

Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held on the 9th of August 1966.

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

Councilman Ragan moves approval to minutes of July 21 and 26. Councilman Scott seconds. Passed unanimously

City Administrator asked council to hear Mrs. Gustafson, 29 Park Drive complaining about dog that bit her husband. Owner of dog Mrs. Ingrassia, 70 Karl Avenue also present. Mrs. Gustafson stated this dog had also bitten five other people. Mrs. Ingrassia stated dog had bitten three people in past five years, dog is not vicious but tries to protect a small poodle they have and that Mrs. Gustafson has never contacted her about dog biting her husband. Mrs. Gustafson stated police officer was called and after seeing wound had talked her into taking her husband to the hospital.

Councilman Ragan stated responsibility of keeping dog in belongs to Mrs. Ingrassia, that he sees dogs all over town and wonders if there is any reason why we can't have overall leash law. Roy Vallarino stated same would be alright as long as it don't overlap county ordinance, dog can be impounded if three of more sign complaint, for dangerous or vicious dogs same have to be kept under control by leash or fence. Mayor Reichmuth stated have a problem and immediate action needs to be taken, if dog can be restrained might be best for all concerned and asked Mrs. Ingrassia if they could provide enclosure. Mrs. Ingrassia stated they have a fence but gates are not always closed, they can provide enclosure.

Mrs. Gustafson stated they should have an extra enclosure as gates are left opened and dog gets out.

Councilman Smith stated some dogs try to protect children, not really vicious dogs. Councilman Ragan moves owner be required to keep dog restrained - under leash when off premises, if animal not kept under restrain then have to take criminal action. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Public Hearing: to rezone from R-3 to R-1 AP 6-173-20 located on Spring Grove, this rezoning was instigated by Planning Commission and meets with approval of property owner as rear portion is in R3 zone.

Councilman Ragan moves that portion of parcel 6-173-20 now zoned R3 revert back to R-1. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Mr. Tedesco, representative from Division of Highways present to speak to council on Sir Francis Drake Project, and answer any questions council might have.

Councilman Ragan asked can money for Sir Francis Drake be diverted to another project. Mr. Tedesco stated two sources of gas tax money. (1) City gas tax money which can be accumulated for a number of years and could be put into one big project. The other two year restriction but can petition for extension. 63-64 money can only be diverted with just cause. 64-65 can be diverted to another job.

Councilman Scott asked Mr. Tedesco if he know anything about county money. Ans. No City Administrator stated this is controlled by Urban Thoroughfare Committee, they decide and vote on it, has to be ratified by county engineer, director of public works, and Supervisors and in his opinion this money could not be used elsewhere.

Mr. Tedesco stated he did not know how long before Ross starts project. Councilman Smith asked about city purchasing of RR right of way with gas tax money and if council decides to delay same how would state feel. Answer: as long as it remains for roadway purpose its OK, but if you do something else money has to be returned to state. Also San Anselmo Avenue will not have to be improved at same time, but Division of Highways will investigate, etc. After further discussion Councilman Capurro stated the first thing is whether we are going to widen Sir Francis Drake and moves to widen Sir Francis Drake as proposed. Councilman Smith seconds same.

On question Councilman Ragan stated best to defer at this time until a more important project is completed, namely a solution to the traffic problem at the Hub and need to relieve traffic congestion from Hub to Fairfax. Feels widening of Sir Francis Drake should be a joint project with the widening of Sir Francis Drake thru Ross and unless this is done simultaneous San Anselmo will inherit additional traffic problems. Mayor Reichmuth said to solve a problem should widen Sir Francis Drake. Councilman Scott stated have inherited a mess, now have to decide on same not debate. Motion passed on following vote:

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

Councilman Ragan stated he does not want to be a party to one of the biggest messes San Anselmo has ever had.

Councilman Smith moves not to change traffic pattern on San Anselmo Ave., same to remain two-way. Councilman Capurro seconds same. On question City Administrator asked if council will ask that plans be revised. City Engineer stated Whitlow and Kepp have come up with a two-way plan and is it the council's intention to go ahead with stacking left lane on San Anselmo or provide whatever is necessary at intersection to keep Drake clear of bottleneck.

Resolution No. 1117 Adopting budget for expenditure of Funds allocated from the State Highway Fund to Cities.

Councilman Capurro moves adoption and authorize Mayor to sign. Councilman Scott seconds. Motion passed on following vote:

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

Matter of installation of gum machines in San Anselmo. Councilman Smith stated only thing he doesn't like is people putting in machines are making a profit but don't have to pay for business license. As there was no one present from Graff Company, Councilman Capurro moves to table until further notice. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Resolution of Intention for up-grading Police and Fire retirement plan. Councilman Ragan moves adoption. Councilman Scott seconds. Passed unanimously

Claim against city by Levada Cutler, Bella Vista Avenue. City Administrator recommends council deny same and refer to insurance carrier. Councilman Ragan moves to deny claim instituted by Levada Cutler. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed unanimously

Recommendation from Publicity Committee of the Advisory Commission. Mr. McDermont read list of recommendations. Councilman Smith said he would like to compliment committee on work well done, and stated Chamber of Commerce many years ago came up with the name "Hub" and feels it's a good suggestion to try to find a new slogan. Councilman Ragan agrees, have like a community wide contest to pick a new name - also should start and plan for anniversary of city in 1967, feels this is good idea. Mayor Reichmuth feels lots of ideas presented should be referred to the Chamber of Commerce.

Wm. Trewhella stated Chamber had not received a copy of these recommendations and Chamber is already working on 1967 anniversary, they have received recommendations from Congress of Community Progress and will be happy to work with anyone that is willing to do some work, give time and energy.

Councilman Ragan stated in regards to traffic safety problem feels this should be held oftener, should have awards on KTIM.

Councilman Scott moves a steering committee be created as follows:

- 1 member of Chamber of Commerce - to be picked by chamber
- 1 member of Public Relations group
- 1 member from (each) of the Service Clubs in city

Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Ordinance No. \_\_\_ Granting a franchise to Clear View Cable Systems. Read by Title.

Resolution No. \_\_\_ Claims and Demands for the month of July. Councilman Ragan moves adoption. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimous

City Administrator reported on surplus property at Corporation Yard, would like council's approval to sell same. already has offer of \$375 for (3) items. Councilman Ragan moves to delcar items surplus and authorize same to be sold (3 items to be included). Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed unanimously

Letter from Anne West regarding Sir Francis Drake project. City Administrator reported action taken tonight by council was one of her suggestions.

City Engineers memorandum regarding certain works to be performed by the mechanic and council should be aware of the problem involved, if the mechanic does not continue maintaining city equipment in addition to automotive. Councilman Ragan moves City Engineer be given authority to use discretion on jobs. Councilman Capurro suggests anything of major repairs be sent out. Councilman Smith seconds motion. Passed unanimously

Matter of mechanic using own truck, City Engineer said no pickup truck is available, Park Dept. pickup is being fixed and when fixed there will be a surplus truck. City Administrator reported at one time mechanic refused truck as he would rather use his own. Councilman Capurro feels should have a different system, mechanic should not go to San Rafael to pick up tires, etc. he should be at work

Councilman Capurro asked City Engineer, what is city's position now on Sonoma Ave., City Engineer stated Sonoma is going to be paved by developer, widened at Shopping Center. Union Oil property at a stalemate, we might have to do some work on street, there will be two thru lanes on Drake, traffic signals will be at entrance to shopping center. City Administrator to check on right of way with City Attorney.

Regarding vacancy on Planning Commission, Mayor Reichmuth suggests the name of Dennis Moore to fill vacancy. Councilman Ragan moves approval to the recommendation by Mayor Reichmuth and Dennis Moore be appointed to fill term of Edward Nordmann. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Smith asked when is council going to start spending some of the \$12,000.00 that was budgeted for parking Lot A. Councilman Scott asked is there any possibility of getting matching funds. City Administrator reported gentleman from Urban Renewal will be present at the next council meeting. Councilman Capurro asked could we review plans for parking lot A - make up our minds and lets get something done. Discussion on whether City Engineer has the time to work on projects, City Engineer stated it would be approximately \$500 to \$600 to farm out the work. Mayor Reichmuth feels quickest way would be to hire someone under City Engineers direction to prepare plans, specs. Councilman Ragan moves to authorize City Administrator to have plans, specs for work on parking lot A ready for next meeting. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

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

Councilman Ragan spoke on Park and Recreation letter especially paragraph No. 7 and would like to discuss same and asked that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Also read from news letter. Also stated Mr. Cheda should be commended for good job he is doing with his property. Thanked City Administrator and staff for good job at Corporation Yard.

Councilman Ragan moves City Engineer be given authority to purchase paint for painting corporation building. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed unanimously. City Administrator stated Paul Pyles, street foreman had received certificate for attending class in street work at UC.

Wm. Trewhella brought up the matter of Hotel-Motel tax. Mayor said same will be brought up at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 p.m. until August 23, 1966.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk