

City Administrator stated Engineer called to his attention that they are doing some road work on Butterfield Road - portion close to Sleepy Hollow is an unaccepted street, because of importance of Butterfield Road does council want this work done, portion beyond Kendrick Drive. City Attorney stated he thinks it is part of street system, if left go same will deteriorate and fall apart. Councilman Smith moves approval to do this work. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held July 12, 1966.

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

Mayor Reichmuth stated before going ahead with agenda he would like to know what council is going to do about position of City Administrator and if council is in favor of City Administrator form of government he would like motion from council so stating.

Councilman Smith said he is in favor of leaving as is for present, have ordinance on same. Council feels plenty of time for this matter. Councilman Capurro moves to put on agenda for next meeting matter of city administrator. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Capurro moves approval to minutes of June 14, 21, 23 and 28th with the following correction: On motion to deny appeal on 6' fence on Fern Lane, he voted yes and should read 4 to 1 denying appeal. Councilman Ragan seconds. Passed unanimously

Request from Marin County Conversation League asking council to endorse their use plan for Mt. Tamalpais. Mary Donnelly present addressed council stated league is making study and feels this should get wide expression from people in county, Mill Valley and Fairfax have endorsed same. Councilman Ragan moves City Council endorse. Councilman Scott seconds. Passed unanimously

UNION OIL, request for use permit to operate service station at Sonoma and Sir Francis Drake Blvd. same approved by Planning Commission.

Albert Bianchi, Attorney representing Union Oil presented petition with (544) signatures approving station, also spoke on plan for this service station, lube room will be in rear facing shopping area, there will be no flags, no tire racks, and will meet any recommendation set by City Council or Planning Commission. Present station on Sir Francis Drake is leased and will be abandoned if this is approved.

Mrs. Rosenberg representing PTA stated no protection for children walking to and from school or church, they have petition over (150) names against this station. Union Oil Company called a meeting and 80% of people in attendance were against station.

Dr. Fortune, minister for church feels station will slow down traffic and congest area and hopes council will reject this Use Permit. Mr. Kulps, Mrs. Spencer also spoke against this station.

City Engineer explained traffic situations and left turns between Hub and Sonoma, Warren Perry stated arguments on this matter remain same as on previous meetings held by Planning Commission, they approved same with conditions, spent a good deal of time on this subject. John West read from minutes of Planning Commission stating conditions required by their commission.

Councilman Ragan asked Mr. Rosenberg if the PTA has ever protested the traffic problem from Drake High School. Mrs. Rosenberg stated not to have knowledge. Councilman Ragan stated the way cars from school race up and down Drake Blvd is a real problem and a big worry. Councilman Ragan also referred to paragraph #1 of Dr. Fortune's letter stating stations have to be in commercial area, also does not feel noise will be any greater from a station, he was on Planning Commission when this first was brought up and he approved same, can't see any objections. Councilman Smith stated he opposed last time due to school and church and he still opposes same.

Councilman Capurro voted against same before and moves Use Permit be denied. Councilman Scott seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Smith

Noes Councilmen: Ragan, Reichmuth

TV FRANCHISE: City Administrator reported proposals sent out, City Council should tonight acknowledge receipt of same and refer to staff, same be put on agenda for July 26th. Councilman Ragan moves put over until next meeting. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

FENCE ORDINANCE: City Administrator stated this matter has been before City Council about 6 months ago, same was referred to Planning Commission and their recommendation to council was ordinance remain as is.

Warren Perry stated Planning Commission considered this ordinance at several meetings, had conflicting considerations, with 4' fence not much privacy - studied ordinances from other cities and felt could allow variances, believes a 6' fence ordinance would serve city and would not hindred city in anyway. Don't feel this should go back to Planning Commission, point City Council has had a lot of problems with this ordinance, feels 6' average height good. Councilman Ragan said he recommended this be brought up tonight, did a lot of checking. Mary Donnelly stated should have provisions in ordinance to cover traffic hazards, if Chief of Police feels fence, hedge, etc. especially on corners would be a hazard he should have some say. City Attorney said could prepare ordinance and refer to Planning Commission. Councilman Ragan moves present front yard fence, hedge and screen planting in ordinance be changed to permit 6' except on corners. Councilman Scott seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

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

R. Cheda letter requesting permission for free standing sign on Tunstead Avenue. Councilman Smith stated he see nothing wrong with sign and moves approval be granted, encroachment permit to be signed. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Discussion on Municipal Shop:

Councilman Ragan stated information received very good. Councilman Scott asked if we have a record of each individual piece of equipment. City Administrator stated we started to keep this type of record but due to lack of help could not continue. Councilman Scott stated he noted sweeper was put in good condition by the mechanics efforts and maybe we could save some money in budget on new sweeper, he would like to put this over and give more thought to same. Councilman Ragan asked if we could have a school boy wash car's instead of the mechanic. Matter put over until September meeting.

