

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 1986

Mayor Wooliever convened the meeting on October 28, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Chignell, Cordingley, