

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL - APRIL 22, 1986

Mayor Anne Wooliever convened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Cordingley, Walsh, Chignell in attendance: Councilmember Sharp absent.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Sarah Nome read a letter to the Council, Administrator and Town Attorney concerning the matter of the Police Chief. The letter questioned the hiring of an investigator and the expenses involved with the hiring of the investigator. Secondly, she questioned the fact that no one from the Town Council looks over the warrant list that is approved monthly by the Council.

Pat Broadbent questioned the Town Attorney regarding possible violations of the Brown Act. She also asked for a copy of the proposed changes in the Municipal Code.

Ed Cunningham, 21 Lincoln Avenue, said he was confused and did not know what to believe. He urged the Council to clear the air and to report back to the public according to the Brown Act.

The Mayor reported the matter of the Chief of Police would be resolved as soon as possible.

The Mayor announced Item 5 the appeal from the Planning Commission Decision of April 7 on NU-51 and V-2114, Joe L. Miranda, 124 Prospect Avenue, would be continued until the May 13 meeting.

3. Vacancies Posted and Appointments:

- a. Park and Recreation Commission. The Administrator recommended the number of members serving on this Commission be cleared up as soon as possible by amending Section 11-2.02 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code. M/S Chignell, Cordingley, to proceed with proposed amendment to Municipal Code to establish a five member Commission. Ayes All.
- b. Planning Commission
- c. Marin County Commission on Aging
- d. Library Advisory Board
- e. School District Advisory Council
- f. Ross Valley Fire Service Board of Directors
- g. Ross Valley School Advisory Board

Councilmember Walsh expressed an interest in the Ross Valley School Advisory Council: Councilmember Cordingley expressed interest in the Ross Valley Fire Service Board of Directors. Councilman Cordingley said he was the ABAG Representative and had served for the past two years. He said he would like to be replaced so he could pursue other interests. It was the consensus of the Council that there is a need to review all assignments of Councilmembers and possibly new appointments made.

Councilmember Cordingley volunteered to take a warrant list home to handle in the future; it was determined that a copy of the warrant list for the previous month will be provided each Councilmember with their agenda packet for the first meeting of each month.

People will be notified that there are some vacancies on various Boards and Commissions.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Preliminary plans for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Project, which, in essence, upgrades parking lanes to accommodate commute period traffic.

John Kottage, Director of Public Works, related the history of the project. He said some money had been budgeted for the program and staff had been working on locating additional funding. He said the project was firmly in hand. All improvements would be within the curbs; parking would be eliminated only during commute hours to allow two lanes during the heavy commute times. There would be restriping,

signing and work with the surfaces. He described "milling" as removing the excessive crown.

Sarah Nome asked if removing parking was upgrading.

Stephanie Kramer, 211 San Anselmo Avenue asked if when the excessive crown was removed from the street it would cause additional drainage problems and flooding.

Tony McGinty, 19 Brookside Drive asked if when finished there would be a lip.

Mr. L. Jansson, 1405 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard asked how much will be milled. He asked if this improvement were for the residents or the people in the Valley or Fairfax or was it building a freeway to the beach.

The Director of Public Works said there would be a substantial improvement in the traffic flow; the parking lane would be a traveled way only during commute hours. Non-commute hours there would be two traveled ways with parking.

Kay Coleman, 22 Agatha Court, asked about crossing lanes. She wondered if the crosswalks at Madrone and Saunders would be removed. She said it is very dangerous for people to cross Drake and the engineers really need to take a look at this problem.

Bill Bandy, 49 Yosemite Drive, San Rafael, asked how many parking placed would be involved.

Larry Grove, Consultant, said 12 between Madrone and Bridge on Sir Francis Drake. He asked how close the sidewalk would be to the curb in the residential section. He was told the identical condition now exists from Mountain View to the Hub. The engineer said it was anticipated that traffic will move better, but still will be slow. It is anticipated the improvement will result in a 65% increase of the flow capacity of the road.

Tony McGinty, 19 Brookside Drive, said with the crown a panic stop will give such momentum as to put the car into the sidewalks.

Mr. A. Segale, 19 Holstein Road, asked if busses would drive alongside the sidewalks. John Kottage said they were planning to get the bus stops out of the traveled way by installing 4 pullouts for buses. He said he hoped to procure additional funds from the Golden Gate Transit District for additional pullouts.

Jerry Neal, 1001 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard asked what the commute hours would be. He was told they had been set tentatively for 7 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Neal also asked if there would be traffic signals added or removed. He was informed there would not be. He said it would create two problems if no more lights were to be added: (1) Difficulty for residents to get onto Sir Francis Drake Boulevard during commute hours. and (2) westbound left turns between 4 - 6 p.m. People will need to take Center Boulevard for use as an exit and entrance.

Kay Coleman said she agreed, as she has a most difficult time getting onto Drake Boulevard. She said Council should legislate to allow residents free access to their own streets.

Councilmember Chignell asked for a response to the left turn issue.

Gregory Barr, 100 Crane Drive asked about flashing lights yellow during commute hours.

Mr. McGinty said allowing left turns during commute hours defeats the purpose of the project.

Sarah Nome asked to go on record as really not wanting to be funnelled up Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and/or Center Boulevard. She said a road to Terra Linds is really needed and asked what provision had been made to provide such a road.

Pat Broadbent asked if any provision had been made for bicycle traffic.

Kay Coleman agreed with Mr. Segale. She said children are being cited for riding bikes on sidewalks. Consideration needs to be given to bike lanes.

Cecila Neal, 1001 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard said consideration needed to be given to speeders. The cars literally fly by, she said.

Dan Goltz, 107 Holstein Road asked how it was proposed to control the "No Parking" during commute hours. He asked how it would work. Public Works Director Kottage said it would be well signed and a program would have to be worked out for towing offending cars. He said he was open to ideas.

Mr. Seale asked with all the building going on west of San Anselmo, if they ever thought this improvement would not be enough. It is not going to take care of the traffic--no way.

Tim Peterson, 58 Madrone Avenue asked if there would be a left turn lane at Sais Avenue. He also asked what happened to the Sunny Hills problem. MR. Kottage said the improvements would include left turn pocket.

Gene Arntz, owner of the Red Hill Shopping Center said he was very upset to see the position of the traffic signals finalized. He said he felt he never had access to the Council. He said he had hoped to get a "yes" from the Council and he would be ready to move on an in-house study of the traffic flow from the Center. He said he thought the Center could accommodate a move of the traffic signal to Sunny Hills Drive. He said he was here to answer any questions.

Town Administrator explained that a meeting was called for the residents on both sides of Drake. The Town received between 70 - 90 cards asking that the signal not be moved. The residents of the north side had withdrawn their petition to have the signal moved.

Mr. Arntz said he felt strongly that he would like to see the signal moved.

There followed a discussion of the possibility of a temporary light at Sunny Hills Drive to see what effect it would have. It appeared too costly.

Mr. Arntz said the Council had approved internal changes in the Shopping Center and he has not scheduled the changes yet. He would like to know the timing for the project for that purpose.

The Public Hearing was closed and discussion continued at Council level.

Councilmember Chignell said he had talked to Supervisor Harold Brown and felt the Town should lay out the figures for people at the County. This request for financial assistance from the County will be on the next Tuesday Board of Supervisors Agenda.

The Administrator said the primary competition for County Funds was from the County itself.

Councilmember Walsh said anything would be an improvement over what now exists.

Councilmember Cordingley asked if the crown would be milled for the entire length of the project, and the Public Works Director said they would try to do the most hazardous areas, but a final plan will show the exact locations.

Councilmember Cordingley said he was pleased to have gotten this far and was also pleased by the comments from the audience. He said a separation between traffic and pedestrian lane was desirable to make it as safe cohabitation as possible. He wondered if a barrier could be considered. He asked about wheel chair access which he feels is very important. He said it was a big project that would create problems as well as solve them.

The Administrator said letters will be sent to everyone who spoke at the meeting tonight. A second public hearing will be scheduled for May 27 for the final plans.

