

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 12, 1986

Mayor Wooliever convened in regular session at 8:05 p.m., August 12, 1986 with members Chignell, Cordingley, Sharp and Walsh in attendance.

The Mayor then announced several agenda changes.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Larry Stack, 10 Alice Way questioned the figures for the JPA premium that were listed in a letter sent to him from the Town Administrator. He said there was a \$30,000 discrepancy. The Administrator said he would check the figures and respond to Mr. Stack in writing.

Herman Kramer, 1 Allemand Way, cited Mr. Stack's complaint as an example of the "little errors" found. He said the Town was not getting quality work from the Town Administrator.

Nancy Olson, 1329 San Anselmo Avenue, spoke to the situation with the Sanitary District. She said when something that big is going to happen, neighboring property owners should be notified. She said maybe the neighboring property owners do not want the Sanitary District located on in the old Sohner Tree Service Lot or in the property owned by the Catholic Church on Mariposa. She said she heard the Catholic Church was going to building 20 stores on the lot; in view of the vacancies in the downtown area she said she thought the vacant stores should be filled before new ones were allowed to be constructed.

The Town Administrator said he had heard nothing from the Sanitary District other than inquiries about zoning of certain lots in the downtown area. He mentioned that several years ago there was a proposal to relocate the Sanitary District yard and office to Sorich, Ranch which would result in benefit to both the Town and Sanitary District One.

Ned Ongaro, Manager of Sanitary District One spoke of the inquiries his Board had made into possible relocation in several downtown areas. He said he would answer any questions members of the audience posed.

He announced the next meeting would be held in the San Anselmo Council Chambers on August 19 at 6:45 p.m. Public welcome.

Chignell said he thought the whole controversy of the Sanitary District's relocation was a positive experience for both the Sanitary District and the residents, in that the District has decided not to relocate on Mariposa Avenue.

Sarah Nome, 77 Alder Avenue said five weeks ago she received a very strong letter from the Town Administrator, and she took it to an attorney. The Attorney wrote to the Council and asked for an apology; she wished to know when she could expect an answer to her Attorney's letter.

Chignell said he felt there should be some response.

Walsh agreed with Chignell

Cordingley said the problem was obviously not going to go away. He felt the fact that Ms Nome went to an attorney had no bearing on the issue. He said he felt the Town Administrator could handle it better than the Council, and he understood this was in the process.

Sharp agreed with Cordingley.

Ms Nome said her civil rights had been abrogated. She said she did not see why she has to write requests to see minutes, bills, etc. if no other citizen must do so.

Larry Stack then asked if in lieu of a letter response, his letter could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Lucile Dandelet said she had seen Ms Nome on television tonight and felt very sad about what she had seen. She said it put the Town in a bad light; she felt Ms Nome owed the Town an apology.

Mr. Kramer said he disagreed with the last speaker.

Mr. Segale said he was not taking sides; Mr. Garvey is a good man. He said the Council were the people who told the employees what to do.

Ms Nome said she wished to defend herself; she said she could not have taken 120 hours of staff time.

3. REQUEST OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF MARIN FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A request of Community Health Center of Marin for financial assistant in the amount of \$2,500 had been received. Mary Fenlon, Executive Director presented the request. She stated the request was for 2% of overall costs, and pointed out that 17% of the patients treated are from San Anselmo.

Walsh asked if this grant were to be approved, if it would set a precedent for requests of this type. She had been told at the Health Center that this would be a one-time only request.

Cordingley said he had some reservation and did not wish to have a grant be a precedent setting move.

Chignell had visited the Health Center and had learned that Fairfax had denied the request, as they deny all such requests. He said he felt each request should be considered on its own merit and it should be understood that this would be on a one-time only basis. He asked the Administrator where the money would come from.

The Administrator suggested in December the cash flow would increase due to the end of the dry period.

Ms Fenlon said the sooner the better if they were going to be granted the money.

M/S Walsh, Chignell to allocate \$2,500 to the Community Health Center of Marin from the General Fund as soon as the books are closed. Ayes all.

Chignell urged Ms Fenlon to keep after the other Towns in the County for contributions.

4. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 884 AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 21, REGARDING FINDINGS FOR THE GRANTING OF VARIANCES.

M/S Walsh, Cordingley, to adopt Ordinance 884, amending the zoning ordinance, specifically Title 10, Chapter 3, Article 21, regarding findings for the granting of variances. Ayes all.

5. PARAMEDIC TAX BALLOT ARGUMENT

The Administrator explained that one to five registered voters of San Anselmo could sign the ballot measure and asked the Council's pleasure

in the choice of signers. He explained the steps required for placing the matter on the November ballot:

First, would be a resolution calling for the election. Second, whether the Council supports placing an argument and, if affirmative, who is to sign. Third, permission for Town staff to sign Transmittal 5 to the County of Marin, placing the Paramedic tax on the tax bills and providing for the collection thereof.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell to pass Resolution 2086 calling for and giving notice of holding a general election on Tuesday, November 4, 1986, as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities and for the submission to the qualified electors of the Town a question relating to the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Joint Powers Agreement. Ayes all.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell approval of proposed argument. Ayes all.

It was the consensus of the Council the following people should sign the argument in support of the ballot measure: the Mayor, the Vice Mayor, Paul Brand, The Fire Chief and a Physician with residence in San Anselmo, preferably one interested in emergency rooms. The next question posed was shall the Town Attorney draft an impartial analysis of the measure. Town Attorney Roth said Tom Hendricks, Assistant County Counsel is preparing a model analysis and he suggested using that one. This would save funds.

The Council complimented Paul Brand on the his excellent performance as San Anselmo's representative to the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority.

12 (c) DISCUSSION OF OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING ORDINANCE  
(Heard out of Order)

Walsh said the Police Chief and Town Administrator had met with her to discuss overnight street parking. She suggested combining the second unit study and a parking study to determine which areas could accommodate areas of overnight street parking. She felt this should be the first stage of a resolution of the problem. Walsh said in hardship cases where on-street parking permits can be purchased, people felt \$10.00 per month excessive and she suggested that it could be eliminated, or at least experimented with for three months. It was suggested that a one-time fee to cover the initial investigation could be considered. Walsh suggested the issue be put on the next Council agenda.

Pat Broadbent 70 Berkeley Avenue, said she was unaware of the overnight parking restriction when she purchased her home. She described many homes with steep downslope parking.

Several of the Council expressed a desire to not delete the ordinance.

Sarah Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, said she misses not hearing what the police have to say in person. She requested the Chief be invited to attend the next Council meeting.

It was requested that reports on the overnight parking ordinance be requested from the Fire Chief, Director of Public Works, Chief of Police and Town Administrator.

The Administrator asked about a sunset clause, perhaps reviewing in 3 months with a termination in six months.

6. RESOLUTION SETTING MANAGEMENT SALARIES

M/S Cordingley, Chignell, Resolution 2087 setting management salaries, effective July 1, 1986. Ayes all.

7. MEMBERSHIP, ROBSON/HARRINGTON HOUSE BOARD

The Administrator reported the difficulty in filling appointments to be made by the Council by the unwillingness of any of the current members of the Board to resign. The only exception being Dolly Frauens who would resign if she were guaranteed reappointment. The Administrator suggested if the Council were willing to wait until the present term of one of the members expires in April, 1987, the Council could make the appointment at that time. Council agreed this was the best solution to the problem. Council asked staff to correspond with persons having already applied for membership on this Board to explain the situation.

Sarah Nome asked if the Resolution setting management salaries could be read aloud, and the Mayor did so.

8. REPORT ON ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE

The Town Administrator related the history of animal control. He summed the report by saying San Anselmo would be expected to pay \$8,166 per year to the County for continued service at the present level. The Administrator said it was a general feeling that many of Marin County's dogs are not licensed and only a very few of the cats. The Volunteer Program is preparing a program which will endeavor to obtain better compliance with the dog licensing law and hopefully encourage cat owners to license their pets also. Such fee revenue would serve as a credit against any amount that the Town would have to pay.

9. REPORT ON HIGHWAY 101 CORRIDOR TASK FORCE MEETING

Sharp said he will be attending another meeting on August 13, and will have an additional report for the next Council meeting. He said it was the sentiment of the people attending the Task Force meeting that the Northwestern Pacific right-of-way should be acquired from Novato to Healdsburg. There was no consensus of what would be done with the property but the consensus seemed to be some sort of rail service. There was some discussion on how to go about getting funds for development, including getting businesses to contribute as a way of getting people out of their cars. There was concern that any funds obtained not preclude light rail on this right-of-way.

10. MERCHANT/EMPLOYEE PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

The Chamber of Commerce feels the program has not been a success thus far; some people feel \$5.00 per month is too much to pay, and they would rather park in a two-hour zone and move cars. The Chamber of Commerce suggests the Council waive the fee. The Administrator said this would have no effect on General Funds since parking permit money had been put in a special account to construct a parking lot at some time in the future. It was suggested that all payment be remitted to payors.

Bill Bandy, 49 Yosemite, San Rafael spoke as a local businessman and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He said four-hour parking spaces filled early, before 9:00 a.m. He suggested all four hour spaces be removed from the Creek Park parking lot. Staff will look into it.

Consensus of the Council was that the Resolution will be altered to indicate the program is free. Refunds will be made.

11. REPORT ON POSSIBILITY OF POSTING OF WARRANTS AND MINUTES

The Administrator reported a complete packet of everything given to Councilmembers is being placed in the Library near the copy machine and should be there early Saturday morning. Staff also will prepare a set

of Council minutes covering the past year that will also be available in the Library.

Walsh asked if another set could be placed in the foyer of the Council Chamber on the night of the Council meeting.

Stephany Kramer asked if copies of proposed resolutions also would be available.

Sarah Nome reported she had called Town Hall and was told the Council packet was available in the Library and she said it was marvellous. She wanted everyone to know how much it was appreciated.

Herman Kramer mentioned the number of amended agendas that had to be prepared recently.

12. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, COMMENTS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF: STAFF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

An announcement was made again of the Sanitary District Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 in the Council Chamber, beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Chignell reported he had attended the last meeting with approximately 60 citizens. He said he hoped for more communication between the Sanitary District and the San Anselmo Administration.

Sanitary District Manager Ongaro said Public Hearings would be held on any site chosen for the relocation of the equipment yard and office and he apologized to the Council for the misunderstanding about the Sohner property and that on Mariposa Avenue. He mentioned the possibility of the Sorich property being considered.

Nancy Olson said the people in the Sorich area did not want additional traffic.

a. Discussion of dinner in honor of three former Councilmembers.

Walsh asked who the dinner was being given for and wondered if all three former Councilmembers would attend.

Sharp said each of the three had given much to the Town and he felt this an excellent way to show appreciation.

Chignell said he supported a dinner for all three. He said he hoped it would become a regular event.

M/S Sharp, Chignell that we schedule a date early in October for a dinner in honor of all three former Councilmembers. Ayes all.

Mayor stated that Mayor Carol Sherman of Fairfax had suggested Fairfax and San Anselmo Town staffs get together to talk about the Drake project.

Staff reported a proposed meeting and that there would be a news insert in the Ross Valley Reporter publicizing the construction timetables and other pertinent information. The insert would be funded by the San Francisco Foundation Grant.

Walsh reported she had received a letter from Don Ongaro regarding the drainage on Ross Avenue. Walsh commented on the general appearance of the Town apart from the Town Hall. She said there were a lot of weeds and things looked generally rundown.

b. Discussion of publicizing Council Agenda Actions.

The Administrator explained how the newspapers received their information regarding Council meetings. He said the newspapers edited what was given them and it was their choice as to which items to print. Council decided no further action on the part of the Town need be taken.

The Administrator asked if a follow-up was needed for the team building session. Council said they were following up on their contracts individually. No further session was scheduled.

Lucile Dandelet said she has a fire engine that she will have in the Country Fair Days parade and invited Councilmembers to ride on it. The Administrator said there would also be a Wells Fargo Stage for the Council.

13. Consent Agenda

M/S Cordingley consent agenda be approved. Ayes all with the abstention of Sharp on item B.

Thelma Foster