Recommendation on downtown fire zone. City Engineer explained anything used as commercial should be in fire zone #1, line to conform to existing commercial uses, are in downtown San Anselmo, Miracle Mile and Sir Francis Drake. This is the recommendation of the Board of Fire Underwriters, Fire Chief and City Engineer. City Attorney said if council amends ordinance have provisions in same if parcel is to be used as commercial it will automotically be in fire zone #1.

Councilman Ragan moves to change Fire Zone 1 and 2 as outlined by City Engineer. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Report on matter of Bay Area Air Pollution District on banning of backyard burning. City Administrator stated there will be a meeting in San Francisco tomorrow to discuss this matter and they are interested in council's opinion. Councilman Ragan moves to direct the City Administrator to advise Bay Area Air Pollution District that San Anselmo City Council is opposed to any restriction on backyard burning in single and second residential areas until suitable alternative is presented to council. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Mayor Reichmuth read letter from Marin County Peace Officers Association stating they had passed a motion that a uniform salary for Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs should be established throughout the County of Marin. Mayor Reichmuth feels same is an excellent idea. Would like a representaive to meet with council at the first meeting in September.

Report on matter of police and firemen's retirement, City Administrator read memorandum, checked with the State and they are not in a position at this time to conduct an actuary, but would be willing to let city amend its contract and upgrade police and fire benefits subject to outcome of their quadrennial actuary evaluation. City Administrator suggests council give consideration to miscellaneous employees also, council would have to adopt a resolution prepared by State Board. Councilman Scott spoke on matter of vacation, also sick leave and would like to have same put on agenda for next meeting.

Claim against City from Laura Barrett, City Administrator recommends city deny claim and refer to Insurance Carrier. Councilman Ragan moves to deny claim. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Administrator spoke on matter of proceeding with condemnation of Ongaro property. City Attorney stated case will be heard in October and it is his recommendation and also City Administrators that council wait, no point in taking now, it could cost the city money.

Councilman Ragan moves approval to call for examination for maintenanceman. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Ordinance No. _____ "Adopting 1964 Uniform Plumbing Code" read by title. Councilman Scott moves to dispense with further reading and adoption. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Matter of Real Estate signs being erected on property for sale in San Anselmo, City Administrator asked if council should amend sign ordinance to permit posting of these signs. Councilman Ragan stated he noticed all of a sudden lots of signs, not good. Mill Valley adopted ordinance prohibiting same, does not think we should have any signs. Councilman Smith said he talked to several real estate men and they are not in favor of signs. Councilman Ragan moves to hold a Public Hearing the second meeting in August in regards to eliminating for-sale signs by Real Estate Companies. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously. Council felt it would be good idea to have a member of Board come to meeting and talk to council.

City of Larkspur letter asking support of city council on Flood Control District, they are challenging the County and Corp of Engineers on an item called land enhancement, Larkspur and Corte Madera are protesting this charge and they are asking City Council's to support them. City Administrator stated as far as San Anselmo is concerned, not in same category and not affected at time. ~~Mayor suggests letter stating in sympathy with them, in view of this full~~

consideration be given to their claim. City Attorney suggested passing resolution stating this city council has read and considered this letter and is in complete sympathy herewith. Councilman Ragan moves approval to resolution as stated by City Attorney. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Administrator reported on matters brought before Mayors & Councilmen at their meeting - Hotel-Motel tax, County tax collections, which have been eliminated and court fines.

Request from A.J. Snyder, Director Parks & Recreation for council's approval to erect a new sign at school district office. Councilman Scott moves approval for free standing sign. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Attorney reported on (2) subdivision matters that have finally been ironed out. Indian Rock and Sweeney subdivisions.

Resolution No. _____ Claims and Demands for the month of June. Councilman Scott moves adoption. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Capurro asked about traffic lanes at Sonoma & Sir Francis Drake. City Engineer explained Sonoma will be developed to property line and city should give some thought to this as Union Oil did not live up to their bargain at time of rezoning. City Attorney stated council might have to zone back. City Administrator to write letter will zone back if strip is not dedicated to city.

With council's permission would like to have City Engineer look into traffic congestion on Greenfield Ave.

Regarding dirt at Memorial Park, Andy Snyder stated their commission will take this up at their next meeting.

Councilman Scott spoke on Sorich Ranch, just what are we going to do about this area, should discuss this, also should consider capital financing, should set up a hearing to start some budgeting.

Mayor Reichmuth asked Andy Snyder to have commission give broader detail on development of Sorich Ranch. Also asked if we could get someone to come before council and explain Urban Renewal.

Mayor read letter from Calif. State Auto Assoc. congratulating city on a Pedestrial Safety Achievement award for no pedestrian fatality during 1965. Plaque will be presented later.

Councilman Ragan asked about debris and lumber on building project on Redhill should have engineer request same be cleaned up - same fire hazard. City Administrator to instruct clean-up. Also spoke on horrible condition of Sharrow property. Asked Chief of Police to check on car parked at Laurel and Tamalpais.

Meeting adjourned 11:25 P.M. until July 19th at Wade Thomas School.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held July 26, 1966
Present Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Ragan, Smith, Reichmuth
Mayor Reichmuth, presiding

TV FRANCHISE: City Administrator read memo stating the City Attorney and City Administrator had checked proposals received from three companies, Clear-View, Tele-view, State Video and after checking found Clear-View offered the lowest rates for installation, monthly service charge comparable to others and they would pay 5% of their gross income annually for the franchise, City Administrator recommends council give consideration to awarding franchise to Clear-View.

Charles Pierce, Attorney representing Clear View stating they are ready to perform and stand behind their work, they also have a 20 year franchise with Fairfax. John Muir representing Tele-vue spoke in favor of his company.

Dean Hayes of Video Cable spoke for his company.

Councilman Capurro stated had no chance to go over any of the material they received tonight and thought same should be put over for the present.

City Administrator stated he and the City Attorney went over these proposals thoroughly and Clear View proposal appears best in all categories.

Councilman Ragan state we want the one that is going to give the best service and pay the most money to city. Councilman Smith moves to accept proposal of Clear-View as recommended by City Administrator. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

BIDS: were received and opened from the following for landscaping area at City Hall.

Cagwin-Dorward	3,510.00	lump sum
Page Landscape	3,400.00	" "
Calif.Landscape	3,012.00	" "

Bids were turned over to City Engineer to check.

Matter of improvement of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. from Tunstead to Bolinas: Mayor Reichmuth asked if we could postpone this without taking a loss. City Administrator stated monies from County, Fairfax and Ross would be lost. City Attorney stated this is a serious problem, past ten years using gas tax monies for acquisition of property and we could get in bad with State.

Councilman Capurro stated planning for ten years and to junk now would be wrong, feels one-way traffic on San Anselmo is a big problem, but could go ahead with work and forget one-way street.

Councilman Scott stated merchants seem to think we are forfeiting too many parking spaces. Councilman Smith stated leave San Anselmo Avenue as is and go ahead with project as planned.

Councilman Ragan feels big problem yet to face is the Hub Intersection, lot of traffic on San Anselmo Avenue because people are trying to avoid the Hub. If we widen Sir Francis Drake you take away parking, will get ourselves into real trouble, not against widening Drake but what about traffic on San Anselmo Avenue. City Administrator stated has planned over 15 years with county and other cities that they will help with Sir Francis Drake, this is first priority, Hub and Sir Francis Drake to Fairfax could be next project. Councilman Scott should give consideration to loss of parking. Bill Franchini questioned parking on San Anselmo Avenue. Councilman Capurro stated as far as he is concerned leave San Anselmo as is, main concern now is widening of Sir Francis Drake.

Ken Anderson asked if we could widen Sir Francis Drake, put in physical signal equipment and change signals if necessary.

Mr. Whitlow stated staff of City recognized widening of Sir Francis Drake would have some immediate affect on San Anselmo Ave. and adjoining streets, cannot widen Sir Francis Drake and leave San Anselmo Avenue alone, this won't work, it is an absolute necessity to make San Anselmo one-way, no in between compromise and cautions not elect to widen Sir Francis Drake and leave San Anselmo Ave alone, would rather take money and use it elsewhere. City Administrator feels sure we could use money on other project.