From the audience Mr. McGinty asked if the 4 traveled lanes would be in effect on weekends also when the traffic is very heavy.

The Mayor we should do whatever we can to provide safety for bike riders. She said if her children were riding bikes, she would direct them to stay off Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell to approve the preliminary plan as presented

The Public Works Director said he could not proceed with the development plans until a decision is made on the traffic signal.

Town Administrator Garvey said there had been no support in the neighborhood for the light at Sunny Hills Drive. Perhaps we should investigate the cost of temporary light and put a temporary light at Sunny Hills Drive and put the light at Bella Vista out of Commission and see what happens.

The Mayor said she had grave concern that those neighbors be made aware of any proposal to move the signal. The Council concurred.

Mr. Arntz said he did not want a temporary light and that he would rather lose than experiment with two lights.

The Mayor said she felt that took care of the temporary light.

Councilmember Cordingley said he was very concerned with neighbors and also the Shopping Center.

M/S to Cordingley, Walsh to approve the Initial Environmental Review and approve the Negative Declaration. Ayes All.

6. Discussion of Recruitment of town Librarian: The Administrator said salary steps were proposed with the current salary being Step B of the range.

Herman Kramer said the current salary is level C. He felt the starting salary should be midpoint.

7. Report: Open Space Committee on Survey:

Jonathan Braun said the survey was going well. The cutoff date had been extended one more week. Jerry Draper is working on a program for the Town's computer. So far \$70 in contributions to defray the cost of the survey has been received.

8. Consideration of Development Agreement for Old Quarry Subdivision Doug Elliot spoke of the advantages for his firm as well as for the Town that would be guaranteed through a development agreement. He said the Town has given approval of a final map for the subdivision; the builders would be constructing 1/2 mile of public improvements; they would have a master plan for the site; would hold community workshops; the agreement would insure development with integrity rather than a fast track development to beat a possible moratorium.

Councilmember Walsh expressed a desire to study other development agreements.

Larry Stack, 10 Alice Way, said the hillside density ordinance very adequately covered the Town's requirements and he felt there was no need to duplicate them. A development agreement appears redundant to him.

Fred Peterson, 101 Sunny Hills Drive pointed out a resolution or ordinance could be subject to referendum.

Albert Barsochini, 4 BlackHawk, said he had followed the project. He said he sees danger in fancy words and action like that proposed could get the Town into lawsuits--could cause a lot of trouble. He could see no advantage.

M/S Chignell/Walsh to hold the matter over for two weeks. Ayes all.

9. Council Request for future agenda items, comments and direction to staff; staff miscellaneous items.

Councilmember Chignell raised the issue of speeding on Forbes Avenue and the possibility of speed bumps. In writing before the next Council Meeting.

Councilmember Walsh mentioned the number of Restaurants opening in downtown. Discussion of whether the Planning Consultant should log some hours on a study. There are 28 restaurants in San Anselmo.

Cordingley brought up the subject of warrants. Concurrence was a register will be a part of the agenda packet for the first meeting of every month henceforth.

Chignell complimented the staff for their cooperation and work.

Chignell asked for a progress report on 100 Sycamore - seniors living in the apartments are having dramatic rent increases. He will pursue further.

Proposed Assessment District was discussed, including status and time it may come before the Council. The Administrator said the final proposal still is being drafted and there are some rough edges and disputes. It will not be ready for the May 13 meeting.

The Administrator urged that all Council members attend the LAFCo Consolidation workshop to be held on April 29.

Robson-Harrington Association Open House on Sunday, April 27th was announced; all Councilmembers are invited to attend.

10. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of April 8, 1986. Sarah Nome said on Page 2 of the minutes of April 8, 1986, reference was made to Helen Cameron of San Anselmo. She said Ms Cameron's remarks should be shown as those of a non-resident.

The minutes of the April 15 meeting were not ready and will be held over to the next regular meeting.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell consent agenda be approved.

Walsh and Chignell abstained from approval of April 8 minutes.

11. Adjourn: At 10:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned to Executive Session on the Del Santo personnel matter and thence to the next regular Town Council meeting of May 13, 1986.

Thelma Foster