

Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held June 24, 1969.

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

City Administrator read letter of resignation from Joseph Gue a member of the Planning Commission who is moving from San Anselmo. Wanted Council to know there will be a vacancy on Planning Commission.

City Administrator reported during clean-up campaign, the Seminary made some signs and Mr. Leitzell has written a letter of thanks but City Administrator would like to publicly thank them and will keep these signs for future use. Mayor asked City Administrator to write letter of appreciation.

WITHDRAWAL FROM ABAG

Mr. Scott read statement attacking regional government, stating City had nothing to gain by staying in ABAG. ABAG has shown what many suspected, that it intends ultimately to bring the entire Bay Area under one government. He opposes San Anselmo becoming a part of some vast metropolitan sprawl all under one government. Super-governments justify their existence by claims of economy but any initial savings are lost in larger staffs and fancier salaries, Marin County government is a good example. When such organizations acquire taxing powers, they hit everyone with more property tax and soon grow out of the reach of local control.

Councilman Scott stated he was worried about some council members suggestions that the City become part of a police district and fire district and join Marin County Library system, and if we do this San Anselmo will no longer have any useful functions to perform.

Councilman Reed said he would limit his talk to ABAG, on the super police force as alluded to in the Press, there seems to be some misunderstanding, he read report that came out of ABAG on this subject. There were some things that indicated that members of their committee envisioned this type of thing, but ABAG did not recommend it, it was simply a study to determine what new methods should be used by Police Forces to meet the problems of today. There are only three logical reasons for withdrawing from ABAG that he can see.

1. The assumption we are not a part of the Bay Area region, hence find nothing in common with this group.
2. Problems such as Air Pollution, Bay Conservation and Development, Transportation and the like are not items that concern us, therefore, we do not need to be a part of the solution.
3. We favor regional government as proposed by Assemblyman John Knox, AB711, wherein the Cities & Counties do not participate in all representations thru directly elected representatives.

It is difficult to defend some of the actions of ABAG, will not even try, do feel we are part of the region and the problems facing the region must be resolved and ABAG today is the only voice we have in the regional organization. To foreclose our representation in this body at this time would be a mistake, regional government is coming to the bay area, there is no way we can stop it and we're better having someone in the enemy camp watching over what is going on.

Councilman Ragan referred to matter of joining County Library, he is opposed to this, don't think City Council has ever expressed any desire to join same. On County Fire District, only reason we discussed this, it brought Fairfax and San Anselmo together, it was a local matter and had no connection with super government. Primary reason we discussed same in the first place was to save taxpayers money.

Councilman Anderson said he didn't like some of the things, some of the directions ABAG has taken, we are going to have some form of regional government in the bay area, most people think Air & Water Pollution could not and would not be handled satisfactorily on City to City basis, can see they have not been handled by individual cities, each city has something he wants to do because it will make money for him. On matter of regional police force, doubts if this will even come about, ABAG has dropped same. ABAG like any other legislative body, what they want to do and what they can do, can be two completely different things. People do have a great deal of power when you come right down to it. City pays \$405.00 per year to ABAG, we have a vote in same, if we pull out the regional government will be created without San Anselmo participating in expressing an opinion or a vote in anything that comes up, feels should stay in and keep an eye on them.

Mayor Capurro stated he feels different about ABAG than he felt in the beginning, present time ABAG is a super government trying to come in the back door, would like to see the City represented by the people of the city, a home rule type of government that we actually know what is going on. When it comes to air pollution, garbage control, etc. feels we need a regional type of government, what type we need he does not know. Would like to compliment Councilman Reed on being a representative from this council, he is doing a very good job and feels the whole council feels the same way.

Mr. Dos Reis and Mrs. Emmis would like to see City pull out of ABAG.

M/S Councilman Scott-Capurro to get out of ABAG. Motion failed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Capurro

Noes Councilmen: Reed, Ragan, Anderson

PROPOSAL FOR INSPECTION OF RENTAL UNITS:

City Attorney said he would like to discuss this with Councilman Scott. Same Put over. ✓

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, HUB INTERSECTION:

Memo from City Engineer asking council's permission to advertise for bids for improvement of Hub Intersection, bids to be opened July 22, 1969, total construction with landscaping estimated at \$219,064.00. City Engineer explained project would be financed by gas tax money and Marin County would also allocate funds for same.

Helen Emick and Sara Nome spoke against project.

Councilman Ragan stated since last council meeting he talked to 192 people - 10 had no opinion, 8 opposed, and 174 in favor of same because it would improve our traffic problems, if 90% in favor we are moving in the right direction.

