

Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held on July 23, 1968.

Present Councilmen: Reed, Capurro, Anderson, Scott, Ragan
Mayor Ragan, presiding

Mayor Ragan made the following announcements:

- 45th annual congress for cities to be held in New Orleans.
- Dept. of Army luncheon invitation, August 13th. Hamilton Field. Councilman Scott will attend.
- Council approved dates of August 9-18th "Christians & Jews for Law & Morality Week".
- Referred the letter from Vice President Hubert Humphrey to Park & Recreation.

CONDEMNATION - 29 Magnolia Avenue

City Engineer and City Administrator had inspected property, bath tub now filled with dirt, building secure, windows locked, door boarded, same still constitutes hazard as far as fire is concerned.

Councilman Reed said he looked at same, opening to underground should be closed up. Mr. Lavelle stated same is now in Multiple Listing and hopes for sale. City Administrator stated would be to advantage to remove house and have a clean lot - city can remove and place a lien on property.

Councilman Capurro said in all fairness to Mr. Lavelle would like to give him 60-90 days more.

Councilman Anderson stated building is a fire hazard and should be torn down, feels better to condemn while in estate.

M/S Councilman Anderson-Ragan postpone condemnation for 60 days, remove weeds, keep boarded up and condemnation sign be posted. Passed unanimously

Mr. Lavelle to check with Fire Chief on burning grass.

CONDEMNATION - 745 Sir Francis Drake

City Engineer and City Administrator inspected same, appropriate for city council to authorize restoring of parking space.

Mr. Alexander present stated he did not intend to use garage until same is put into condition, will have same in safe condition within 140 days.

Councilman Reed said he would like to see same done within 90-120 days, parking space be put back. Councilman Anderson stated can't see any sense to grant a building permit to reconstruct ramp except garage in reconstructed at same time. City Engineer said this should be one job, ramp not long enough to get car on.

M/S Councilman Reed-Anderson within 100 days, off street parking place be provided at 745 Sir Francis Drake in accordance with specifications of building inspector. ; Passed unanimously City Administrator to place on agenda Oct. 8th.

CONDEMNATION - 475 & 579 Laurel Avenue

John Crocker representing owner stated property is for sale and owner would like to avoid cost of having deck removed, would like same to remain until property is sold. Also he checked property and same is very sturdy.

City Engineer stated railing around structure is very flimsy and unsafe.

Mayor Ragan said council inspected property and are well aware of this hazard.

Councilman Reed feels same should be taken down, be costly to fence in, no value feels same is going to be down in gulley, would improve property by removing same.

Councilman Anderson also feels same will go down, maybe not in summer but will end up in creek, property for sale for several years, better chance of selling with nothing on lot.

M/S Councilman Reed-Anderson, City Attorney be instructed to prepare resolution to abate nuisance at 475 Laurel Ave. Passed unanimously

GARBAGE INCREASE

Wallace Myers representing Mr. Vallergera stated company has contract with union which went into effect July 1st. Mr. Vallergera has been doing business in San Anselmo for over 17 years and is asking for a rate increase to meet expenses.

Mayor Ragan feels should go over this, let public know of request for increase.

Councilman Reed stated our ordinance has a provision for accounting, might be wise to have a certified public accountant make a study and ascertain exactly what we are talking about here, we want Mr. Vallergera to have a situation under which he can operate, on the other hand we must take into consideration citizens of San Anselmo.

Mr. Myers said will not take long to look over books and city has every right to look at same - have been operating in deficit for past three years.

City Administrator stated burning of trash has been barred in many areas, back yard burning will also be abandoned before long, should give some consideration to clippings and what can be done to take care of same.

Councilman Scott said he would like to have someone look into this and give city some professional advice, several things not able to digest.
 Councilman Anderson said he would have some questions to ask after he has gone over some of the papers council has received, feels be fair to both Mr. Vallerga and City to have an independent audit.
 Letter from Hans Fischel offering to audit same free to city.
 It was the agreement of council that Hans Fischel would perform audit of same met approval of Mr. Vallerga.
 Councilman Reed stated if they/~~prefered another audit or they should have right to select whom they wished~~ ask for someone else, we should give them that courtesy. (OK AG)
 Mayor Ragan stated same will be brought up at August 13 meeting. Mr. Myers will contact City Administrator.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOC. LETTER

Mayor Ragan proclaimed Oct. 24, 1968 as UN Day.

ADOPTION OF 1968=69 BUDGET

Tax rate set a 2.258. Councilman Capurro stated he opposes any raise in tax rate, would go for 10¢ for Robson Property but not any other increase.
 Councilman Scott stated he opposes purchase of Robson property also Pine Street Parking lot.
 Councilman Anderson stated he will vote for budget, city has to progress.
 Councilman Reed stated vote against budget is a vote against salary raise, he will go for budget. Councilman Capurro said he is not against salary raise.
 M/S Councilman Anderson-Reed adopt budget 1968=69 amount of \$1,070,614. Motion passed on following vote:
 AYES Councilmen: Reed, Anderson, Ragan
 NOES Councilmen: Capurro, Scott

TRIMMING TREES & SHRUBS

City Engineer's notice to property owners regarding trimming of trees and shrubs. Ad will be put in paper. Mr. Bundschu, Mrs. Erwin, and Mr. Dill spoke on same. Mr. Bundschu feels notice in paper not sufficient, some people live out of town, should send out cards. Councilman Capurro stated many trees over 7 ft and cause no problem, if not bothering anyone should not be removed.
 M/S Councilman Anderson-Reed to adopt suggestion of City Engineer. Motion passed on following vote:
 AYES Councilmen: Reed, Anderson, Scott, Ragan
 Noes Councilman: Capurro

CLAIM

Claim for damaged by John Cluster, for damage to hub cap of his car.
 M/S Councilman Anderson-Reed to deny claim and fefer to Insurance Carried.
 Rassed unanimously

MARIN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC.

Letter with resolution attached requesting City Council consider rededicating Fire Station #2 as the "Nello Marcucci" station. M/S Councilman Capurro=Scott approval of same. Passed unanimously

MARIN COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Letter stating they are initiating a new concept of "mini-boards" designed to meeting local problems through regional community groups, asking city council to suggest a representative to serve on this board. City Administrator to contact Mrs. Dandélet, 162 Redwood Road, also Mrs. Shepherd. No further action taken.

M/S Councilman Scott-Anderson approval to minutes resolution declaring Thermofax machine and paper surplus and authorizing City Administrator to sell at public auction. Motion passed on following vote:
 AYES Councilmen: Capurro, Anderson, Scott, Ragan
 ABSTAINING Councilman Reed

SALE OF TECOLA STICKS

Council discussed this matter and advised City Attorney to give thought to ordinance prohibiting sale of same, matter to be put on agenda for August 13.

CALIF. LOCAL RECREATION FUND

Mayor Ragan referred this matter to Parks & Recreation Commission.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

Councilman Anderson read resolution #1221 asking Golden Gate Bridge Directors to postpone indefinitely any plan for relocation of toll plaza, also postpone a reduction in bridge tolls until financial needs of a public transit system can be studied further. John West spoke in favor of this resolution and hopes city council will support same and act on it. Councilman Reed stated he is in favor of this resolution, simply requesting that they postpone or drop plans for changes in toll plaza. M/S Councilman Anderson-Reed adoption of same. Passed unanimously

ORGANIZATION & STAFFING STUDY

Councilman Reed said city did not budget for same, but would like all departments included, make an analysis of proposals and hope to budget for same next year.

APPROPRIATIONS

1967-68 encumbrances. M/S Councilman Capurro-Scott approval of same as presented. Passed unanimously

CONTROL LARGE ANIMALS

City Attorney suggested draft an ordinance that keeping of horses in San Anselmo be prohibited unless a use permit is obtained, each case be reviewed separately. Councilman Capurro feels should have few restrictions but would be against this particular type of ordinance. Councilman Scott agrees with Councilman Capurro. Councilman Reed feels certain areas should be controlled, duty as Councilman is to abide health and safety of all citizens, some lots not suitable, attempt to limit size of lot for keeping horses, don't want to rule out horses altogether.

Councilman Anderson feels let ride for six months to year, if any complaints of flies, etc. take up with Humane Society. Following present at meeting speaking against an ordinance: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bundschu, Mr. Robt. Carey, Mr. Dave Carey, Dr. Ball, McMcCarthy and Mrs. Fairchild. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Ragan asked people present to write him and let him know what they would put into and ordinance. Matter tabled for present time.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ Changing zoning at 30 Tamalpais Avenue and #15 San Rafael Avenue. Read in full first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ Annexing certain lands of Sunny Hills. Read in full first reading.

Request of Home Owners Assoc. to tour Robson property on Sunday afternoon. City Administrator stated should be no meetings at property until Fire Dept. completes all details.

Councilman Capurro stated had meeting of City=County Planning the other night and it is very urgent city council take action on BDCD, hope all have read preliminary plans and would like to see all in accord, a resolution or letter to City County Planning going on record approving in principal preliminary plan, this will be first step. They will meet again on August 8th. City Administrator said he sent to council a copy of letter received from Board of Supervisors calling attention to a meeting of July 31st at which time there will be a report from BCDC.

City Administrator stated city should install curb, gutter and sidewalk from San Rafael limits all the way to Richfield Station, cost \$3000. from gas tax money. M/S Councilman Capurro-Reed approval to request of City Administrator. Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 12:00 PM

Anita Gannon, City Clerk