcoholic Beverage License for on-sale liquor for Melton J. Losoya for a business located at 392, West Main Street. The Police Department has indicated no concerns with this transfer of license.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From Library Services Director Marie Bryan, a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting of August 30, 2000.

2. From Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Henry Agonia, a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of September 12, 2000. Council Member Dote encouraged community members to apply for the vacancies on this Commission.

3. From Community Development Director Steve Harris, a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Historical Preservation Commission meeting of September 13, 2000.

4. From Community Development Director Harris, a report was received summarizing the actions of the Planning Commission meeting of September 21, 2000, as follows:

- a. received a presentation from City Attorney Ann Siprelle regarding the Brown Act and meeting procedures;
- b. changed the meeting start time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- c. continued work on the Zoning Ordinance update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathryn Hare of 406 Casa Linda Drive thanked Mayor Borchard and Vice Mayor Flory for coming to her home to view the accessory building located at 410 Casa Linda Drive. She encouraged Council Members Dote, Monroe and Peart to visit her home to view the building as well.

Dudley Holman discussed the proposal to increase the membership on the Tree Commission from five to seven members. He stated it has been increasingly difficult to secure members on this and other Commissions and Boards.

Kenton Keithly of 417 Buena Tierra Drive submitted a letter written by the property owner at 410 Casa Linda dated July 17, 2000. He thanked Vice Mayor Flory for E-mailing information to him to keep him updated on progress on this issue.

Mayor Borchard asked City Manager Kirkwood to give a status report on the 410 Casa Linda issue. The City Manager stated the Notice to Abate has been sent and a hearing has been set for October 13, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. Fidel Martinez, an attorney from West Sacramento, will preside at this due process hearing. City Attorney Siprelle stated the Council could request the Hearing Officer to state a timeline for

rendering a decision quickly, it is the Hearing Officer's discretion as to when he chooses to provide.

CITY COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Member Monroe reported the Chili Cookoff held on October 1, 2000 was a success.

Mayor Borchard thanked the Daily Democrat staff for the excellent insert in the September 30th edition entitled "Discovering Woodland".

URGENCY ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Kirkwood requested that pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code allowing addition of an item to the Agenda which requires immediate action, the City Council add "STIP Road Project, 99-03, Request for Additional Funding" to the Agenda for this meeting. On a motion by Council Member Peart, seconded by Vice Mayor Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the Council added to the Agenda under the Regular Calendar, the item, "STIP Road Project 99-03 Additional Funding Authorization" for consideration.

PRESENTATIONS:

WOODLAND GIRLS' FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION TROPHY PRESENTATION

The Woodland Girls' Fastpitch Softball Association participated in the Stars of Cordova Tournament in June, 2000. The rookie and minor teams placed first in their division against teams from five Cities. All three of the teams participating from Woodland and accumulated the largest amount of points in the seeding and placement tallies. Lee Humes, Player Agent for the Association, introduced Heather Villareal, Lisa Rhyme and Holly Burk, players at the three levels, who each spoke on their involvement with the program. They then presented the perpetual trophy to Mayor Borchard. Mayor Borchard commended the team members for their dedication to the sport.

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENTATION

Jack Mahan, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, presented the Council with an overview of Commission activities. Some of the projects are the Spring Lake area project, the signage on Main Street at the I-5 exit, the zoning ordinance, and the animal control agreement. The Commission has received a presentation on the Spring Lake project. They would like to become more involved in the project directly with the homeowners to assist them in having a sense of community for this new area. Mr. Mahan read the Mission Statement of Commission. Mayor Borchard asked what Mr. Mahan felt was the most memorable part of his service on the Commission. Mr. Mahan stated that the sign placed at the exit of I-5 at Main Street was an accomplishment the Commission was very proud of. This sign was a joint effort of the Commission and community members and is a symbol of the community.

Mayor Borchard thanked the Commissioners for their involvement in and attachment to their City.

Vice Mayor Flory asked staff to reproduce the Board and Commission Mission Statements and hang them on the walls outside the City Council Chambers.

Council Member Peart commended the Commission for their planning expertise. He commented they meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month.

Council Member Dote asked about the General Plan update and was advised it is scheduled for next year. She also thanked the members for their participation and stated there are presently vacancies on Boards and Commissions as follows:

Redevelopment Citizens' Advisory Commission	1 vacancy
Tree Commission	1 vacancy
Commission on Aging	1 vacancy
Library Board	1 vacancy
Parks, Recreation and Community Services	1 vacancy

The next scheduled interviews for these Boards and Commissions are on Thursday, October 12th.

WOODLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION ON CIVIC HEROISM (MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD)

Interim Fire Chief, Karl Diekman said the Medal of Valor Award is not given often, with the last presentation in 1989. He stated that on April 4, 2000, Hubert Bryant and Pete Phillips risked their own safety to save the lives of Mrs. Irene Roman and her daughter who were inside their burning home at 1702 Coloma Way. These citizens stepped forward without considering their own safety to assist others in need.

On motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Dote, and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council honored Hubert Bryant and Pete Phillips with the Medal of Valor Award for their quick action in rescuing a young woman and her mother from their burning home.

CACHE CREEK CONSERVANCY PRESENTATION REGARDING CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS AND TAMARIX/ARUNDO REMOVAL

Council Member Peart mentioned that Council had sent a letter of support to Yolo County regarding this program and he had asked Mr. Jan Lowrey, Executive Director of the Cache Creek Conservancy to speak to Council regarding this project. Mr. Lowrey extended an invitation to the Council and members of the community to visit the recently opened nature preservation area along Cache Creek.

The Tamarix and Arundo, which have taken over a large portion of the creek bed, are in need of removal as they create sand islands which inhibit the flow of the water. There are approximately 300 acres that need clearing and re-sprout control for approximately three years. Grant money would pay for a portion of the project. He is asking for both a letter of support and any monetary support the City Council can provide. It could be important to show some funding support from the City for their FEMA efforts.

Council Member Peart said this project would be upstream of the DWR levee and asked if it would start at Yolo? Mr. Lowrey said they would be starting upstream of the Interstate 5 bridge. The Department of Water Resources and the Reclamation Board may join in the effort.

Council Member Dote asked about any seeding downstream and into the Sacramento River. Mr. Lowrey stated there is a great deal of Arundo in the

Rio Vista area. She also requested information regarding the herbicide to be used. Rodeo will be used near, with Roundup further away from the water. The other biological control they will be using is an insect imported from the Middle East. There has been a 15-year study conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture on Tamarix. The USDA has released the beetle in 9 Southwestern states and two locations in California where the Tamarix it is a problem and the program has been a great success. The first year the insects are placed in a cage in the area and monitored before they are released. The Farm Bureau received a presentation on this type of bio-control last year.

Mr. Lowrey stated the project needs an additional \$176,140 and asked the Council to participate in the funding at whatever level they could provide.

On a motion by Council Member Peart, seconded by City Council Member Dote, and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council moved that Mayor Borchard sign a letter supporting the Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Proposal and directed staff to return to the Council with possible levels of financial support for the project.

Council Member Monroe left the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and returned at 8:21 p.m.

CITY WEB SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND CAPABILITIES

Gus Bush, Information Services Manager, brought the WEB page up on the screen for the Council to view and stated Council had received a preview of the proposed changes to the WEB site at their meeting on June 20, 2000. In September, the system "went live" on some of the components. We have a total of 120 pages in the entire site and each will have the same template at the top. Mayor Borchard asked how users could obtain the Adobe Reader in order to access the pages and Mr. Bush stated it can be downloaded from the WEB by clicking on Adobe on our page. Mr. Bush also stated we will be adding a downloadable copy of the Strategic Plan. Another plan will be submission of an application for a permit via E-mail.

Mr. Bush stated we have been receiving positive feedback regarding our page from other agencies and individuals.

STIP ROAD PROJECT 99-03 ADDITIONAL FUNDING AUTHORIZATION:

Public Works Director Wegener stated that extensive repairs required in the paving and reconstruction on Main and West Streets, have caused a funding shortfall of approximately \$225,000. The repairs of the utility and sewer service were anticipated, but not at the magnitude discovered. Should the Council choose not to fund the additional amount at this time, the Industrial Way paving and reconstruction would be deferred. However, the increased cost to complete that portion of the project at a later time would increase the cost by approximately \$40,000. The additional funds are available in the Water Enterprise Fund, (\$135,000) and the Sewer Enterprise Fund, (\$90,000).

Council Member Peart asked for the location of the additional repairs. Asa Utterback of Ponticello Enterprises, stated the major portion is on Main Street in both the sewer and water lines. These lines were left from previous development and abandoned. Part of the process is to assume these are active lined until certain they are inactive or abandoned. The West Street site included water lines which are being phased down.

Public Works Director Wegener stated there is \$1.8 million authorized but the with the additional work needed on the utility side on Main Street, it will deplete the funds previously been authorized.

The Industrial Way construction is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 4th, thus the urgency in bringing this forth to Council for consideration. Council Member Peart asked that the accounting for these projects be anticipated ahead of time.

Council Member Dote asked if there may be a conflict of interest on her part as the construction on Industrial Way is in front of her place of business. City Attorney Siprelle stated there would be no conflict.

On a motion by Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by unanimous vote, the Council authorized an additional \$135,000 in Water Enterprise Funds and \$90,000 in Sewer Enterprise Funds to allow completion of the construction contract work on STIP Road Project 99-03.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Members requested removal of the following items from the Consent Calendar:

11. Adopt Resolutions to Amend Retiree CALPERS Medical Contributions
15. Authorize Execution of Consultant Services Agreement for Analysis of Interstate 5 Impacts on the Flood Plain
16. Receive Status Report on the Spring Lake/Turn of the Century Specific Plan
17. Receive Status Report on the Cable Television Franchise Ordinance
19. Adopt a Resolution in Support of Proposition 35 to Allow Utilization of Private Engineering Firms

On a motion of Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council approved the following Consent Calendar items:

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY STATUS REPORT:

The Council received the monthly status report for September, 2000 from Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY STATUS REPORT:

The Council received the monthly status report for September, 2000 from Community Development.

MONTHLY STATUS AND CAPITAL BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS FROM PUBLIC WORKS:

The Council received the monthly status and capital budget implementation reports from Public Works.

TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, 2000:

The Council received the Treasurer's Investment Reports for the months of July and August, 2000.

WOODLAND ECONOMIC RENAISSANCE CORPORATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS STATUS REORT:

The Council received a report on the status of development projects and scope of service agreement in relation to the Community Development Block Grant funds in concert with the Woodland Economic Renaissance Corporation.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE NEW SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

The Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Contract with Jack Harrison of Harrison and Associates to provide consulting services as related to the new Senior/Community Center.

PIONEER PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:

The Council approved the purchase of playground equipment for Pioneer Park from Ross Recreation Equipment in the amount of \$42,997.000.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WOODLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CAMPUS:

The Council accepted as complete the public improvements constructed with the development of the Woodland Christian School campus at 1787 Matmor Road. The City Clerk will file a Notice of Completion.

EAST STREET LANDSCAPING PROJECT MONTHLY STATUS REPORT:

The Council received the monthly status report for September, 2000 on the East Street landscaping project.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN STATUS REPORT:

The Council received an update and status report on the Habitat Conservation Plan.

AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND RETIREE CALPERS MEDICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Council Member Dote had a concern that the Agenda item as listed and the recommended action wording appears to be inconsistent. Assistant City Manager Marler stated the Recommended Action as stated correct, as are the Resolutions. The increase in premiums covers all employees and retirees.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Vice Mayor Flory and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council approved the following resolutions to "Fix the Employer's Contributions Under the Public Employee's Medical and Hospital Care Act, effective January 1, 2001."

- Resolution 4223 - City Manager
- Resolution 4224 - Management
- Resolution 4225 - Confidential
- Resolution 4226 - Mid-Management
- Resolution 4227 - Fire Mid-Management
- Resolution 4228 - Police Mid-Management
- Resolution 4229 - Police
- Resolution 4230 - Police Supervisors
- Resolution 4231 - Fire
- Resolution 4232 - General Services

HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS OF INTERSTATE 5 IMPACTS ON THE FLOOD PLAIN

Council Member Peart asked if the \$6,200.00 proposed expenditure for this analysis is refundable from under the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA). Public Works Director Wegener stated it was not refundable but we could recapture funds in our local share. It is possible to acquire funds through the reduction of our local share should it be determined that the construction of Interstate 5 did significantly affect the flood plain. The State may increase their contribution and reduce the City contribution.

On a motion by Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council authorized the execution of a consultant services agreement with MBK Engineers for hydraulic analysis of I-5 impacts on the flood plain.

SPRING LAKE/TURN OF THE CENTURY STATUS REPORT

Council Member Peart said there was a small "committee" concerned that the Spring Lake project was not moving forward. He recommended this group be sent a copy of the summary presented to Council for tonight's meeting. Council Member Dote asked if the schedule for annexation with the County has been set? Community Development Director Harris stated provided Council action is received in November or December, we anticipate this item to be reviewed by LAFCO after the first of the year.

CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE STATUS REPORT

Council Member Dote expressed her disappointment that this franchise is not going forward as it will affect moving ahead on the fiberoptics installation. She asked about the possibility of including a portion of the equipment cost for WAVE. Assistant City Manager Marler said that Council had previously stated if negotiations had not been completed with Charter Communications in the Fall, the additional \$14,440 WAVE had requested on equipment funds would be released. It is planned to bring this item to Council on October 17th regarding the negotiations and release of equipment money to WAVE.

RESOLUTION 4233 IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 35 (ENGINEERING SERVICES)

Council Member Dote asked for information regarding those agencies who oppose this Proposition. Public Works Director Wegener stated that some of the agencies of which he was aware were the Congress of California Seniors and the Engineers and Scientists of California.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council adopted Resolution No. 4233 supporting Proposition 35, the Fair Competition and Taxpayers Savings Initiative.

PUBLIC HEARING

STATE CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM

Police Chief Hanson stated this item was removed from consideration at the Council's September 19, 2000, meeting due to uncertain funding for the

third and fourth years. It is likely funding will continue for these years through language in AB 2885. The funding for the fifth year must be funded from the General Fund. Vice Mayor Flory asked about the amount of time this position will spend on the new Police facility project. Chief Hanson said the employee will backfill for a current employee who will probably spend full time working on the project once the initial planning has been completed. Vice Mayor Flory asked if this was a common practice and Chief Hanson said it is as this person would have command level experience at that level of planning and implementation. We have \$10 million of taxpayers funds invested in the project and he wants someone who is in contact with what is going on at all phases of the project.

Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 8:55. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:55 p.m.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Monroe, and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council authorized the use of State Citizens Option for Public Safety funds (AB 1913) for the salary and benefits of a fourth Lieutenant's position at the Police Department.

The Council took a recess from 8:56 p.m. until 9:04 p.m.

TEMPORARY CONVENING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Mayor Borchard temporarily adjourned the City Council meeting and convened a meeting of the Woodland Redevelopment Agency Board at 9:04 p.m. See Agency minutes attached to these Council minutes as Exhibit A.

At 9:29 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned and the Council meeting was reconvened.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT COURT AND COLLEGE STREETS

City Manager Kirkwood stated that at the Public Hearing on September 19th, the Council had supported the purchase of the property located at the Northwest corner of Court and College Streets to be developed as a surface parking lot. The purchase of the property will be an asset to the City. The report provided to the Council at the September 19th meeting was very complete.

He said parking management strategies will be developed for existing and future parking. Council Member Peart stated the parking issues are not new and urged the City Manager to proceed. Mayor Borchard said we will need assistance from other agencies for this project to move forward. He said that with County and Court systems adding to the concern, these agencies need to be a part of the solution. This purchase will carry forward an objective the Council has stated. The City Manager recommended that Council direct him to move forward to purchase the property for \$650,000.

Council Member Dote feels this is an excellent opportunity for the City. Council Member Monroe is pleased that terms seem to have been agreed upon and we can proceed.

Dudley Holman said the problem is not a new one facing the City. He expressed concern that downtown businesses are not participating in the process to remedy the parking issues. Over the past twenty years the City has purchased a great deal of property to help with parking shortages. He displayed for Council and the community those pieces of property purchased for this purpose and gave a historical perspective. He did mention that revenue from parking meters was never sufficient to pay for the cost of maintenance. City Manager Kirkwood stated that parking has been an issue since the 1950's. It was recommended that parking permits be required for employees in lots downtown.