Councilman Reed said he has stated his reasons for approval at other meetings, no further comment. Councilman Scott said this is a little too rich for his blood, did'nt expect big land take from Mobile Station, etc. would like to see something on a smaller scale.

Councilman Anderson also has stated his approval and asked the City Administrator to read the policy statement regarding transportation in San Anselmo which was presented at the council meeting of March 25, 1969. ✓

Mayor Capurro said cost is more than he anticipated, going to create traffic problem at Bridge. He is against taking property from Service Station, if just going to do Hub and nothing to Center he might go along. Councilman Ragan said he was concerned about Mobile Station also, if this would put Station out of business he would not go for same. M/S Reed-Ragan we put Project 65 out to bid as set forth in preliminary work by Whitlow, Hoffman and Albritton dated June 1969, #2519, include landscaping, but landscaping to be let on separate contract by future council action. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Reed, Ragan, Anderson

Noes Councilmen: Scott, Capurro

M/S Councilman Reed-Anderson to get appraisals on all lands necessary for Project 65 as shown on job 2519. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Reed, Ragan, Anderson

Noes Councilmen: Scott, Capurro

APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER

Mayor Capurro stated he had received two letters from the following who were interested in the position. Wm. Franchini and John Dearborn.

M/S Councilman Scott-Ragan that Wm. Franchini be appointed to the Office of City Treasurer filling unexpired term of the late Hans Fischel. Passed unanimously ✓

Councilman Anderson recommends that Mr. Dearborn be appointed to Mayors Committee on Capital Improvements. Mayor Capurro appointed Mr. Dearborn to this committee.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

1. Humboldt Avenue (Mrs. D. Asker) City Council had referred to the Streets & Traffic Committee matter of parking restrictions on Humboldt and Foothill Road. Memo from this committee read which listed five recommendations as follows:

1. The application of the present ordinance and the related posting of Humboldt Avenue between San Anselmo Avenue and Foothill Road should be continued.

2. Except for the area of the "S curve" at Humboldt Avenue and Vista Lane, where parking should be prohibited entirely, parking on the rest of Humboldt Avenue and Foothill Road should be permitted on any portion of the paved surface in excess of twelve feet in width, provided that the City Engineer feels that a sufficient number of additional on-street parking spaces will be created to make it worth-while. ✓

We recognize the enforcement problems inherent in an ordinance simply requiring twelve feet of clearance. For example, two cars are parked on opposite sides of the street, reducing clearance to less than the prescribed number of feet. Which vehicle was there first and thus legally parked? Which one is illegally parked?

The manner in which we propose that the additional parking spaces be provided, while preserving twelve feet of clearance and avoiding the enforcement problems referred to, is by painting a white stripe twelve feet from the uphill edge of the pavement wherever the pavement exceeds that width. The uphill side would be posted "no parking this side" and the opposite side would be posted "no parking beyond white line".

The present signing "no parking on pavement" should be retained wherever the pavement on Humboldt Avenue and Foothill Road does not exceed twelve feet.

3. The present prohibition on parking between two signs posted opposite a private driveway should be removed. We believe that these particular signs serve the convenience of one property owner in facilitating the use of his driveway. We realize that this property owner attempted to solve his problem by extending the shoulder opposite his driveway only to have the space occupied by parked vehicles. However, we feel that parking restrictions on public streets must serve the public generally, rather than an individual resident. Access to this driveway will still be possible without the restriction, though admittedly more difficult.

4. Encroachment permits should be expedited for residents of these streets who wish to provide parking spaces on the street right of way but off the pavement. At the same time it should be made clear to them that such spaces cannot legally be reserved for their own use, but must be open to anyone.

5. The City can provide leadership in the development of additional parking along Humboldt Avenue and Foothill Road to the extent of giving initial advice as to probable feasibility of developing certain portions of the street right of way for parking developments by residents. Two members of the Streets and Traffic Committee with appropriate professional training have offered to assist in providing this service. Obviously the residents, acting singularly or cooperatively, must then retain the engineers and hire the contractors to carry out the improvements, and we do not advocate financial participation by the City.

As has been pointed out in Councilman Reed's memorandum on this subject, the immediate problem on these two streets may be approximately duplicated on other streets with the City. Thus a long-term policy must be developed. The Streets and Traffic Committee will attempt to do this during the coming months.

