

# TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 8, 2012

Present: Coleman, Greene, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney

7:00 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## ANNOUNCE ACTION TAKEN, IF ANY, IN CLOSED SESSION

Deputy Town Attorney, Megan Acevedo, announced there was no action taken during closed session.

## OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Woody Weingarten presented the Quality of Life Green Award to Jo Julin for studying the barn owls in San Anselmo's Town Hall tower and inspiring others to do likewise.

There were no members of the public who spoke during Open Time.

## COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lopin reported on the Marin Telecommunications Agency (MTA) meeting of April 30, 2012 stating the Comcast dispute has been settled and there will be substantial revenue due to the Public Education and Government station. Starting in January of 2012 they will be receiving fifty percent of the one percent fee and in 2017 will receive the entire one percent fee. Lopin expressed thanks to Greene for his tireless efforts in working with MTA.

Coleman reported that some of the downtown merchants will be open until 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday nights of each month during the summer months and Picnics on the Plaza will be on Fridays nights starting July 20 thru August 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kroot announced that two new wine bars will be opening in town. La Loggia, a new wine bar business will be opening at the corner of Tunstead and San Anselmo Ave. in the later part of June. There will also be a new wine bar in the previous Fork location called Lincoln Park.

Greene noted Holly Dines and Sue Simmons will be partners in the new wine bar that will be located in the previous Fork location, 198 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

McInerney stated he has received a lot of public outcry regarding some of the changes at Red Hill Shopping Center regarding the perception that the Town is turning into a lot of chain stores. McInerney asked if Council can vote not to have chain stores in town.

Stutsman replied yes the Town has the power to regulate chain stores; staff would have to review the issue extensively to develop an ordinance that would be acceptable and legally defensible and then Council would have to approve the ordinance. Stutsman noted currently there is nothing in the Town Municipal Code that regulates chain stores.

Greene feels the changes are moving quickly and Council needs to get a discussion on the radar screen.

Kroot agrees with Greene stating the Town needs to discuss the issue sooner rather than later.

McInerney suggests staff agendize a discussion item regarding regulating chain stores within the Town and for staff to layout a few options for Council to potentially pursue.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED AND DISCUSSED SEPARATELY. DISCUSSION MAY TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE AGENDA. OTHERWISE, ALL ITEMS MAY BE APPROVED WITH ONE ACTION.**

- (a) Approve Minutes of May 8, 2012.
- (b) Acknowledge and file warrant no. 72445-72653 issued during the month of April 2012 in the amount of \$1,101,495.92.
- (c) Approve the Revenue and Expenditure report for the period ending April, 2012.
- (d) Approve the Recreation Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending April, 2012.
- (e) Approve the downtown event application for the Library's "End of Summer" event in Creek Park.

There was no comment from the public.

M/s, Kroot/Greene, to approve the consent agenda. AYES: Coleman, Greene, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney.

2. **APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (ONE SEAT) AND THE CAPITAL PROGRAM MONITORING COMMITTEE (4 SEATS).**

Town Manager Stutsman presented the staff report.

There was no comment from the public.

M/s, Coleman/Kroot, to appoint Antone Sousa to the Historical Commission. AYES: Coleman, Greene, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney. NOES: None.

M/s, Greene/Lopin to appoint Carl Basore, Daniel Bloomquist, Craig R. Burton and Carey Lando to the Capital Monitoring Committee. AYES: Coleman, Greene, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney. NOES: None.

3. **APPROVE THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE 2012 STREET REHABILITATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

Public Works Director, Sean Condry presented the staff report.

Greene acknowledged Madrone Ave as a regular artery within the town stating it is in very poor condition.

There was no comment from the public.

M/s, Coleman/Lopin, to approve and authorize solicitation of bids for the 2012 Street Rehabilitation and Safety Improvement Project and authorize staff to advertise for construction bids. AYES: Coleman, Greene, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney. NOES: None.

4. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE JOINT POWES AUTHORITY (JPA) AGREEMENT TO EXPAND THE JPA TO INCLUDE THE TOWN OF ROSS.**

Ross Valley Fire Chief, Roger Meagor, presented the staff report. Meagor noted approval of the amendment must include the deletion of the treadmill which is listed on page 14. The treadmill should not be listed on page 14 and it is not part of the agreement.

McInerney thinks it is a win-win situation and thanked Ross Fire Chief Thomas Vallee and Ross Valley Fire Chief Roger Meagor for their effort in compiling the information and for making the fire expansion possible in a relatively short time period.

M/s, Kroot/Coleman, to approve amendments to the Ross Valley Fire Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement to expand the JPA to include the Town of Ross with the modification to exclude the treadmill listed on page 14. AYES: Coleman, Greene, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney. NOES: None.

**5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE REPORT ON THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN MARCH 2012, DISCUSS THE TOP INITIATIVES TO BE PURSUED, AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON NEXT STEPS.**

The staff report was presented by Town Manager, Debra Stutsman, Community Services Director, Dave Donery, and Town Librarian Linda Kenton.

There was no comment from the public.

Council directed staff to report back to Council with a proposed structure for a Budget Advisory Committee, made up of members of the community. The committee should have a clear scope of work and a defined timeframe in which the work will be done.

Council directed staff to work with and re-examine the makeup of the Economic Development Subcommittee suggesting the possibility of including residents, real estate professionals, developers, etc to the make up of the committee; find out what types of businesses our residents want to have in town; and to promote more local events.

Council directed staff to work with community groups to identify strategies for improving utilization of the Robson Harrington House, Robson Harrington Park and the Isabel Cook Complex.

**6. ADJOURN.**

Mayor McInerney adjourned the meeting in memory of Daphne Dibble Greene.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Kessel