

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of August 5, 2013

Present: Coleman, Dahlgren, Kroot, McInerney

Absent: Greene

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCE ACTION TAKEN, IF ANY, IN CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Coleman announced there was no closed session.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Woody Weingarten presented the Quality of Life Green Award to Dick Glanville for his volunteering of services to San Anselmo as a Landscape Architect.

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Carter Coleman, Agatha Court, expressed safety concerns with bicycles traveling on Center Boulevard. Coleman would like safety signs installed on Center Boulevard instructing cyclists not to use the road as means of cycling.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, requested Council stay abreast of legislative issues such as SB 1. Mathews suggested Council send a letter to Marc Levine, before August 14, 2013, to encourage his vote against SB 1.

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 July 23, 2013.
- (b) Acknowledge and file warrant numbers 75726 to 75915 and 75922 to 75925 issued during the month of July 2013, in the amount of \$2,233,971.24 in addition to a wire transfer in the amount of \$324,786 to Central Marin Police Authority.
- (c) Approve the application of Country Fair Day and Parade scheduled for Sunday, September 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with street closures on San Anselmo Avenue and Tunstead Avenue and utilizing Creek Park.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

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

2. 2013-2014 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN.

Finance Director, Daria Carrillo, presented two staff reports pertaining to the 2013-2014 Budget and Workplan:

(A) APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4042 ADOPTING THE 2013-2014 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, asked why the wire transfer to the Central Marin Police Authority was increased by \$14,000 from last month's transfer. Regarding the estimated annual cost savings of \$900,000 for the Police consolidation, she does not see the cost savings in the 2013-2014 Proposed Budget.

Carrillo replied that the cost savings from the police consolidation are not reflected in the proposed budget because of increased costs in other areas other than police costs.

Katie Hogan, Park Way, believes every public agency should reduce employees' hours worked to cut costs. Hogan asked if this has been considered for San Anselmo.

Stutsman replied that in 2006 the number of employees was reduced from 63 employees to 52 employees.

M/s, McInerney/Dahlgren, to approve Resolution No. 4042 adopting the 2013-2014 Budget and Workplan. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: None. ABSENT: Greene.

(B) APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4043 ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

McInerney suggested wording in the second paragraph of the resolution be changed from "Town Administrator" to "Town Manager".

M/s, Kroot/McInerney, to approve Resolution No. 4043 establishing the Appropriations Limit for fiscal year 2013-2014. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: None. ABSENT: Greene.

3. APPROVE RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013, SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE PLACING A ONE HALF PERCENT (.5%) TRANSACTION AND USE TAX MEASURE FOR GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE BALLOT.

Town Manager Debra Stutsman presented the staff report.

Warren Dodge, Tamalpais Avenue, opposes the sales tax because he thinks it will make it more expensive to shop in San Anselmo.

Martha, Madrone Avenue, opposes the sales tax measure.

Dave Souten, Hilldale Drive, thinks the Town should consider what would happen if the sales tax measure does not pass and to consider the implications.

Pascal Sisich, Park Drive, does not believe the tax measure will harm town businesses. Sisich fully supports the tax measure and encourages council to do the same.

Gage Houser, Woodland Avenue, San Anselmo Financial Advisory Committee, said the results have shown that the number one concern from San Anselmo residents is the Town's infrastructure and exploring ways of increasing funding for road maintenance and drainage improvements to ensure the Town's infrastructure is in good condition. Town roads have an "at risk rating" and if we continue to do nothing about the roads they will continue to deteriorate but much faster than the current condition. He and the other Financial Advisory Committee members made the sales tax recommendation in hopes of continuing to make San Anselmo a great place to live.

Wade Stevenson, Lincoln Park, fully supports putting the one-half percent tax measure on the November 5, 2013 ballot.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, believes the Town roads are in significant condition and need to be taken care of. However, she feels the tax measure should be a special tax, not a general tax and that Council should protect constituent's property values and the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians. Mathews urges Council to make the tax measure a special tax, not a general tax.

McInerney recalled in 2011 he was opposed to putting a sales tax measure on the ballot because he lacked confidence that the money would be spent on roads and infrastructure. However, he supports putting a sales tax measure on the November 5, 2013 ballot as he is confident with the statement of intent passed by Council stating the money will be spent on roads and infrastructure. McInerney said it is unquestioned that the number one priority in Town is repair of deteriorating streets. There is a clear need and a strong will for road and infrastructure projects. McInerney likes the idea of an oversight committee to oversee that the funds are spent according to intent. McInerney is confident that the sales tax will not affect the business community.

Kroot is in support of putting a general tax measure on the November 5, 2013 ballot.

Dahlgren is in support of the general sales tax measure stating it is time to make an investment in our Town.

Coleman also supports putting a general tax measure on the November 5, 2013 ballot.

M/s, Dahlgren/Kroot, to approve Resolution No. 4044 and proposed ordinance calling an election to be held on November 5, 2013, submitting to the voters the proposed ordinance placing a one half percent (.5%) transaction and use tax measure for general purposes on the ballot. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: None. ABSENT: Greene.

4. ADJOURN.

Mayor Coleman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in memory Grant McAllister Martin who passed away on Friday, July 26, 2013. Grant is the son of Chris and BJ Martin of Ross.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Kessel