

Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held on April 26, 1966

Present Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Ragan, Smith, Reichmuth  
Mayor Reichmuth, presiding

Mayor read letter from Bryce Anderson, City Editor for I.J. asking that they be notified of any special meetings called at any time by board or any committees.

Report on proposed acquisition of property at 201 Red Hill Avenue made by City Administrator.

Councilman Smith said acquisition of this property is very important for a left hand sticking lane. Councilman Ragan asked for an opinion from City Engineer Leitzell. City Engineer stated with purchase of this property could arrange for left turn into Sequoia without blocking other two lanes going toward San Rafael, this project could be done with gas tax money. Councilman Ragan asked Chief Buchignani if this would be important as far as traffic is concerned. Chief stated definite improvement.

Councilman Ragan moves city proceed with whatever action is necessary to purchase this property/ Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

BIDS: for spraying of trees in public right of way. City Administrator reported Sohner only bidder, received no bid from Morrison Tree Service. Sohner bid in the amount of \$1,035.00. Councilman Smith moves to accept Sohner bid. Councilman Scott seconds same. On motion Councilman Capurro stated should have more than one bid, put out for more competition when this amount of money is involved. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilman: Scott, Ragan, Smith, Reichmuth

Noes Councilman: Capurro

Councilman Capurro voted no as same should be competitive bid.

Request for variance for installation of sign by Gallagher-Sturiale, 310 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, sign 5' x 7' due to length of name smaller sign would not be satisfactory. Representative stated very difficult to see present sign, this is very expensive sign, trying to attract people, sign will be in same location as present sign. Councilman Capurro moves approval to sign if same meets with the approval of the Chief of Police. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Request for variance for sign by Specialty Properties, 250 Redhill Ave. No one present from this company. Councilman Ragan moves to hold over for next meeting, have gentlemen appear and sketch of sign be presented. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Request for transfer of funds. Mr. Kaepfel, Controller went over list and explained items to council. Council discussed different items, on matter of auto repairs, Councilman Capurro stated would be lot cheaper to have this work done outside, cost going up all the time. City Administator explained when work done outside city ran into a lot of trouble especially on fire department equipment, work would be held up for several days. On matter of sweeper, Councilman Capurro stated ridiculous figure to spend on sweeper, should take better care of equipment. City Administrator said sweeper is in good running condition now, at budget time should discuss new sweeper. Councilman Ragan moves approval to transfer of funds in the amount of \$18,361.00. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Final Payment to Marin Municipal Water District for work in Indian Rock Assessment District in the amount of \$1,056.90. Councilman Capurro moves approval. Councilman Scott seconds. Passed unanimously

Preliminary Fire Dept. budget for 1966-67. City Administrator read same. Mayor stated in past did not include salaries, that is discussed at end of budget time and if agreeable with council would do same this year.

On matter of health insurance City Administrator reported he is wokring on a plan to combine with other cities in Marin and if OK will reduce cost. On 5-year plan, will discuss same with council and that would include new fire house.

Councilman Capurro feels should have budget session first, then meet with Sleepy Hollow, this is just a guide in negotiating with Sleepy Hollow. City Administrator state Sleepy Hollow is not charged for overhead cost, same is not in present contract would recommend same for new contract. Councilman Ragan strongly recommends they pay on this. City Attorney said don't have to change contract, if Sleepy Hollow don't want to pay on same, then no fire service. May 17th set as date for meeting with Sleepy Hollow, with council's approval will mail out copy of budget to Sleepy Hollow.

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Easement at 28-36 Mariposa Ave. City Engineer presented sketch and explained this easement. City Attorney stated Sohner's should pay cost for advertising, etc. May 24th set as date of public hearing, should have cost for advertising before this meeting. Councilman Capurro moves by minute resolution to abandon any interest city might have in this easement. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Request from Hugh Osborne for leave without pay from May 16th-27th, also his resignation as Jr. Civil Engineer. Councilman Ragan moves approval to leave also acceptance of his resignation and personally commended Hugh for excellent performance with city, without him City Engineer would have been in a bad way. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Administrator asked permission from council to fill this position. Councilman Ragan stated because of close work with Engineering Dept. feels he can speak and since Bob has become city engineer things have been done that were'nt done before - this office is always busy and feels city engineer needs an assistant and it would be very dangerous not to recruit for one. City Engineer Leitzell spoke on work in his department, additional work on small subdivisions, updating of street numbering map, needs for additional followup - working at present on storm drains and there locations, sign, zoning and subdivision ordinances need revision, want to improve streets, get more sidewalks installed, need to work on accepted and unaccepted streets. Working on index system for variances, subdivisions, behind on these things and need to catch up, work on gas tax takes lots of time and work - have accomplished lots of work but still a lot more to be done.

Councilman Capurro against Asst. Engineer when hired, thinks should be a budget item, knows Bob is doing a good job and needs help but would like to see discussed at that time. Councilman Reichmuth feels Bob would not ask for assistant if he did'nt need one.

Councilman Ragan moves to give permission to recruit for assistant at this time. Councilman Capurro said Hugh originally was hired by gas tax money for Tunstead Avenue project. Councilman Smith stated he has always been critical of Public Works Dept., felt should farm out major engineering projects but had talked to Bob and feels he needs the help. Chairman for Community Congress stated 75% of questionnaire's mailed out spoke on traffic problems, indicates need for assistant, department going to have an increased load and needs all assistance necessary.

John West stated Planning Commission working on inventory of projects that need to be done and if replacement is let go and there is a gap the gains we have made would be lost and ask council to consider this position again.

Councilman Smith seconds the motion. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Ragan, Smith, Reichmuth  
Noes Councilman: Capurro

Councilman Ragan moves to promulgate list for successful candidates passing police department examination:

Myron MacNeil	80.13%	Alan Mansfield	75.20
Richard Schmidt	79.73	George Olson	72.00
David Banfield	76.00		

Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Matter of appointment to Bay Area Pollution Control Board. Chas Aby of San Rafael term on board expires May 31, 1966. Mayor Reichmuth approves continuing with Chas. Aby. Councilman Smith moves approval. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Matter of requiring Use Permits - Councilman Ragan would like to see Use Permits required for used car lots - City Attorney mentioned such things as junk yards, dance halls, etc. Mayor would like to have Planning Commission study same. Councilman Ragan moves to ask Planning Commission to review ordinance and recommend to council any additional uses to require use permits. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Administrator mentioned Institute for Mayors and Councilmen at Monterey.

Letter from Park & Recreation asking council to meet with them. Councilman Scott said he would like to meet with all departments. Councilman Capurro said they want to discuss park bonds. City Administrator wants council to review 5 year plan and should meet on that first. May 3rd set as date to discuss capital out-lay at 7:30 p.m. and will meet with Park & Recreation at 9 P.M.

Councilman Ragan moves to authorize May 27-28 Poppy Days and permit sale of poppies. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Ordinance No. 529 "An ordinance amending Ordinance 485 by changing property classification from C-2 to R-3 #20 Tamalpais Avenue.

City Attorney said he made a thorough study and this is a unique situation - matter went before Planning Commission and they City Council and got approval from council, when person got approval he had right to believe ordinance would be passed, if ordinance had been read the night of appeal same would have been passed by old council. If you had a reason to change your mind that is perfectly within your right, but if you did it without reason, it would be a re-appeal of a case that had been appealed already without property owner here to have his say, feels moral obligation to pass ordinance.

Councilman Scott asked is there an interest condemnation cause here that he has changed his position, City Attorney said we might be subject to successful litigation, feels due to unique situation no reason now not to pass same.

Anne West stated good reason exists, adopted Downtown Master Plan and area calls for C zone, have plan and this is first case that has come up and should follow plan. Councilman Scott said not enough facts here, have hardship not mentioned heard reasons and all seem to stem from someones interpretation of what a jungle of ordinances say. Can't vote intelligently on what he knows today.

Councilman Ragan asks why can't we have Underwriters make a survey.

Mayor Reichmuth and Councilman Smith feel morally obligated to pass this ordinance.

Councilman Ragan moves to have Pacific Fire Rating and Western Building Conference to determine needs for fire zone change in San Anselmo. Councilman Smith seconds.

Chief Sousa stated did not think this survey would hurt but might not take place for a year or more as they are very busy. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Ragan, Smith, Reichmuth

Noes Councilman: Capurro

Councilman Smith moves adoption of ordinance changing from C-2 to R-3 property located at 20 Tamalpais Avenue. Councilman Reichmuth seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Smith, Reichmuth

Abstaining Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Ragan.

City Administrator brought up matter of illness of Anne Grant, sick leave and vacation time exhausted. Councilman Smith would like to see this discussed at a personnel meeting has some facts, council will stay tonight to discuss same.

Councilman Capurro spoke on matter of painting Asst Fire Chief's car, if mechanic is too busy should be taken to Paint Shop and be done.

Mayor read letter had received from David Faw who is interested in vacancy on Planning Commission also letter from Jerry Lloyd recommending mayor consider Mr. Faw. Councilman Capurro said don't have resignation of Ed Nordmann yet. Councilman Ragan don't feel should have Real Estate man on Planning Commission.

Councilman Ragan spoke on work Mr. Cheda has done on his property also Mr. Patrick the tenant, they have gone all out to fix place and same is real nice and suggests planting vine on riprap in creek area. City Administrator will check this.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 P.M. until Tuesday, May 3, 1966.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk