

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JULY 11, 1950

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at the City Hall, San Anselmo, July 11, 1950 at 8:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen: Skinner, Knoles, O'Mara, Smith, Booth
Absent: Councilmen: None

Mayor Booth presiding

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 1950 read and approved.

CITY COUNCIL CONVENEED AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Mayor Booth asked that any additional protests be submitted at this time, and announced that the Board of Equalization would adjourn to July 12 at 8:00 P.M., at the City Hall, at which time all protests would be heard.

CITY ATTORNEY BURESH ABSENT. Mayor Booth advised that he would be present at 9:00 P.M.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilman Knoles reported that the fence which was damaged at the Ball Park was being repaired, and that there had been a good attendance at ball games held at the park.

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilman Skinner reported on the baseball game between the Police and Fire Departments.

Permission for the wearing of lighter weight uniforms in the hot summer weather was requested and granted.

Pay of City Employees who report for reserve summer active duty ^{military} maneuvers

It was reported that the City Council did, on May 10, 1949, Page 238 of the minutes, approve the policy of paying such employees at the rate of 50% of their regular salary while on such active duty. It was agreed that the same policy would be continued.

Parking- San Anselmo Avenue at Jack's Drug Store. The present first space which permits parallel parking was declared to be dangerous and it was asked that parking be prohibited in this space. Discussion as to making this space the "three minute medical zone" over-ruled. Moved by Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that the space be restricted and parking prohibited in said space. Councilman Smith qualified his Aye vote inasmuch as he was not in favor of further limiting already scarce parking space.

Councilman Skinner commented on the excellent cooperation of the Police and Fire Departments during the recent fire at the Stork Shop.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:

Map requested installed on the wall behind the Council Table, and it was so ordered and approved.

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2 Park Drive- Additional Street light requested by Jean Sage. Councilman
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4 Smith advised that it was his opinion that this area was lighted better
5 than many other areas in the city and that the request be held in abey-
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7 ance at this time.

8 Replacing broken electrolier on East Side of San Anselmo Ave. at Tamal-
9 pais Avenue. Previous order of the City Council was that the boiler
10 covering exposed circuit at this point be replaced by a base, such as
11 used for the other electroliers. The P.G.&E. Co. recommended that
12 a taper tube type be installed at this location in the interest of econ-
13 omy, as it was their opinion that the city will ultimately change all
14 of the electroliers on San Anselmo Ave. in accordance with the street
15 light survey recently completed by the P.G.&E.
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18 The Supt. of Streets advised that the next electrolier to the South was
19 also damaged and should be replaced in the interest of safety, however,
20 it was believed that this would put two larger size lights too close
21 together. The City Clerk to get additional information.
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24 Parking in the rear of the City Hall. Moved by Councilman Smith and
25 seconded by Councilman Knoles that the parking space behind the City
26 Hall be reserved for city employees who may regularly use same, as well
27 as for persons on official business, and that the balance be reserved
28 for police and fire department use.
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30 Street name sign for Stone Court and Brookside. requested by Mr. A.E. F
31 Fowler Jr. of #10 Stone Court. Sign ordered installed.
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33 SIDEWALKS- Brookside Ct. & Brookmead Court. It was indicated that it
34 was to be the intention of the council that the property owners be
35 ordered to have the sidewalks installed.
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37 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

38 Warrants # 2216-2265 ^{Incl.} were approved and ordered paid on the motion of
39 Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner.
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41 RELATIVE TO SUGGESTED RESTRICTED PARKING ON NORTH SAN ANSELMO AVENUE
42 CITY PARKING LOT AND PROPERTY OF JAMES BOAGINI*. Chief of Police Wood
43 reported on the results of a survey which indicated that the city park-
44 ing lot is not presently utilized fully. He suggested that no restrict-
45 ions be imposed at the present, and it was so adopted.
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48 MERCED AVENUE RESTRICTED TO ONE WAY TRAFFIC on the motion of Councilman
49 Smith and seconded by Councilman O'Mara. Traffic to travel only from
50 Fern Lane north easterly to San Anselmo Ave. Councilman Skinner advised
51 that while he was voting in favor of this motion, it was his opinion
52 that such restrictions should not only apply to this street but all oth-
53 ers of similar width and condition.
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LAWRENCE HALPIN APPOINTED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1950 TO
serve as police officer replacing Ernest Lind at a salary of \$247.00
per month, *for the period of the vacations.*

CIVILIAN DEFENSE DISASTER CORPS APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE MAYOR AS FOLLOWS:

Walter O. Langford - Commander
Lawrence R. Kempton - Vice Commander
J. Lee Chaille - Executive Officer

Military Advisory Staff:

Capt. Milton Topper
Capt. Wm.A. Niccolls
Sgt. Wm.J. Peters
Sgt. Richard Kash.

Transportation

Frank M. Sloan
Vern Ingraham

Police

Chief of Police D.T. Wood

Fire Marshall

Chief Nello Marcucci

Medical Stations

Mrs. Thomas M. Chalmers

Communications Head

Dr. George V. Oliva

Demolition

J.E. Nelson

Public Utilities

B.R. Kane
Coulter Stewart
FRED BERGER

REQUEST TO MOVE HOUSES. Oliver E. Fuller requested a permit to move a
house from 1309 S.F. Drake Blvd. to Lot 4 San Rafael Heights on Greenfield
Avenue. Permit granted provided that the work is done between the hours
of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. and provided the mover work with the Chief
of Police for traffic control and the City Clerk as to insurance and
bond requirements. Permit granted to Ben Guglielmo to move house from
1309 S.F. Drake to Elm Ave. on the same basis.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM. The proposal
previously made by the City Council that the summer program be under the
supervision of the Elementary Schools was acknowledged by Mr. R. Rickleffs
and it was stated that the school board is considering the proposal.

PARK AREA NORTHWEST CORNER BUTTERFIELD AND SUFFIELD. Mrs. Elsie Turri
owner of adjacent property requested that the City properly care for the
Park Area. Matter referred to Councilman Knoles.

EXCAVATION PERMIT HEARING- GUASCO

Whereas, Felice and Terásina Guasco had applied for an excavation permit
to do certain excavating on their property situated adjacent to the
Southwest line of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at Bridge Street, San Anselmo;
and whereas the Building Inspector had refused to issue said permit applied
for under the provisions of Ordinance #315; and whereas, the said petit-
ioners had appealed to the City Council on June 19, 1950 that said permit
be issued, and whereas the City Clerk did set this matter for hearing on
Tuesday, July 11, 1950 before the City Council, and whereas said hearing

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2 was held on said date and the interested parties were heard in the mat-
3 ter, and the recommendations of the City Engineer(who was absent) as
4 contained in his letter dated July 5,1950 were read;

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6 Now therefore be it resolved, upon the motion of Councilman Smith, which
7 was seconded by Councilman O'Mara, that said excavation permit and build-
8 ing permit be granted subject to the recommendations of the City Engineer
9 and with the understanding that the City is not obligated in any way to
10 do any protecting or shoring up of any property involved in this ex-
11 cavation. This motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

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14 PUBLIC HEARING ALLEGED DILAPIDATED BUILDING, ORDINANCE # 251
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16 The property at #15 Ross Avenue, or known as: Lot Comm. 147 feet West of
17 the West Line of San Anselmo Ave., running thence ^W 50 feet by depth of
18 110 feet, being portions of Lots 5&6 of Block 2 of the Sunnyside Tract,
19 owned by Victor and Lucille Vallergera, having been posted and the owner
20 notified by registered mail as provided by the above Ord. # 251.

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22 The Building inspector testified that it was his opinion that the struct-
23 ure is dilapidated and in his opinion is a fire hazard; C.O. Hunter, com-
24 plainant and adjacent property owner testified along the same vein.

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26 Robert Carter, attorney for the above property owners, alleged that
27 there were several other buildings in the same block and in close prox-
28 imity to the subject property in like condition and that he believed it
29 unfair to proceed against only one such property owner; Mr. Carter was
30 denied the right to question the Building Inspector-Fire Chief with ref-
31 erence to the other properties not involved in this action; The City
32 Attorney advised Mr. Carter of the Provisions of Section 5 of Ordinance
33 #251; and the City Attorney requested that it appear in the minutes that
34 owners Vallergera were represented by Counsel and did not personally testify.
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36 Pursuant to the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman
37 Skinner and unanimously adopted, that the building does constitute a
38 public nuisance and it was ordered razed.

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41 PARCEL A - CUL DE SAC OFF BENNETT AVENUE, in Block 6, Hawthorn Hills #3.
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43 The affected property owners, L.J. McCormick, Peter Fracchia, and Edgar
44 L. Colton requested information as to legal status of this area and whether
45 improvements and or repairs could be expected from the city. Matter was
46 continued to August 8th. Referred to the City Attorney for legal clar-
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50 TAXI CAB PERMITS: Moved by Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman
51 Knoles that permits for the year 1950-51 be issued on the same basis as
52 granted for last year with the exception of Joe Milani, who did not re-
53 quest a permit for this year.
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PUBLIC CROSSING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM MIRACLE MILE OR SOUTHERLY LANE REDHILL AVE. TO NORTHERLY LANE, REDHILL AT HIGHLAND CENTER. Request re-

ceived from Bertha Devoto requesting that this thoroughfare be closed for a 24 hour period on August 15th in accordance with license agreement dated Oct. 19, 1948. Moved by Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner that the Chief of Police close the thoroughfare as requested.

