

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of October 23, 2012

Present: Coleman, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney

Absent: Greene

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCE ACTION TAKEN, IF ANY, IN CLOSED SESSION

Mayor McInerney announced there was no closed session.

Woody Weingarten presented the Quality of Life Green Award to Linda Hoch for her twenty five years of service on the Open Space Committee.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

There was no comment from the public during open time.

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lopin reported on the recent meeting of the Marin Telecommunications Agency (MTA). Lopin also reported on the recent meeting of the San Anselmo Chamber of Commerce.

Kroot reported on the recent meeting of the Bolinas Avenue Advisory Committee.

McInerney asked if representatives from the San Francisco Theological Seminary regularly attend the Bolinas Avenue Advisory Committee meetings.

Kroot confirmed that the representatives from the Seminary regularly attend the Bolinas Avenue Advisory Committee meetings.

Coleman expressed thanks to the volunteers who participated in the Isabel Cook building painting project. Coleman stated the volunteer painting project was very organized and they had a lot of help from the church which made it a great success.

Coleman expressed concerns regarding the cleanliness of the bus station at the hub. Coleman would like a constant routine effort to pay more attention to the area and keep it clean as it is the entrance to the Town.

Stutsman said she will make sure staff cleans the area on a regular basis.

- 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 October 9, 2012.
- (b) Approve the Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2012.
- (c) Approve Resolution No. 4011 revising Resolution No. 3998 defining the framework for the Financial Advisory Committee, increasing the membership to seven (7) members and adding the elected Town Treasurer in as advisory capacity.

There was no comment from the public regarding Consent Agenda.

M/s, Coleman/Lopin, to approve consent agenda. AYES: Coleman, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney. NOES: None. ABSENT: Greene.

2. REPORT FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON THE 2012-2013 PLANS FOR THE ROLLING WINTER SHELTER (ORAL REPORT).

Joy Snyder, Program Coordinator, First Presbyterian Church, reported that the maximum amount of people allowed in the shelter this year is 40 men and St. Vincent's will pre-screen all guests prior to arriving at the shelters. The 2012 Rolling Winter Shelter program will start on Friday night, December 16, and will be hosted at the First Presbyterian Church in San Anselmo. In December, Friday and Saturday nights will be hosted at Duncan Hall. St Anselm's will also be participating in the program.

Lopin asked where these homeless people stay on the other nights.

Snyder explained that the women's shelter is located at the Women's Wellness Center and is open every night of the week. The men's shelter rotates nightly between various congregations in Marin.

Coleman asked for the location of the St. Vincent's help desk.

Snyder replied St. Vincent's office is located at 820 B Street, San Rafael, on the second floor, directly above the dining center.

There was no comment from the public.

3. REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION OF MARIN (TAM) REQUEST FOR SAN ANSELMO TO CO-SPONSOR A ONE BAY AREA GRANT (OBAG) PROGRAM FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A TROLLEY TO RUN FROM FAIRFAX TO SAN RAFAEL (ORAL REPORT).

Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director for the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), explained the study is to conduct an initial evaluation/feasibility review of operating a trolley line that would run from Fairfax through San Anselmo to San Rafael connecting to the SMART station in San Rafael, with an option to connect to White Hill Middle School on the west end and to Montecito Shopping area on the east end. The study will identify recommended next steps; potential land development opportunities; and next steps for an initial development program. TAM would conduct the study under the oversight of a technical advisory team that would include agency members from the Town of Fairfax, the Town of San Anselmo, the City of San Rafael, County of Marin, Marin Transit, Marin Trolley and SMART. Federal funding for the study would come from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and also from Marin Trolley, a 501©3 registered organization that is organizing local support along with endeavoring to bring private funding to the feasibility study and eventual implementation. No direct

contribution from the Town of San Anselmo would be necessary. San Anselmo staff should attend the advisory meetings. The Town of Fairfax and City of San Rafael both support the study and there is a strong support from Marin Transit Authority. The project will study the feasibility of three levels of transit: light rail trolley, rubber tire trolley and bus rapid transit.. The study does not require cash contributions from the towns/cities however there will be staff time required to participate in the meetings.

Lopin asked if the trolley would replace some of the school buses. Steinhauser acknowledged the possibility for school buses to be folded into the plan.

Kroot asked how the study would relate to the timing of the SMART. Steinhauser noted SMART plans to commence operation in 2016. Steinhauser hopes to have the feasibility study for the trolley completed within the next year.

McInerney endorsed Greene's concerns regarding bicycle usage decreasing in the corridor because of the trolley. McInerney does not want the study to take precedent over the round-about study at the Hub.

McInerney asked what the anticipated user group would be for the trolley. Steinhauser replied that it is something that needs to be explored in the study.

