

MINUTES OF THE SAN ANSELMO TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 1986

Mayor Wooliever convened the meeting in regular session at 8:00 p.m. on September 9, 1986 with Chignell, Cordingley, Sharp, Walsh, Wooliever in attendance.

The Mayor presented Gay Kagy an award of merit for her outstanding service on the Open Space Committee.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Nancy Olson, 1329 San Anselmo Avenue, said she was still puzzled about the \$53,000 overpayment. She wondered how an insurance account could be overpaid and how it could end up in a dry fund account. The Administrator said he would call Mrs. Olson and go through it with her.

John Slack said he was still looking for a used vehicle for the Police Department.

3. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Volunteer Advisory Board (1 seat)
M/S Sharp/Cordingley to place the names of Bill Ollinger, Larry Stack, Sarah Nome and Robert Beedle in nomination. Ayes all.

M/S Cordingley, Sharp to close nominations. Ayes all.

Interviews of the nominees will be scheduled for 10 minutes each just before the next Council meeting.

Larry Stack asked that his application be accepted and considered on its merit. He said he will be out of the country at the time of the interviews. He said he would be pleased to talk to anyone from the Council.

- B. Planning Commission (1 appointment)
M/S Cordingley, Sharp Maria Zaharoff be reappointed for an additional four-year term. Ayes all.

4. REQUEST OF TOWN OF FAIRFAX FOR EXPERIMENT ON CENTER BOULEVARD TRAFFIC CONTROL

Chuck Cate, Fairfax Town Administrator, and Walt Potter, Fairfax Chief of Police were present to answer any questions. Chief Del Santo, San Anselmo Police Department was present.

Cate said Fairfax proposed controlled intersections on Center Boulevard at San Anselmo Avenue and at Saunders at Drake for a ten-day trial period. Fairfax, he said, is willing to commit their resources during this experiment, contributing officers to control the intersections.

Chief Del Santo said he was concerned with using Fairfax officers to direct traffic in San Anselmo; he is concerned with diverting cars to San Anselmo Avenue and into downtown San Anselmo; he is concerned with diverted traffic using neighborhood streets. He said he had liability questions.

Sgt. Ted Wight, SAPD, former traffic officer, said he felt we should deal with the traffic on Sir Francis Drake and felt the traffic situation would be somewhat relieved when the construction work is completed. He said San Rafael experimented with controlled traffic at the on-ramp to the freeway, and after a two week experiment, the traffic officers involved felt the experiment not a success. He added that he had directed traffic on Center Boulevard just the day before, due to an accident, and it had not helped. The backup of traffic just moved further east.

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Bill Jason, 1600 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Fairfax, said he felt Center Boulevard should be one way in the morning. The gate on San Anselmo Avenue should be opened. He could see no problem with this.

The Director of Public Works said problems had been encountered with the coordinator in the traffic signal at Butterfield Road. That may have accounted for a significant amount of the problems. It is hoped this problem has been corrected.

John Slack, 47 Santa Barbara said on the first day of school it took him 45 minutes to get to Corte Madera.

A. Segale, Holstein Road, mentioned a big yellow truck which is parked on Drake during commute hours.

Nancy Olson suggested talking to the schools so see if they would be willing to start school later in the morning.

Tim Peterson, 58 Madrone, said during the evening commute hours 160 cars cut down Madrone Avenue. He said he is circulating a petition to try to get a gate on Madrone Avenue. He is completely opposed to more traffic on Center Boulevard.

Sharp asked if it would be possible to try the experiment for fewer than 10 days, perhaps for 3 to 5 days.

Chignell said he was opposed to the utilization of Fairfax officers in San Anselmo; he is concerned over the liability; he doesn't feel it will work, and he would like to wait until the construction work is complete to see if other mitigation is necessary. He said action is needed on the 101 corridor; he felt local traffic will not improve significantly until the 101 corridor traffic problems is improved.

Walsh said he tended to agree with Chignell. She felt it was a "grin and bear it" situation. She said she was opposed because the traffic signals had been installed because manual director is slower.

Cordingley asked about jurisdictional problems with Fairfax officers on San Anselmo streets.

Chief Del Santo said he thought there would be problems having another City's officers on San Anselmo Streets. He said if the Council wished to try the experiment, he felt San Anselmo officers should handle the situation.

Cordingley said he thought we should proceed with the experiment providing there were no liability problems. He feels the problem is a Ross Valley problem, and responsibility should be shared.

The Mayor asked the question "What if it works?" She favored putting the matter over until the construction is completed on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Council agreed.

5. REQUEST OF AMERICAN LEGION FOR WAIVER OF BANNER FEE

Cordingley said he felt a waiver of fee for hanging of a banner for the American Legion Thanksgiving Dinner would set a precedent. He said he felt waiving a fee for one nonprofit organization would undermine the present policy. He said he felt it important for the Town to be reimbursed for the crew's time.

Walsh said this is a worthy cause and she would be inclined to waive the fee.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell denial of request by American Legion for a waiver of the banner fee for their proposed Thanksgiving Dinner. Passed with four Aye votes: Walsh voted no.

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The Administrator said if the Council approved, we might ask if there is any other way in which the Town can support the event.

6. PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Cordingley said the guidelines allow the committee to take very positive or negative stands and makes it clear that the committee has an advocacy position.

M/S Sharp, Cordingley adoption of the guidelines for the open space dated September 17, 1986. Ayes all.

7. DIRECTION TO PLANNING COMMISSION RE: REZONING ISSUE

This item continued to the meeting of September 23, 1986.

A. DISCUSSION OF PRE-ZONING OF SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Sharp said he would like a list in of parcels to be considered for pre-zoning.

Staff will endeavor to obtain this list from the County.

8. COST OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The Administrator reported the Board of Supervisors has adopted a budget and has determined that \$8,194 is the amount above what we generate through dog licenses.

Chignell said he thought this should be pursued. He felt the Town is in a squeeze play by the County. He said he felt the County is obligated, under law, to perform this service. He asked for input from Supervisor Brown. He thought the legal aspect should be brought to Supervisor Brown's attention.

Sharp said he was inclined to agree and asked what would happen if we did not go along with it. Who would do it?

The Administrator said he felt the County Counsel had given the County a legal opinion already. He said if Council directed, we could get a copy of that opinion.

Walsh agreed.

Cordingley said he also agreed.

The Administrator will report back at the next meeting. He felt it important to provide the service.

Sharp said he did not wish to make a commitment for more than one year.

9. RECOMMENDATION RE: USE OF AB 2536 FUNDS (STORM RECOVERY)

Public Works Director Kottage said \$100,00 was allocated for Halperin Park flood work in the Town Budget. The State is allocating an additional \$121,697 and the Town is now in line for another \$38,431 which could be forthcoming in October or November. He said any money saved out of the \$100,000 the Town had budgeted would be used for other non-funded, but approved, Town projects.

M/S Walsh, Cordingley that the Town Council allocate AB 2536 funds to the Halperin Park Protective Measure Project. Ayes All.

The Administrator said there appears to be more money in Sacramento and he would like to apply for it. He also said Halperin Park came to the Town as a gift.

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10. DISCUSSION OF CREATION OF TOWN AUDIT COMMITTEE (WALSH)

Walsh read her memo to other Councilmembers dated September 9.

Sharp said he would like to see staff's reaction to the proposal for an audit committee. He said he is concerned about creating yet another layer of government. He said he did not see the necessity of such a committee.

Cordingley agreed. He felt he needed time for staff reaction. He asked why we would want to change the audit system. He felt it should be discussed. He is concerned that it could become politicized and cause divisiveness.

Kay Coleman, 22 Agatha Court asked if the Town does not have an ongoing budget.

Nancy Olson said maybe if the Town had an audit committee the \$53,000 wouldn't have been spent.

Staff to prepare answers to audit questions for the next Council meeting.

11. REJECTION OF BID TO REROOF THE ISABEL COOK RECREATION CENTER

The Director of Public Works said he had received only one bid, which was much higher than either preliminary estimate. He recommended rejection. He suggested doing partial repairs and look at the remainder of roof in the spring.

M/S Chignell, Sharp to reject the bid and authorize partial repair work with the remainder of the reroofing work to be performed in the Spring of 1987. Ayes all.

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

Chignell asked the Public Works Director if he had received a letter from the residents of Hilldale Drive, and the Director replied he would be happy to pave Hilldale Avenue, all he needs is the money.

Chignell said he understood speed bumps were out of the question for Forbes Avenue, but he asked about bot dots. Public Works Director Kottage said he would look into it.

Chignell asked about 100 Sycamore Avenue and was informed an answer had been received from the manager and would be distributed.

There was a discussion of the Town Attorney evaluations and how the Council wanted responses.

Sharp asked if there had been replies to the letters sent to the residents of San Anselmo Avenue. None had been received.

Cordingley complimented the Public Works Department on the informational ad in the Ross Valley Reporter regarding the Sir Francis Drake Traffic Improvement Project.

September 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. was set as a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in the Council Chamber.

Walsh said she had received a letter from Liz Hamilton, 33 Rosemont. She asked staff if they could furnish her telephone number.

Kay Coleman reported she had attended the Sanitary District Board meeting and they were going to have a legal study as well as a study of their space requirements.

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Sarah Nome said there are huge logs in the street at the location where a bay tree was cut without a permit. She said the logs did not look diseased.

The Mayor announced the MCCMC meeting would be September 24; reservations for dinner to be made by September 18. She encouraged all Councilmembers to attend.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the minutes of August 26, June 19 and 24 and July 3 which will be held until the September 23 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting of September 23.

Thelma Foster