Mayor Borchard commended Mr. Holman for his comprehensive history lesson on the parking issue, purchase of property and funding sources. City Manager Kirkwood reminded Council that this project will take some time to complete, possibly up to a year. Vice Mayor Flory would like the lighting issues to be addressed in the lot as well. There have been some concerns regarding inadequate lighting in lots.

On a motion by Council Member Dote, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council authorized the City Manager to purchase the vacant property on the corner of Court and College Streets, commonly known as 204 Court Street, to be developed for surface parking to help relieve the parking problem in the downtown-government center area.

STP FUNDING FOR COLLEGE/COURT STREET PARKING LOT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ARMFIELD AREA

On a motion by Council Member Peart, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council approved the applications for

funding from the STP funds for (1) the Court and College Street parking lot construction, and (2) the Intermodal Transportation Center Feasibility Study for the Armfield Area.

PUBLIC BENCHES IN THE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR

Public Works Director Wegener summarized the proposal to provide benches in the downtown corridor and the possibility of donations for the purchase. The proposed locations would be on Main Street between Walnut and Third Streets. The proposal is consistent with the Downtown Specific Plan. Initial estimates are \$400.00 per bench.

Council Member Monroe feels this is a very important issue if we wish to draw the public into the downtown area. Benches and the increase of the tree canopy, as well as, trash receptacles will make the area more appealing to those who utilize the downtown. He has received input from community members who wish to participate in the donation process.

Council Member Dote said the Transportation District has received donations of concrete benches, but they become chipped. They now utilize the coated metal benches. Public Works Director Wegener said that have some specifications on benches included in the Specific Plan. Mayor Borchard asked staff to provide information from other Cities on the extent that individual or company names are placed on fixtures in the public easement, how are they displayed, how large are the names, are they bronze or white letters, the types, sizes and colors available for the various pieces proposed.

On a motion by Council Member Monroe, seconded by Council Member Peart, and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council give staff direction on the development of a program for donation of benches for use in the downtown corridor. City Manager Kirkwood clarified the direction staff received is that Council would like a policy for donation of a bench, expanded to other improvements, trash receptacles, lights, etc., in the downtown area. This policy is to beautify and improve the shopping experience in the downtown area. These will be in places convenient to the public. The program will analyze all of the potential uses including contacting other communities regarding their experience with donated benches, particularly on recognition of those who have donated.

SPRING LAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM STATUS REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER 5, 2000 FORUM

Community Development Director Harris stated that at Council direction a housing forum for the Spring Lake area has been set. He identified various individuals and groups who have expressed an interest in participating in the process and have been invited to attend the forum. The forum will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2000 at the Leake Room. At a subsequent Council meeting, he will report on the outcomes of this forum. Council Member Dote expressed her interest in attending this forum.

On a motion by Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Monroe and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council appointed Council Member Dote as the representative to attend this forum.

Council Member Peart left the meeting at 10:12 p.m. and returned at 10:14.

AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF YOLO TO ASSIST IN REDESIGN OF THE CITY'S COMPUTER NETWORK

Finance Director Vicars presented background information regarding the computer network since the project began in 1996. The implementation of the program was completed with the Police Department portion in 1999. All of the initial project network costs have been paid except for the Pentamation financing program software.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Peart and carried by a unanimous vote, the Council authorized the Finance Director to enter into an agreement with Yolo County to assist in redesigning the City of Woodland's computer network for optimal performance, for a cost of \$11,250 and purchase related hardware for an amount not to exceed \$13,500.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS, LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

On a motion by Vice Mayor Flory, seconded by Council Member Dote and carried by unanimous vote, the Council appointed Council Member Peart to serve

as the representative on the University of California, Davis, Long Range Development Advisory Committee.

Council Member Monroe said he is a member of the 2 X 2 for U.C.D., Davis and West Sacramento the group has not met. Mayor Borchard said if a Council Member believes they are on an inactive Commission they can speak with the City Manager initiate a meeting with the group.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 p.m., the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned to October 17, 2000.

Susan L. Vannucci, City Clerk