

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN ANSELMO CITY COUNCIL  
HELD JANUARY 8th 1957 -

PRESENT COUNCILMEN - Booth, Ball, Cullen, Smith  
ABSENT COUNCILMAN - O'Connell  
MAYOR SMITH, presiding

Councilman Booth moves to dispense with reading of minutes of Dec. 11th meeting with one correction that "Council approved by vote the appointment of Donald Jensen as County Civil Defense Coordinator. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

Mayor Smith read letter of resignation from John O'Connell stating due to ill health, this was necessary. Councilman Booth moves to accept this resignation with regret and letter be sent to Mr. O'Connell expressing this and thanking him for her services as councilman. Councilman Ball second same. Passed unanimously

Letter read from John O'Connell bringing to the attention two matters he had intended to bring before council. (1) against the reducing of the police force and (2) the necessity of enacting dog leash ord.

CHAPEL HILLS letter of thanks to Police Dept. for the courteous escorts given to funeral services. Read.

DOG LEASH ORD. City Attorney absent from meeting - no copy available, matter held up until Mr. Fred Kerr returned with copy of county ord.

SUB-DIV. Ord. Councilman Booth moves this ordinance be referred to Planning Commission and (12) mimeographed be made available - Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

ORDINANCE #411, "Amending Ord. #403, Use Tax Ordinance", due to error in not having this ordinance printed, same was read again. Councilman Booth moves adoption of Ordinance #411. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Cullen moves Warrants 6790 -6841 be approved and ordered paid. Councilman Booth seconds same. Passed unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING on application of Lenore H. Cantua to rezone Lots 71-72-73 San Rafael Heights, Sub 1, from First Residential to Commercial Zone. Planning Commission recommended to council that Lots 72 & 73 be rezoned to Multiple and Lot 71 be denied.

Mrs. Cantua present spoke on her reason for requesting rezoning, would like to put in Apts and stores on her property.

Mrs. Carpenter, 320 Greenfield Ave. spoke against this rezoning.

After discussing this matter Councilman Booth moves to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and Rezone Lots 72-73 from First Residential to Multiple dwelling and deny the rezoning of Lot 71. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING on application of O.E. Fuller, et al to rezone Lots 2-3-4 San Rafael Hghts, Sub 1, from First Residential to Commercial Zone.

After public hearings the Planning Commission denied this application.

Mr. Fuller present at meeting spoke in favor of this rezoning, would like to use rear of property for Commercial enterprise, presented petition to council (19) signatures in favor of this rezoning. Mrs. Carpenter, 320 Greenfield Avenue asked if petition presented by Mr.

Fuller contained names of property owners within 300' radius - clerk read names and addresses. Mayor Smith stated city had bought property along Miracle Mile for freeway- also there was no ingress and egress from Miracle Mile - Councilman Ball moves to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and deny this application. Councilman Booth seconds same. Passed unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING on application of Ray E. Nolan to rezone Lot 157, Ross Valley Park, Sub 2, from first residential to Multiple dwelling, this application denied by Planning Commission.

Mr. Schott, 144 Sycamore presented petition signed by (34) protesting this rezoning - David Kendall, 122 Sycamore also spoke against this rezoning. Letter read from Mr. Nolan withdrawing his appeal to rezone Lot 157 and substituting a request to rezone only a portion of this property, being piece next to lumber yard to R3 - plat presented to council showing this lot. Councilman Ball state he had inspected lot in question and would be in favor of rezoning lots next to lumber yard with provisions for off street parking. Resident's of that area feel if council rezones one lot Mr. Nolan would be in to rezone rest later on.

Mayor Smith stated while he is on the council he would not be in favor of rezoning other lots. Mr. Nolan guaranteed no other Apts are planned - just single family dwelling on other lots - After lengthy discussion Councilman Booth moves to give permission to build on Ptn Lot 157, which has a frontage of 95 feet and approximate depth of 100 feet, Ross Valley Park Sub 2, and same be rezoned from R-1 to R-3 Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

DOG LEASH ORD. # "Amending Ord. #318 read in full by Chief Wood. Councilman Booth moves to adopt ordinance. Councilman Ball seconds same. Passed unanimously. Mayor Smith asked for discussion on this ordinance. Wm. Sichel, 35 Carolina asked what powers would be invested to the Humane Society also taking dogs from property - Mr. Kerr Treasure Humane Society stated dogs on street can be impounded - not the intention of pound to go on property excepts from complaints. Councilman Booth spoke on above subject stating animals have become more or less a pest to the public, especially around school, and something has to be done. County passed this ordinance and San Rafael passed same, should be uniform throughout. Letters were read from Mr. & Mrs. Diest, 314 Bolinas Ave., and V.A. Becker, 35 Foss Ave., stressing the need for Dog Leash Ordinance.

MATTER OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ON SUFFIELD AVE. Chief Wood reported on survey stating both Avenue have concrete curbs and gutters and paved roadway with approx 10' of sidewalk area on each side of the street which is obstructed by plants, etc., in most cases - making sidewalk area unavailable thereby creating a hazard for foot traffic - Chief makes the following recommendations.

1. That concrete sidewalks be installed on both sides of these streets for entire distance.
2. That if first suggestions is not followed, that the sidewalk area be cleared of all obstructions with clear walkway for pedestrians - tree growth be kept to maximum of 18".
3. That if neither of the above suggestions are followed, that the present traffic travel and parking remain as it has for the past 36 years.

Letter from Calif. State Auto Assn, addressed to Phil Hiaring read. Phil Hiaring spoke in favor of Suffield being one-way, residents would like to see parking on one side only - stop sign at end of Valley Road -

Mr. Forry spoke against Suffield being one-way street. Harry Parker, 50 Suffield feels sidewalks not solution to this problem. After lengthy discussion Councilman Booth moves to recind action taken by City Council at October meeting and allow Suffield Ave, to stay as is until such time as Chief Wood advises otherwise. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously  
Chief Wood spoke on parking on one side of Suffield, stating if cars are parked on both sides of the street you have to drive carefully and also acts to slw down traffic, if parking is on one side only you make it easier for people to use this street and have a larger volume of people on same.

CHIEF WOOD reporting on parking matter for Real Estate Row, requests that same be put over until February meeting.

DRIVEWAY COMPLAINT-E.J. Racouillat, Chief Wood reporting for City Atty stated driveways of Wm. Sichel & E.J. Racouillat on Carolina St create a very serious public nuisance and city council should request removal of same. Councilman Booth stated Mr. Komo's was worse than others - Mr. Sichel Sichel asked why three people should be singled out and others allowed to remain- after lengthy discussion Mayor Smith stated matter will be tabled until February meeting for further study and council will confer with City Attorney.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ORR, was brought up by Councilman Booth stating there was a definite need to keep him on, if left go at this time and vacations starting in a few months he might not be available. Councilman Booth asked Chief Wood to talk on this matter. Chief Wood stated John Orr has proved a good officer, San Anselmo is always in the market for good material. Men now are working overtime with no extra pay and no time off. 2200 hours overtime worked by men in department which amounts in dollars and cents to \$5500.00. Juvenile Officer created first as part time but today it is felt that Juvenile Officer should be doing nothing but juvenile work but lack of personnel prevents this.

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From criminals point San Anselmo has the reputation of being a tough place to operate and that is due to men in the department. With the hiring of Officer Orr, will alleviate overtime, also additional need for vacation relief and night patrolman. Councilman Booth moves to retain John Orr on permanent basis. Councilman Ball seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Booth asked that letter be sent to John O'Connell advising him of the appointment of John Orr to Police Department.

LETTER FROM GEO.W.COWAN and W.A.Fogarty regarding overnight parking on Scenic Ave and asking council for some assistance in this matter. Stating street is narrow, they had chopped away hillside area to park and after two years of parking had now received overnight parking tickets. Complaining street is dark up there, some street lights have been out for one year. Councilman Cullen stated he was very familiar with this problem and feels the overnight parking ordinance is the most controversial issue the councilmen have to face, years ago city issued warning for first time parkers - asked why these are no longer issued - Chief Wood stated it was a difficult task to keep track of license numbers and locations, people have abused this policy. Mayor Smith state he had heard lots of compliments when these warnings were issued and some Police Dept. back east had even asked for a copy of same. Councilman Booth feels the people on Upper Scenic should be given some consideration, you can't park a car downtown and walk up there, and suggests Chief Wood use his discretion and give relief to above parties - also use warnings if any are left.

Councilman Booth asked letter be written to PG&E to put in street lights on Scenic also advise them when lights are reported out they be replaced immediately. Councilman Booth said she had a phone call regarding a small light on Butterfield Road & Willow Way -same should be changed to larger one.

JUDD BROWN, 101 Hilldale Drive letter regarding condition of Sycamore trees in that area, asking if City is going to take care of these trees this coming season, if not same should be removed. Letter referred to Councilman Ball.

E. BACIGALUPI letter regarding condition of street off Greenfield lot was leveled off and dirt left on part of the easement near Mrs. Cantua's garage. Mr. Oglesby stated we have bond on this matter Mayor Smith asked that necessary steps be taken.

ROBERT BEEDLE letter requesting leave of absence effective Jan. 6, 1957 due to his being called for military duty. Chief Marcucci asked that Gerald Cahill be appointed from the eligible list to replace Robt. Beedle. Gerald Cahill to start work on the 15th of Jan. Councilman Booth moves above request be granted. Councilman Ball seconds same. Passed unanimously

E.S.Merriman & Sons letter in connection with city's unauthorized entry on the land of Mrs. O.W.Jones, Center Blvd. & Madrone for purpose of installing a storm drain. City Engineer read his reply in answer to above letter.

CALIF.CORRECTION INDUSTRIES letter regarding road barriers for sale - Council previously authorized purchase of barriers - Councilman Ball moves to purchase 24 road barriers per letter. Councilman Booth seconds same. Passed unanimously

#### COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Mayor Smith appointed Councilman Ball as Fire Commissioner. Councilman Ball spoke regarding sale of Jones property. Councilman Booth moves Councilman Ball be authorized to get appraisals. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

DEVOTO PROPERTY- Councilman Ball reported Thos Kent would be glad to work with city but does not make appraisals anymore. Councilman Booth moves Councilman Ball be given permission to continue in manner he sees fit for appraisals. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Ball reported on complaint of Miss Larney, San Anselmo Ave where rose bushes were damaged in the installing of new culvert, feels in the future property owners should be notified before any work is done on their property - City Engineer stated he was unable to contact people Letter to be sent to Miss Larney by City Atty.

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Councilman Ball reported complaint of Mrs. Watkins, 500 Oaks Ave regarding road condition he considers same a private road - asked this be tabled until February meeting for further study.

POLICE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Councilman Booth spoke regarding publicity on how we are using Sales tax money stating League of California Cities publish same in their magazine. City Engineer to write letter.

FINANCE COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Councilman Cullen spoke on Laster Subdivision - regarding 250' width - would like to be annexed to city. City Attorney to write letter informing of necessary steps to take.

On warrant #6847 made out to Highland Realty covering court cost on Miracle Mile case - would like City Attorney to write letter as to what this bill constitutes.

Councilman Cullen spoke on Ash Avenue Improvements - City Engineer to advise approximate cost of improvements - individual assessments, etc

On City Manager form of government, Councilman Cullen and Councilman Ball went to League of Calif. Cities, Berkeley, secured quite a bit of information - same to be tabled until full council is present.

JANUARY 30th set as date to meet with Planning Commission to discuss Planning Technician.

CITY ENGINEER REPORTS:

Prices on culvert across San Anelmo Ave in front of City Hall over \$2,000. Councilman Ball moves to advertise for bids for February meeting. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

Regarding grading of road (Cherne Property) City Engineer informed them they would have to submit plans and go thru regular procedure.

CHRISTMAS TREE FUND, City Engineer advised there is a change in the figures. Councilman Booth moves minute resolution be adopted authorizing City Engineer to make changes in application for Chapter 47 Funds and appoints City Engineer as the agent for signing request. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously  
City Engineer to check with City Clerk regarding storm damage money (\$1,943.94) see if same has been received from state.

City Engineer to prepare memorandum of agreement re-Ferry property

CHIEF WOOD REPORTING FOR CITY ATTORNEY - Matter of DeMartini sidewalks, repaired portion already - will do balance.

Obstruction in creek - same will be done - city should allow a period of time for removal of same.

ZONING VIOLATIONS - One now in court with jury trial - four other violations in Sequoia Park - Councilman Booth moves to authorize City Attorney to proceed against other violators in Sequoia Park. Councilman Cullen seconds same. Passed unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:25 A.M. until February 12th 1957

Anita Gannon, City Clerk

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