Steinhauser stated TAM is considering a feasibility study on bike pedestrian travel into San Rafael and they are also making an effort to set funds aside in the future for study of a round-about at the Hub.

McInerney asked how much staff time would be needed on a monthly basis. Steinhauser senses the advisory meetings will be held once or twice a month.

Stutsman noted that Councilmember Greene wanted her to reiterate that he does not want the Trolley study to preclude a traffic circle study at the Hub.

M/s, Kroot/Lopin, to co-sponsor a One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program for a feasibility study for a trolley to run from Fairfax to San Rafael. AYES: Coleman, Kroot, Lopin, McInerney. NOES: None. ABSENT: Greene.

There was no comment from the public.

4. REPORT ON THE PENSION REFORM ACT LEGISLATION RECENTLY ENACTED BY THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

Town Manager, Debra Stutsman, reported on the Pension Reform Legislation. Stutsman explained the legislation provides that new members of the retirement system on or after January 1, 2013 may only be offered the new pension benefit plan specified in the Reform Act; new member contributions provide a 50/50 split of the normal cost of benefits but allows employee contributions to remain at the bargaining table if employers want employees to pay an even greater share of the cost. The Reform Act creates a reduced tier of benefits for new employees, closing the higher benefit formulas provided to existing employees; benefits for existing employees would not change.

McInerney asked what would be the impact on our safety group if the merger with TCPA is effective after December 31, 2012.

Stutsman stated there will be no impact because they are existing employees in existing plans and there would be no break in service of more than six months.

Lopin asked Stutsman to further define the legislation.

Stutsman explained that in a defined contribution plan the employee makes contributions and many times the employer will match the contribution. All new employees must be subject to at least a 3 year final compensation period, meaning the average of the highest three years of earnings for calculating final compensation; a new cap on earnings for new employees that may be included in pensionable compensation. For San Anselmo that would currently be \$110,000 because San Anselmo is in Social Security); employers can provide a defined contribution plan in addition to its defined benefit plan for compensation in excess of the cap, provided it does not exceed the federal limit; eliminated the opportunity for PERS members to purchase up to five years of service credit; retirees are limited to working 960 hrs per/yr for a public agency and only if the a retired person has specialized skills to perform work of limited duration or during an emergency; must be a 180 day break in service following the retirement; safety employees are generally exempt from the requirement; if a member is reclassified from one membership classification to another offering a higher retirement formula, only future service earned after the operative date of the change may be credited at the higher retirement formula; no longer may agencies take a holiday from paying their required contributions.

McInerney asked approximately how many town employees earn over \$110,000 per annum. Stutsman stated she estimates approximately 10 employees earn over \$110,000 per annum.

There was no comment from the public.

5. UPDATE ON THE SHARING OF POLICE SERVICES WITH THE TWIN CITIES POLICE AUTHORITY AND ACTIONS UNDERWAY TO CONSOLIDATE.

Town Manager Debra Stutsman presented the staff report. Stutsman stated recent discussions regarding the sharing of police services and possible consolidation with Twin Cities Police have included side funds, OPEB, equipment obligation, the name of agency and the JPA agreement. The report includes staff configurations, both historical and present, which reflect a reduction from 70 to 58 employees in the new JPA. Stutsman explained the funding formula, which calls for the costs relating to administration, communications and investigations to be shared on an equal basis by the members, with costs for patrol services and field operation allocated to a formula based on the number of calls for service, total crimes, citations and accidents over a rolling three-year period.

Cusimano stated the City of Larkspur currently processes the payroll for the Twin Cities Police Authority. However, after the consolidation the Authority plans to contract out for payroll services in which they have budgeted \$60,000. They also plan to contract out for human resources in which they have budgeted \$30,000.

Coleman asked Cusimano if he anticipates an increase in staffing.

Cusimano replied he sees a re-organization within the agency with the possibility of increasing the number of sworn employees but he does not anticipate an increase in non-sworn staff.

Kroot asked about the police staffing in San Anselmo.

Cusimano stated there will always be two officers in San Anselmo in addition to a sergeant. The traffic officers will be in San Anselmo because traffic is a major issue in San Anselmo.

Cusimano noted that the costs are allocated to the area that needs the services and referred to attachment four of the staff report which includes the statistics for all three agencies. The statistics show San Anselmo citations and accidents as being considerably higher than the other two towns.

McInerney asked if there are strategies for issuing citations and wonders how the parking meters, parking citations, parking permits will be handled if the agencies consolidate. McInerney requested an annual assessment and confirmation for these items.

Tom Peacock, Durham Road, wonders what kind a crime is there in San Anselmo.

San Anselmo Police Chief, Charles Maynard, said San Anselmo has a low crime rate; less crime against persons but more crime against property.

6. AJOURN.

Mayor McInerney adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Kessel