Mrs. Asker and Mrs. Atnip have asked council for some relief on parking problems due to number of citations received. Mrs. Asker presented petition. Councilman Scott feels should give City Engineer some discretion to get this white line in, get measurements laid down and go from there, feels council can't design this sitting here tonight, all want to help.

Councilman Reed said laws have to be enforced, would like to see City Council work with Streets & Traffic Committee, City can assist in getting something started to make a place for parking of these cars.

M/S Councilman Anderson-Scott to accept report of the Streets & Traffic Commission regarding parking restrictions on Humboldt Avenue & Foothill Road.

Councilman Anderson suggests the two members of the committee mentioned in paragraph 5 of the report meet with people from area and sit down and try to work something out and discuss this problem.

On question Councilman Reed feels we should give more thought to #3 item of report and asked Councilman Anderson to amend his motion to omit #3 so more thought could be given to same. Councilman Anderson agreed to amendment of motion and second. Passed unanimously Mayor Capurro suggests City Engineer set up meeting date with Streets & Traffic Committee.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

Letter from Robert Moore, 40 Park Drive asking red zone in front of his property be partly rezoned or permit him to park overnight. Chief Buchignani reports there are three-off street parking spaces. Mr. Moore has three cars, stated when he parks cars in driveway garbageman will not pick up garbage. Mayor Capurro instructed City Administrator to contact Garbage Co., about picking up garbage. Police Chief and City Engineer to look into matter of red zone.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM, MR. Ambinder, 230 Greenfield Avenue

City Attorney stated same should be removed from calendar for present time.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE - N. GILROY

M/S Councilman Ragan-Scott to deny claim. Passed unanimously

CONDEMNATIONS:

16 Ramona Way (Tamalpais Savings & Loan owner of record)

City Administrator stated letter received today from Attorney for property asking a delay stating litigation has been resolved and owner plans to rehabilitate.

M/S Councilman Ragan-Scott to give owners one week to board up and 90 days to rehabilitate as a single family dwelling according to city ordinance. Motion withdrawn Councilman Reed would prefer to move for abatement, that would take 90 days, then owner know's we mean business. City Attorney suggests put over until next meeting and ask owner to be present.

M/S Councilman Ragan-Scott to direct owners of 16 Ramona Way to board up, padlock premises within 7 days and request owner to be present at next meeting. Passed unanimously

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90 Forest Avenue - Douglas Trost, owner CORRECTED PAGE 273

Mr. Trost present at meeting stated he has been working at property, has to remove house destroyed by fire and move floor slab, his contractor was also present and will start

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building when foundation is ready. Mr. Val Schaaf who was the architect also spoke. City Engineer stated all foundation work should be done by October 1st due to rains. M/S Councilman Reed-Ragan (90 Forest) require foundation be set and existing structure placed on foundation by August 1, and all other work be done to Engineer's specifications and approved by Building Inspector, completion for occupancy by November 1, 1969. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Reed, Ragan, Anderson, Capurro
 Noes Councilman: Scott

CONDEMNATIONS:

210 Redhill Avenue - Harry Heifetz (Owner)

In answer to notice of abatement, Mr. Heifetz agrees it is a nuisance. M/S Councilman Ragan-Scott that in view of fact owner of this property consented to demolish, City accepts responsibility with understanding cost to be a lien on property. Letter to Mr. Heifetz advising him of action and getting his approval. Passed unanimously

200 Red Hill Ave. (Wm. Pollard owner)

Mr. Lebow is the Attorney for estate and probate is now completed, property to be put up for sale. M/S Councilman Ragan-Reed to notify Mr. Lebow to secure property from ingress and egress and remove weeds within 7 days, ask Mr. Lebow to be present at next meeting. Passed unanimously

562 Scenic Avenue - City Attorney reported suit on file, same will be heard in court.

CALIF. STATE PERSONNEL CONTRACT

M/S Councilman Ragan-Scott to renew contract with State Personnel Board as outlined in their letter of June 11, 1969 for a three year period. Passed unanimously

RESIGNATION OF STREET FOREMAN

Letter of resignation from Vern Ingraham, Street Foreman who is moving from Marin County. City Administrator stated he concurs with City Engineer to appoint Lesley Madsen to position on a temporary basis, Mr. Madsen has been acting Street Foreman when Vern Ingraham is away. M/S Councilman Ragan-Reed to have an executive session at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 1969 with Lesley Madsen. Passed unanimously.

1930 SEAGRAVE FIRE PUMPER

Letter from Humboldt Fire Protection District who are interested in purchasing same City Administrator to advise the district, City wants to keep same.

LETTER FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Councilman Reed stated he and City Administrator attended meeting at Corte Madera of Mayors' or representatives to discuss Police Patrol and Structural Fire Protection, group were unanimous as wanting to work on this. One thing good came out of meeting, was all cities to get together prior to budget session and discuss all items of interest to the cities.

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As far as animal control goes the cities voted 4 to 6 to proceed with county. Councilman Reed feels even if all other cities go along with this, because of double taxation we should consistently vote against same. Mayor Capurro stated this will be on the agenda tomorrow night at Mayor's meeting we will discuss same then.

M/S Councilman Reed-Ragan that San Anselmo do not participate in this program. Passed unanimously

DREHER, DREHER & GARFINKLE LETTER

Letter regarding use of Robson property. Council tabled matter for present time. Mr. Day, 10 Raymond Avenue spoke on need for supervision at Robson property, he had to call Police Department on several occasions regarding people at lower section of the property during evening. Also grass needs to be cleaned up. City Administrator reported Fire Chief will assist Frank Quinn in clearing up dry grass. Mayor asked Chief of Police to have his men keep an eye on property.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

This discussion will be No. 1 item on agenda for next meeting.

CREEK CLEANING

Councilman Anderson read letter he would like sent to Mr. Allison, Drake High School which states in part, perpetual problem of how to match its citizens' needs and desires with ability of tax revenue to meet these needs and desires. Letter is asking Mr. Allison if a group of High School boys would be interested in taking on the cleaning of the creek as their civic contribution, such as clean out creek twice a year, before and after rainy season. The Public Works Dept. to coordinate the project and provide trucks at locations to haul away the debris. Councilman Anderson asked would the City Council approve sending this Letter under the council's signature. M/S Councilman Scott-Ragan approval of letter presented. Passed Unanimously

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NON-CONFORMING USES IN R-1 DISTRICTS

Councilman Anderson referred to ordinance of Town of Ross regarding non-conforming uses and feels it's time we should be thinking about non-conforming uses in San Anselmo. M/S Councilman Ragan-Scott to direct Planning Commission to review matter of non-conforming uses as outlined in Town of Ross ordinance, hold two public hearings and report back to council. Unanimously passed

R/W Acquisition at Red Hill and Sequoia. City Attorney reported he had report from Roy Jones, cost of same \$1600.00 with no severance damage.

M/S Councilman Reed-Ragan to proceed with condemnation on acquisition of Red Hill-Sequoia site (Landtbon property) for construction of the intersection. Passed unanimously

ARBOR ROAD

City Attorney reported suit filed, Mr. Cohn signed affidavit, should have possession by end of week, cost approx \$174.00

M/S Councilman Ragan-Anderson authorize draft in amount of appraisal, not to exceed \$200.00 Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Ragan, Anderson, Scott, Capurro

Noes Councilmen: Reed

ORDINANCE No. 584 - Adopting by reference the 1967 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code. M/S Councilman Scott-Ragan to dispense reading in full and adoption of same.

Motion passed on following vote: CORRECTED PAGE 223

Ayes Councilmen: Ragan, Anderson, Scott, Capurro

Noes Councilman: Reed

ORDINANCE No. 583 - Detailing the authority of the Traffic Engineer.

M/S Councilman Ragan-Scott to dispense reading in full and adoption. Passed unanimously

City Administrator asked City Council to approve appropriations as presented.

M/S Councilman Anderson-Ragan approval to appropriations as requested by City Administrator and transfer from reserve to appropriated fund. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12 o'clock until 7:30 p.m. June 26, 1969.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk

FINAL APPROPRIATIONS

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<u>A/C</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
430- 82 ⁴²	POLICE CARS	\$ 7,425.00
442-20	DEBRIS BOXES, CLEAN-UP WEEK	1,850.00
443-45	PROJECT 63: SEQUOIA & RED HILL	13,873.00
	65: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING	2,622.00
	TITLE SEARCH	100.00
481-45	MEMORIAL PARK SPRINKLER SYSTEM	3,437.00
46	ACQUISITION, ROBSON-HARRINGTON PARK	13,403.00
		<u>\$ 42,710.00</u>
GENERAL FUND		\$ 25,870.00
PARKS FUND		16,840.00
		<u>\$ 42,710.00</u>

Approved by
City Council
6/24/69

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<u>ACK</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>CR</u>
G 230	25,870.00	
G 252		25,870.00
P 230	16,840.00	
P 252		16,840.00