

Council Chambers  
300 First Street  
Woodland, California

July 29, 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 of holding a conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation (Secs. 54956.9(a). The names of cases are: A. Teichert & Son, Inc. v. City of Woodland (Case No. V-97-CCC461) and Joseph Hernandez, Jr. v. City of Woodland, Carol Souza and Does 1 through 10, inclusive (U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. CIV-S-97-0141 GEB JFM). Council also held a conference with Labor Negotiator William Avery (Sec. 54957) regarding the following employee organizations: Woodland Mid-Management/Professional Association and Woodland Professional Firefighters' Association.

Council Members present at the meeting were: Rominger, Borchard, Flory, Losoya, Ryhal. Council Members absent: none. City Manager Kris Kristensen, Assistant City Manager Phil Marler, and City Attorney Ann Siprelle also attended the closed session.

The special session and closed session were adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The Woodland City Council met in regular session at 7:10 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, Borchard, Flory, Losoya, Ryhal

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Siprelle, Marler, Ruggiero, Winnop, Wegener, Ponticello, Ostebo, Pinegar, Pollard, Phillips, DeWeerd, Horgan, Smith, Gatie, Vierra, Wilson, Ahlgren, Grattidge, Martin, Brown

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

Mayor Rominger said in regard to the closed session no decisions were made.

MINUTES:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote (Mayor Rominger abstained), the City Council approved the minutes for the regular Council meeting of May 6, 1997, as prepared.

Mayor Rominger noted a change to the July 22 minutes to indicate that the Mayor announced the purpose of the closed session and not the City Manager.

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the minutes for the adjourned regular Council meeting of July 22, 1997, as corrected.

REMOVAL OF AGENDA ITEM:

Mayor Rominger announced that the agenda item regarding a discussion of City Council Member attendance at City Board and Commission meetings was removed from the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Tom Stallard, Member of the Board of Supervisors, a letter was received encouraging the Council to adopt a resolution to commemorate the State's three-year Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Discovery of Gold in 1998, the Gold Rush in 1999, and Statehood in 2000. Council was advised that the County of Yolo will be celebrating its own sesquicentennial in 1999 and is in the process of recruiting volunteers for the "Yolo County 150 Committee."

Resolution No. 4009 - Sesquicentennial Celebration:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4009, "A Resolution Approving Commemoration of the State of California's Sesquicentennial Celebration."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. From Library Services Director Marie Bryan a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Library Board meetings of June 2 and June 16, 1997.

2. From City Manager Kris Kristensen a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Water Resources Association Board meeting of June 13, 1997.

Mayor Rominger said in regard to page 2 of those minutes and the discussion about the Conaway Ranch and Bureau of Reclamation, the minutes state that the Bureau seems to be trying to impede conjunctive use and wants to keep the water in the river to minimize downstream third party impacts. She said she is concerned that we need to use the water in Yolo County wherever and whenever possible, and she suggested that the Council send a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation with copies sent to Reclamation District 2035 and the Conaway Ranch to request that the Bureau loosen up its grip and allow us to use the water in the best possible way in our County.

After discussion Council directed staff to prepare a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation for approval by Council on September 2, 1997.

3. From the City Manager a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Transit Authority Board meeting of June 19, 1997.

4. From Finance Director Margaret Vicars a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Yolo County Public Agency Risk Management Insurance Authority Board meeting of June 25, 1997.

5. From Human Resources Manager Dean Gualco a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Personnel Board meetings of July 2 and July 7, 1997.

6. From Community Development Director Janet Ruggiero a report was received transmitting the minutes of the East Street Corridor Specific Plan Committee meeting of July 9, 1997.

7. From the Community Development Director a report was received summarizing action taken at the Historical Preservation Commission meeting of July 9, 1997.

8. From Public Works Director Gary Wegener a report was received transmitting the minutes of the Tree Commission meeting of July 14, 1997.

9. From the Community Development Director a report was received summarizing action taken at the Planning Commission meeting of July 17, 1997, as follows:

a. Commission rescheduled its August 21 meeting to August 19.

b. Commission approved a conditional use permit for the New Life Preschool at 405 Plane Avenue. The preschool, which will serve 18 children, will operate within an existing church facility. The Planning Commission also certified a NDEIR on the item.

c. Commission held a public hearing on the Supplemental Draft EIR prepared on the request by Mark Lasher to amend the General Plan to increase the amount of general highway commercial uses allowed on his property from 5 acres to 25 acres. The remaining 31 acres of the project would still be designated for auto related uses only. The property is located at the southeast corner of County Road 102 and Interstate 5. This was the second public hearing held on the project. The Planning Commission directed the consultant to prepare the Final EIR. On August 19th, the Planning Commission will receive the Final EIR and make a recommendation to the City Council on the General Plan Amendment.

d. Commission determined that an auto rental agency should be a permitted use in the C-2 zone and directed staff to amend the Zoning Ordinance accordingly. This determination will allow Enterprise Rent-A-Car to locate at Purity Plaza.

e. Commission determined that the acquisition of property at the northwest corner of Branigan Avenue and Farnham Avenue for a park is consistent with the General Plan.

f. Commission received a report on the General Plan's population growth policies.

g. Commission received a presentation from City Attorney Ann Siprelle on the (1) Brown Act, and (2) the "indemnification condition" which is placed on many projects as a condition of approval.

RESOLUTION NOS. 4003, 4004, 4005, 4006 AND 4007 - RETIRING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya, and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4003, a resolution of appreciation for Cervando (Sonny) Cital; adopted Resolution No. 4004, a resolution of appreciation for Merle Grant; adopted Resolution No. 4005, a resolution of appreciation for David Klimper; adopted Resolution No. 4006, a resolution of appreciation for Jose Letamendi; and adopted Resolution No. 4007, a resolution of appreciation for John Saragoza.

Mayor Rominger presented Resolution No. 4003 to Sonny Cital who was retiring as City Street Superintendent after 33 years of service to the City.

Vice Mayor Losoya presented Resolution No. 4004 to Merle Grant who was retiring as City Senior Water Pollution Control Operator after 29 years of service to the City.

Council Member Flory presented Resolution No. 4005 to David Klimper who was retiring as City Maintenance Worker III after 30 years of service to the City.

Council Member Ryhal presented Resolution No. 4006 to Jose Letamendi who was retiring as City Street Supervisor after 35 years of service to the City.

Council Member Borchard presented Resolution No. 4007 to John Saragoza who was retiring as City Maintenance Worker II after 34 years of service to the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 4008 - POLICE LIEUTENANT RICHARD LANSBURGH:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4008, a resolution of appreciation for Police Lieutenant Rich Lansburgh.

Mayor Rominger presented the resolution of appreciation to Lieutenant Lansburgh who was leaving the City's employment after 20 years of service.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

Leilani Vierra, Community Services Officer of the Crime Prevention Division of the Police Department, described activities planned for National Night Out.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council proclaimed August 5, 1997 as National Night Out in Woodland.

Mayor Rominger presented the proclamation to Officer Vierra.

PUBLIC HEARING - ABANDONMENT OF PARK STRIPS IN NORTH PARK NO. 4:

Mayor Rominger said Council at this time will conduct a continued hearing on the proposed vacation of walking paths/linear park in North Park Unit No. 4.

Associate Planner Ron Pinegar gave the staff report.

Mayor Rominger opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke: David Villasquez, 324 El Capitan Drive; Bill Manson, 332 El Capitan Drive; David Wilson, 336 Woodland Avenue; and Elizabeth Gould, 325 El Capitan Drive.

There being no further comments Mayor Rominger closed the hearing. Council discussion followed. Council discussed property owners interest in maintaining a 20-foot setback on the front of their properties both along Woodland Avenue and El Capitan Drive. Council agreed to pay for the removal of concrete and erecting of new fencing between homes within the 20-foot

front yard setback. Mayor Rominger said she supported the removal of lighting and electrical lines within the abandoned areas. Council Member Borchard said he wanted to participate in negotiations with Stanley Davis Homes regarding the sales price of the north 24 feet of park strip made available with the abandonment.

The Community Development Director said that agreements with the property owners can be worked out to resolve these issues.

Resolution No. 4010:

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4010, a resolution to vacate the linear park strip and two walking paths in the North Park Unit No. 4 Subdivision, and adding a paragraph "e" regarding the 20-foot front yard setback.

**Council took a recess from 8:37 p.m. until 8:50 p.m.**

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Rominger temporarily adjourned the meeting of the Council at 8:50 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 9:33 p.m. the Redevelopment Agency Board meeting was adjourned, and the Council meeting was reconvened.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Rominger said that the Consent Calendar item regarding the purchase of a used truck cab and chassis for the Fire Department will be considered later in the meeting under Regular Calendar items.

Council Member Borchard requested that the letter to Caltrans for railroad crossing upgrade on East Main Street at Industrial Way be removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Council received an update on Park, Recreation and Community Services projects.

CAPITAL BUDGET EXECUTION:

Council received a report on Capital Budget execution from Public Works Director Gary Wegener.

STREETS MASTER PLAN:

The City Council (1) approved Contract Amendment No. 3 to the contract for Streets Master Plan engineering consulting services with Fehr & Peers Associates for an amount of \$14,845, a total contract amount not to exceed \$161,445; (2) authorized the Public Works Director to execute the contact amendment on behalf of the City; and (3) authorized the Public Works Director to execute further contract amendments up to \$1,500 (10% of the value of the increase in work).

FINAL MAP/SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT FOR TIM SNOW:

The City Council approved the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Subdivision No. 4317 for Tim Snow. The seven unit (1.155 acre) subdivision is located west of Thomas Street and south of Colfax Drive.

REGULAR CALENDAR:RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADE:

Senior Civil Engineer Nick Ponticello responded to questions from Council Member Borchard regarding railroad crossing safety issues.

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Ryhal and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council (1) approved the 10% funding commitment letter to Caltrans for the upgrade of a railroad grade crossing on Industrial Way at East Main Street; and (2) approved the Project Program Summary for addition to the 1997-98 Capital Budget.

DESIGN AND PURCHASE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR SOUTHLAND PARK:

Park Superintendent George Ahlgren advised that requests for proposals were opened earlier today for new play equipment for Southland Park. Four proposals were received and reviewed. Later in the afternoon, he said, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission met to review the designs and select one proposal. The Commission recommended awarding the purchase to Ross Recreation Equipment.

Pam Swartwood also expressed her support for the recommendation.

On motion of Council member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the design and awarded the purchase of new children's play equipment for Southland Park to Ross Recreation Equipment Company in the amount of \$23,888.73, consistent with the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

IN-LINE HOCKEY FACILITY AT FERNS PARK:

Park Superintendent George Ahlgren reported on the efforts of the In-Line Hockey group to convert two tennis courts at Ferns Park as an in-line hockey facility. He said the program has been very well received by the community, and the program has grown to the point where they have requested an expansion of their court for additional play. In June the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission gave tentative blessing to the group but asked that a public hearing be held at the Ferns Park neighborhood to receive input from the neighbors. He said on July 8 the hearing was held at Ferns Park, and the feedback from the neighborhood was very positive. The Commission has approved the concept and recommends Council approval. He pointed out that the proposal does not include any City dollars. The In-Line Hockey group will do its own fund raising. Plans and specifications will be reviewed and approved by the City, and once construction begins the construction would also be inspected by the City to make sure the project conforms to City standards.

Wes Schultz, President of the Woodland In-Line Hockey Association, gave Council an outline of the project.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the expansion of the In-Line Hockey Center at Ferns Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 4011 - GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Council Member Borchard stated that he has a conflict of interest with respect to the General Plan and temporarily left the Council meeting.

The Community Development Director requested Council action to set the fee to be submitted with the petition to request initiation of a specific plan. The fee would be submitted with the petition and application which is due on September 1, 1997. She said staff recommends a fee of \$2,000 which is based on an estimated number of hours staff believes it will need to review each petition. Secondly, she said Council approved the contract for the preparation of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. The funding for that contract was originally to be provided by the Turn of the Century/Chrysalis Group. There was

uncertainty at the time that they would provide the funding so the Council approve inter-fund borrowing to allow the project to proceed. Since that meeting staff met with Turn of the Century representatives, and they have submitted a letter confirming their commitment to the funding. Turn of the Century has provided the funding for the Community Design Guidelines as well as the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan and staffing for that. Turn of the Century's letter requests that a new agreement be entered into regarding reimbursement of this money by any properties which benefit from their work. Staff recommends that such an agreement be prepared and brought back to Council at the September 2 meeting. Due to the delay in funding the original timeline has been delayed approximately six weeks. This pushes the November 1 date for completion of numerous tasks to mid-December which puts most of the process in the Christmas holidays which is not a good time to hold public hearings. She suggested that the Council consider the date of February 1 which allows for the final hearings to be held in January 1998. If Council concurs, she said staff will provide another timeline at a later date.

Tom Lumbrazo spoke on behalf of Chrysalis Group and Turn of the Century partners. He said they paid \$120,000 to the City of Woodland last week honoring their agreement with the City, and the \$120,000 funds the specific plan guidelines and the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. He said this is consistent with Council's policy adopted in April for the developer to pay 100 percent of the cost of doing a specific plan. He said the policy the City is following is the same policy used by other neighboring communities.

On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote (Council Member Borchard was absent for this action), the City Council (1) adopted Resolution No. 4011 establishing a fee for the review of the request(s) to initiate a specific plan; and (2) instructed staff to negotiate and prepare a reimbursement agreement by September 16, 1997, for any moneys paid to the City of Woodland by Turn of the Century prior to the determination by the City Council on which petition to select to initiate the specific plan.

Council Member Borchard returned to the Council meeting.

**On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the Council meeting from 10:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.**

RESOLUTION NO. 4012 - REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY  
PLANNING:

Assistant City Manager Phil Marler said a joint resolution and conceptual work plan are recommended supporting a regional telecommunications effort with the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the cities of West Sacramento, Davis and Woodland, as well as the University of California at Davis. The resolution and recommended actions are the result of the efforts of joint work between the three cities and the County to lay the ground work to develop a regional approach to telecommunications issues.

Mr. Richard E. Esposto, Executive Director of the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission, gave a presentation on telecommunications and what is driving the "Television Revolution."

Council discussion followed.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council:

(1) Adopted Resolution No. 4012 entitled "A Joint Resolution Supporting Regional Telecommunications Planning of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo and the City Councils of the Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland, with the Support and Concurrence of UC Davis."

(2) Received the "Telecommunications Issues Paper - Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Implications for Local Government" and directed staff to share the issue paper with appropriate organizations as an educational and communications tool.

(3) Acknowledged the importance of regional telecommunications planning for Yolo County and made a commitment to participate collectively, whenever possible with other public agencies in Yolo County and the Yolo Area Regional Network (YARN); appointed the City Manager as the City's representative to YARN which has acted as a catalyst for regional telecommunication efforts in the County.

(4) Directed the City Manager to ensure this collaborative effort has appropriate Woodland City staff representation and approved up to \$3,000 to assist in the funding of regional telecommunication planning efforts in order to accomplish the following:

(a) with the assistance of a consultant, develop regional telecommunications policies, including management of the public right-of-way for subsequent Council approval;

(b) assist with special pragmatic projects that will be identified, for example, the interconnection of each agency's Emergency Operations Centers;

(c) provide financial assistance to YARN's efforts to provide ongoing educational summits on telecommunications; and

(d) participate collectively with YARN to determine possible mechanisms to institutionalize regional telecommunications efforts.

REPLACEMENT OF WATER TENDER:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Borchard and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement for a used truck cab and chassis in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for eventual use as a replacement water tender and to solicit proposals for the build up of the water tender. Total cost of the water tender will not exceed \$90,000.

**On motion of Council Member Ryhal, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council extended the Council meeting from 11:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.**

PIONEER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

Management Analyst Sherri Martin reported that the Southeast Area Specific Plan calls for the development of a ten acre neighborhood park. She requested Council approval of the acquisition of two parcels owned separately by Morrison Homes and Winncrest Homes. The City needs to acquire approximately 5.4 acres from Morrison Homes and approximately 4.6 acres from Winncrest Homes. The properties are located at the northwest corner of Branigan and Farnham Avenues.

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the proposed purchase agreements with Morrison Homes and Winncrest Homes for the acquisition of property for the Pioneer Neighborhood Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 4013 - INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4013 approving the 1996 Annual Report to the California Integrated Waste Management Board

regarding the Source Reduction and Recycling Element and the Household Hazardous Waste Element

BID CALL - POLICE STATION ROOF REPLACEMENT:

On motion of Council Member Losoya, seconded by Council Member Flory and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council approved the Project Programming Summary for the Police Station Roof Replacement, Project No. 97-33; and authorized \$9,700 for the Project from 1997-98 General Fund Reserves for Fund 02.

RESOLUTION NO. 4014 - MOU FOR WOODLAND MID-MANAGEMENT:

On motion of Council Member Borchard, seconded by Council Member Losoya and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4014 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Woodland Approving Certain Terms and Conditions for Woodland Mid-Management/Professional Association" and directed the City Manager to take the necessary steps to implement this resolution.

COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT BOARD/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

Council removed the agenda item regarding City Council Member attendance at City board and commission meetings.

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Ryhal requested a future meeting agenda item regarding a Senior Softball Team participating in a National Championship and Senior Olympics Program.

Council Member Flory requested a future meeting agenda item regarding West Street not being widened between Main and Court Streets with the construction of the Walgreens Project.

Mayor Rominger requested a future meeting report on destruction derby cars and distribution of the cars after the event.

Council Member Flory requested a report on fencing along the Railroad tracks at East Street south of Gibson Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:12 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. (No Council meetings were scheduled for the month of August.)

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City Clerk of the City of Woodland