

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

November 18, 1997

The Woodland City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall in order to convene a closed session. Before the closed session the Mayor announced that the closed session scheduled was for the purpose conferring with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation (Subdivision (a) of Sec. 54956.9). The name of the case was United States District Court Eastern District of California, Case No. CIV-S-97-0141 GEB JFM, Joseph Hernandez, Jr. v. City of Woodland, Carol Souza and Does 1 through 10, inclusive. A second closed session topic was to confer with Labor Negotiators (Sec. 54957) Bill Avery, Kris Kristensen, and Phil Marler regarding the following employee organization: Woodland Professional Firefighters' Association.

Council Members present at the special meeting were: Rominger, Flory, Losoya and Ryhal. Council Members absent: Borchard. City Manager Kris Kristensen, Assistant City Manager Phil Marler, City Attorney Ann Siprelle and other legal counsel representatives were present.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Rominger opened the meeting and invited everyone present to join her in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rominger, Flory, Losoya, Ryhal

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Borchard

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Siprelle, Marler, Ruggiero,
Wegener, Winnop, Barry, Rice, Beckham, De
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CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Manager Kris Kristensen announced that the City Council just completed a closed session dealing with existing litigation and labor negotiations. He said these items are permitted for closed session pursuant to the Government Code.

MINUTES:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the minutes for the regular Council meeting of September 2, 1997, and adjourned regular meeting of October 20, 1997, as prepared.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Mayor Rominger and carried by unanimous vote (Council Member Flory abstained), the City Council approved the minutes for the adjourned regular Council meeting of October 28, 1997, as prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) a copy of an application was received for an on sale beer and wine license for 534 Main Street (south side of Main Street near First Street and west of the Goodwill store). Council received a copy of a letter from the Police Department to ABC regarding the over concentration of facilities serving alcoholic beverages and recommending certain conditions of approval.

2. From the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) a copy of an application was received for an off sale general alcoholic beverage license for Bob's Liquor and Food at 632 Cottonwood Street. Community Services Officer Leilani Vierra had advised that the Police Department has no concerns with this license application which is for a person to person transfer.

3. From Kathleen Connell, State Controller, a letter was received advising of the completion of the review of the City's 1995-96 Fiscal Year single audit report. The State Controller's office had determined that the report meets the requirements of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

4. From Steve Basha, Chair of the Personnel Board, a memo was received requesting a one-year extension of the term of Personnel Board Member Debbie Carlson. He stated that the loss of Ms. Carlson would impair the present work of the Personnel Board and that Ms. Carlson is needed to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the Board. The City Clerk said at its last meeting the Council adopted Ordinance No. 1298 which allows the Council to extend the term of board and commission members who have served their two full consecutive terms under certain conditions.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved a one-year extension of the term of Personnel Board Member Debbie Carlson (for a term ending December 31, 1998).

5. From Beverly Winters a letter was received submitting her resignation from the Commission on Aging. The City Clerk

advised that a letter of appreciation for the Mayor's signature will be prepared.

The Council appointed Council Member Ryhal and Mayor Rominger to interview applicants for Commission on Aging.

6. From Pasha Mikalson a letter was received submitting her resignation from the Library Board. The City Clerk advised that a letter of appreciation will be prepared.

The Council appointed Council Members Ryhal and Flory to interview applicants for Library Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From Public Works Director Gary Wegener a report was received transmitting the minutes for the Water Resources Association Board meeting of October 6, 1997.

2. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Board meeting of October 8, 1997.

3. From the City Manager a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Transportation District Board meeting of October 14, 1997.

4. From Human Resources Manager Dean Gualco a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Personnel Board meeting of October 23, 1997.

5. From Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry a report was received summarizing action taken at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission meeting of October 27, 1997.

6. From Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of November 6, 1997, as follows:

a. Commission canceled the November 20, 1997 meeting due to lack of items.

b. Commission approved a conditional use permit for the Downtowners that will allow a mural to be painted on the west wall of the Chicago Cafe (411 Main Street).

c. Commission held a public hearing on a petition from the Turn of the Century requesting approval to prepare a specific plan for 977 acres located south of the existing City limits, east of East Street, west of County Road 102, and north of County Road 25A. The Commission recommended that the City Council approve the Turn of the Century's petition subject to modifications to the proposed specific

plan area's boundaries. Two maps were attached to the staff report: one depicted the boundaries as originally proposed by the Turn of the Century Group, and the other depicted the boundaries as recommended by the Commission. This matter will be on the City Council's agenda of December 2, 1997.

7. From the City Manager a report was received summarizing topics discussed at the Chamber/City 2 x 2 meeting of November 12, 1997.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The City Manager said Council was scheduled to discuss water issues at the November 25, 1997 fourth Tuesday Council meeting, but Council Member Borchard, the City's representative to the Water Resources Association Board, will not be able to attend that meeting so there will be no meeting on that date.

PROCLAMATION - CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK:

Carol Beckham, the Children's Librarian for the City, explained activities planned for Children's Book Week.

Mayor Rominger requested the addition of a phrase in the proclamation to state that children are encouraged to read a book during Children's Book Week.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed Children's Book Week in Woodland (November 17-23, 1997) with the revision suggested by Mayor Rominger.

Mayor Rominger presented the proclamation to Ms. Beckham.

LITERARY SERVICE PRESENTATIONS:

Lynda Nield, Literacy Coordinator for the Woodland Library Literacy Service, gave the Council an update on what has been going on with the Literacy service over the past year. She said the volunteers have continued to provide tutoring to community adults seeking assistance with reading, writing, math, and other life skills. She introduced to Council Hector Mokhtarian, President of the Yolo Literacy Council, and Fred Teichert of the Teichert Foundation.

Fred Teichert of the Teichert Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Yolo Literacy Council.

Hector Mokhtarian presented a check in the amount of \$16,000 from the Yolo Literacy Council to Mayor Rominger as the Literacy Council's share of the 1997-98 Budget for the Woodland Library Literacy Service.

Ms. Nield said the Yolo Literacy Council has contributed over \$112,000 over the past 12 years to the City of Woodland in support of its program.

The City Manager said the City of Woodland is blessed with a very unique and special set of people who generate this kind of volunteer donation capability to provide a public service over an extended period of time. He said it is unmatched in Woodland's history.

WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT:

Jeff Keane, Executive Director of the Woodland Opera House, reported to the City Council on the past year's accomplishments of the Opera House. He discussed fiscal responsibility, outreach to the community, the need to expand the programming of the Opera House, and long term planning for the Opera House as a facility.

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Rominger temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 7:48 p.m. in order to convene a meeting of the Woodland Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. See Agency minutes attached to these Council minutes as Exhibit A. At 8:11 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

COMPLETION OF FIRE STATION NO. 3 TRAINING CENTER:

The City Council accepted the Fire Station No. 3 Training Wing, Project No. 96-21, by Refnes Construction, Inc. as complete; directed the City Clerk to file a notice of completion; and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to sign the notice of completion.

EAST MAIN STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECT PROJECT:

The City Council (1) approved Agreement No. 97-30 between Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) and the City of Woodland regarding a Clean Air Fund Grant for the East Main Street Traffic Signal Interconnect Phase II, Project No. 97-45; (2) authorized the Public Works Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and (3) authorized the Public Works Director to purchase software, hardware, and consultant and data collection services in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.

REPLACEMENT TRACTOR MOWER:

The City Council awarded the purchase of one (1) mid-mount tractor mower to Mid Cal Tractor in the amount of \$10,017.15 for the Parks Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

STREET MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

The City Council (1) approved Contract Amendment No. 4 to the Contract for Streets Master Plan Engineering Consulting Services (Project No. 95-S1) with Fehr and Peers Associates for an amount of \$9,600 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$171,045; and (2) authorized the Public Works Director to execute the Contract Amendment on behalf of the City.

WEST STREET SIGNAL INTERCONNECT PROJECT:

The City Council accepted the West Street Signal Interconnect, Project No. 97-02, by M & M Electric Company as complete; directed the City Clerk to file a notice of completion for the project; and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to sign the notice of completion.

REGULAR CALENDAR:SKATE PARK AT CRAWFORD PARK:

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Tim Barry said Council is being asked to review and approve conceptual designs for the skate park which would be located at Crawford Park. He said at the March 18 meeting Council approved the location and conversion of two tennis courts at Crawford Park to be used as a skate park. Since then, he said, the Northern California Skateboard Association led by J. R. Perez and Debbie Whitehouse with the assistance of City staff and the architects have taken several steps leading to the recommended action. He said they held public workshops to find out what skaters wanted, developed preliminary designs, reviewed the designs with skaters, and prepared final designs. He said Bruce Playle and Michael Hodges from Lionakis Beaumont Design Group were present at the meeting, and they took interest in the project early on. He said they gave good information to the volunteers for the project and helped to get to this stage. He said there was no City money for this project, and the volunteers have dedicated their efforts to make this project happen on a volunteer basis. He said they assume money will be raised to construct the facility and the design group can be retained for their efforts.

Bruce Playle described the input they received to help with the design work. Michael Hodges reviewed the Plan A and Plan B for the project. Council received copies of each plan and their respective budgets. He said the quotations reflect the costs if the project were to go to bid. He said if there are donations the cost will be less. Council was advised that the Skateboard Association supports Plan A.

After some Council discussion Vice Mayor Losoya said he felt the project should be set in motion but contingent upon a certain amount of funds to be raised before any construction begins so that the project could be done phase by phase. He said he supports the concept and supports Plan A.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director said Council seems to prefer Plan A, but he said to approve both Plan A and B there will be opportunity for the fallback position if that is needed.

Mayor Rominger said the fallback position would work if the Council just approves Plan A.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the conceptual design Plan A for the construction of a skate park at Crawford Park (incorporating the phasing concept).

DRAFT HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN:

Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero gave Council an update on the draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). She said the HCP was brought before each of the four participating City Councils and the Board of Supervisors in November and December last year. The Cities of West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland as well as the Board of Supervisors conceptually approved the October 1996 version of the HCP. The Davis City Council was the last participating agency to conduct a hearing on the HCP on December 16, 1996. During the Davis Council meeting a vocal group of U.C. Davis students and professors objected to the adoption of the HCP. Furthermore, the Davis Council wanted to discuss certain implementation issues with the other Cities and the County before acting on the HCP. The Davis City Council therefore deferred approval of the HCP until additional discussion among the local agencies could take place. Next, a local official committee was appointed to discuss nine specific implementation issues raised by the Davis City Council. This committee met several times during February and March of 1997 resulting in a consensus on most of the issues. In early April 1997 staff of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of

Fish and Game (CDFG) met with many of the U.C. Davis academics who opposed the HCP, in an attempt to discuss their concerns and determine how to respond. Subsequent to these meetings, the Steering Committee met to discuss the local officials' recommendations and the comments of the academics. At this time the Committee was also informed of new USFWS guidelines that require additional treatment of monitoring and conservation strategies in the HCP to make it approvable. She said it became apparent that the HCP would have to be revised to a greater extent than earlier anticipated, to incorporate the concerns of the local officials, the academics, and the USFWS. Additionally, a court decision in April 1997 created a legal cloud over the CDFG's authority to issue permits that allow take of threatened and endangered species. That court decision caused CDFG to put "on hold" processing of any new permits for take of wildlife habitat resulting from development projects. She said since March the Steering Committee has been meeting monthly to discuss the best approach for responding to all the concerns raised by various parties. The USFWS in August gave the Committee detailed guidance on the manner in which the HCP needed to be revised. At the September 9 Steering Committee meeting, a detailed schedule for completion of the revised HCP was prepared, and Council received a copy of the schedule. The current schedule anticipates completion of a revised HCP by December with approval hearings conducted before the City Councils and Board of Supervisors in January 1998. Application of take permits from the State and Federal agencies is scheduled as soon as all local jurisdictions approve the final HCP. She said the Steering Committee feels confident that it has the full commitment of the permitting agencies to follow through on the proposed schedule and to produce a final HCP that can receive permit approval. A subcommittee of the Steering Committee has begun the HCP revisions. The revisions will rely heavily on the existing information that has been developed by EIP Associates, with additional work in areas such as conservation strategies, the monitoring program, and an adaptive management program, as recommended by the USFWS. The revisions will involve a substantial reorganization and improved presentation of material so that the planned revisions will not conflict with the desires or recommendations of other interest groups who have provided input into the HCP. She said a revised version of the HCP will be distributed in mid-December, prior to the next round of public hearings. At public hearings in January, staff will seek approval of the HCP and direction from the Councils and Board of Supervisors to submit applications to the USFWS and CDFG.

SECOND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER:

Council agreed to hold the second regular meeting in December 1997.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS STATUS REPORT:

The City Clerk gave Council an update on the existing listing of City Boards and Commissions indicating which appointees will have terms expiring December 31, 1997.

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Ryhal requested a future meeting agenda item regarding the Bikeway Master Plan.

Mayor Rominger requested a future meeting agenda item regarding the City's contribution toward maintenance of the Woodland Opera House.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:53 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk of the City of Woodland