ALLEGED DANGEROUS OAK TREE at 51 Grove Lane reported by Robt. Hill-Murray. Matter referred to Councilman Smith and Supt. of Streets.

EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION ON ELM AVE. PROPERTY OF T.J. TARRANT. The City Clerk advised that he had advised Mr. Tarrant that certain retaining wall construction was not entirely proper as recommended by the City Engineer and it was the intention of the city to hold Mr. Tarrant personally responsible in the event of any damage, inasmuch as the construction was done while he was in control of the property. The City Attorney advised that he believed this to be sufficient notice to Mr. Tarrant.

DAMAGE TO PLAYGROUND AREA DURING CONSTRUCTION AT ISABEL COOK SCHOOL in March 1949, at which time the City Clerk advised Biltwell Construction that it was the intention of the City to look to them for payment of the cost of this damage. The Supt. of Sts. advised that he had not been able to repair the damage as yet, but estimated the cost of the work to be \$75.00. The City Clerk was advised to obtain this sum and close the matter.

LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES: Mr. P.F. Hines and Miss Valerie Ansel were re-appointed to the Library Board for the ensuing term as recommended by Dr. Robt. L. Taylor, President of the Library Board, on the motion of Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman O'Mara.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF CENSUS OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO stated to be 9,177 by a letter from the Dept. of Commerce.

TWENTY FOOT STRIP OF LAND IN THE REAR OF THE ONGARO BLDG. ON SAN ANSELMO AVE. AT BRIDGE: The City Attorney was instructed to draw up a revocable license between the City and Ongaro for the use of this City property.

REQUEST FOR MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING IN PRESENT FIRST RESIDENTIAL DIST. at 318 Butterfield Rd. received from Geo. Kagan. Matter referred to the Planning Commission.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE BAY RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL. Letter of notification of Public Hearing by the State received.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE read and ordered filed.

REQUEST FOR COUNTY ROAD FROM RED HILL AVE. AT ABOUT FORBES AVE., SAN ANSELMO to West 41st Street, San Rafael requested by the San Anselmo City Chamber

of Commerce. Matter was filed inasmuch as the County Planning Commission is presently working out a comprehensive County Road Plan.

LARRY WALSH APPOINTED TO RECREATION COMMISSION as requested by Carola Sward, Secretary of the Recreation Commission upon the motion of Councilman Knoles and seconded by Councilman Smith.

STORK SHOP FIRE: Letter of thanks for efficient handling of this fire by the city departments received from the owner of the shop, adjacent tenant and the insurance company.

EXCAVATION PERMIT. Request of Mr. Fredricks for excavation Lots 1&2 Block 9, Hawthorne Hills #3, which had been approved by the City Engineer was granted on the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman O'Mara.

Books & Records for year ending 30, June 1950
AUDITING ASSIGNMENT AWARDED TO LESTER HERRICK AND HERRICK upon the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner.

HUMANESOCIETY EMERGENCY CALLS AFTER REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, previously referred to the City Clerk, advised that this matter will be properly cared for by the new manager, Kenneth Murgatroyd, and that no further confusion should develop on this score.

CALL FOR BIDS- TRAFFIC SIGNALS- Drake Boulevard at San Francisco Blvd. and at Drake Blvd. and Butterfield Road to be opened at the meeting to be held August 8, 1950. The bid to be on materials as prepared by the City Engineer. The City Clerk is also to get bids for the installation of this equipment.

FOSS AVENUE TREES: The City Attorney advised that he had inspected these trees and that said trees appear to be dangerous. The City is on notice in this matter. The City Clerk is to try to have the P.G. & E. Trim the trees, but if this is not possible to have the owner do said work for the safety of peoples and property.

CITY AUTOMOBILE GARAGE WORK AND ~~GR~~ PROJECTS TO BE ~~HANDLED~~ THROUGH SAN AN*

SELMO MERCHANTS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND EXPEDIENT upon the advice of Councilman O'Mara.

STREET SIGN FOR ALPINE ROAD "NOT A THROUGH STREET" requested by A. Von Rotz. Sign approved and ordered installed on the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Skinner.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:20 A.M. TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1950 as a Board of Equalization.

Read and approved this 8 day of August 1950


Ray M. Overdick, City Clerk