

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of November 26, 2013

Present: Coleman, Dahlgren, Greene, Kroot, McInerney

Absent: None

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 action taken in closed session.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Woody Weingarten presented the Quality of Life Silver Award to Dorothy Walters for her volunteer service with the Friends of the Library for more than two decades.

Steve Emery, San Francisco Boulevard, announced his "Band of Pirates" will be performing on December 13, 2013 at the Town Hall Plaza.

Emery requested to be notified of all meetings regarding the Memorial Park Detention Basin. Emery suggested that the Town of San Anselmo take an active role in advising the Flood Zone 9 Committee. Emery believes that it is unconscionable that there are areas in the flood plain without a more simple remedial plan.

COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Greene recently visited the Sky Ranch property. He said the property is situated in the middle of two other properties and in terms of developing the side properties that if Sky Ranch were to be open space it would go along ways towards ensuring that the two neighboring properties would be less likely to be developed.

Greene requested a staff report at the next Council meeting on unwritten policies related to mayoral selection used in San Anselmo over the last ten years and also to identify the Mayors from 2003 thru 2013. Greene believes that when people elect a Councilmember in San Anselmo they realize that there is a mayoral rotation and the persons that they elect will participate in that rotation. Greene said he has heard word that there is a plan to skip over himself in the rotation process and to appoint someone else as Mayor. Greene would like the decision to be made in an informed context, thus his request to identify policies that have been in place over the past ten years regarding the Mayoral process.

McInerney has concerns regarding the 2013 Council dictating expenditures in the 2014 year for Sky Ranch and asked if there is anything in the statute that was passed by the voters that would prevent the Council from having another hearing to discuss the matter further.

Deputy Town Attorney, Megan Acevedo, understands the direction from Council at the last meeting

was an informal action as there was no resolution or ordinance and she does not believe there is anything limiting Councils' ability to reconsider the item. Council would have to address the fact that it was addressed by the previous Council and that the new Council would like to reconsider the action taken. The new Council should retrace the action that had gone before the previous Council to update everyone on what had previously occurred.

Coleman suggested review of the Mayoral selection procedure used by the City of Novato.

Stutsman asked if the requests for the next meeting are for the outgoing Council or the incoming Council.

Greene said his request is focused on a staff report delivery for the December 10, 2013 meeting and to be reviewed and discussed by the incoming Council.

Coleman noted she has enjoyed being the Mayor in 2013 and volunteered to be Mayor for the incoming Council in 2014.

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 November 12, 2013.
- (b) Announce expiration of terms on the Capital Programs Monitoring Committee, Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and the Quality of Life Commission.

Kroot pulled item (a) from the consent agenda.

There was no comment from the public.

M/s, Greene/Kroot, approve item (b) of the consent agenda. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Greene, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: None.

Regarding item (a) of the consent agenda Kroot requested that item 4, "Fee Waiver for the Ross Valley Ecumenical Housing Association" reflect the wording "*Kroot left the dais and recused himself for the reason of a perceived conflict of interest*". Kroot noted his work on the Tam House plans and permit application was done for free.

Regarding item 6 of the agenda Kroot requested his comments to reflect his words and the minutes be amended to: "*Kroot feels any small addition under 200sf should not cause the requirement for sprinklers*".

M/s, Kroot/Dahlgren, to approve item (a) of the consent agenda as amended. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Greene, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: None.

There was no comment from the public on the consent agenda.

2. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4053 INTENT TO ABANDON A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN ROSS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BROOKSIDE SCHOOL, 116 BUTTERFIELD ROAD, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Gerhard Epke, Project Manager, Department of Public Works, presented the staff report.

The Ross Valley School District has requested that San Anselmo abandon the section of right-of-way that runs through the Brookside School so that their parcels are contiguous and that they might proceed with plans to construct additional classrooms adjacent to that location. Concurrently, San Anselmo Public Works Department has received a Safe Route to Schools grant for improving Brookside's frontage along the Alameda, and has been looking for a way to accommodate road width, parking, loading, and pedestrian need in the area. If San Anselmo abandons the unused right-of-way, the School District has indicated that it would consider support for widening of the Town right-of-way along the District's Alameda frontage, allowing the town to better accommodate the Safe Routes to School project. Adoption of this resolution sets a date of January 28, 2014 for a public hearing on the abandonment. The abandonment would be in the public interest because the School District could proceed with its campus improvements.

M/s, Kroot/Greene, to approve Resolution No. 4053, the intent to abandon a portion of the right-of-way within Ross Valley School District's Brookside School, 116 Butterfield Road, and set the public hearing for January 28, 2014. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Greene, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: None.

3. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1089 AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8 OF THE SAN ANSELMO MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2013 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND APPENDIX A OF THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE, WITH CERTAIN LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FINDING THOSE AMENDMENTS NECESSARY DUE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS.

Ross Valley Fire Chief, Roger Meagor, presented the staff report.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing.

There was no comment from the public.

Greene noted he does not support approval of the resolution for reasons he stated at the Town Council meeting of November 12, 2013.

Mayor Coleman closed the public hearing.

M/s, Kroot/Dahlgren, to adopt Ordinance No. 1089 revising Title 3, Chapter 3, Article 8 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code, to adopt by reference the 2013 Edition of the California Fire Code, 2012 International Fire Code and Appendix A of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, with certain local amendments thereto, and approve resolution finding those amendments necessary due to local conditions. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: Greene.

4. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1090 AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTERS 1 AND 4 OF THE SAN ANSELMO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24), WHICH INCLUDES THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ENERGY, HISTORICAL BUILDING, AND GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, AND THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FINDING THOSE AMENDMENTS NECESSARY DUE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS.

Building Official, Keith Angerman, presented the staff report.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing.

There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Coleman closed the public hearing.

M/s, Kroot/Greene, to approve Ordinance No. 1090 amending Title 9 of the Town of San Anselmo Municipal Code to adopt by reference the California Building Code, 2013 Edition, the California Residential Code, 2013 Edition, California Electrical Code, 2013 Edition, California Mechanical Code, 2013 Edition, California Plumbing Code, 2013 Edition, California Energy Code, 2013 Edition, California Historical Building Code, 2013 Edition, California Green Building Standards Code, 2013 Edition, International Property Maintenance Code, 2012 Edition, (California Code of Regulations Title 24) as amended. AYES: Coleman, Dahlgren, Greene, Kroot, McInerney. NOES: None.

5. ADJOURN

Mayor Coleman adjourned the meeting in memory of Al Locati. Mr. Locati was known as the “Pied Piper” of Hawthorne Avenue in San Anselmo. He was born in his family’s home in San Anselmo, was in the first graduating class of St. Anselm’s School, and resided for 68 years at his Hawthorne address.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Kessel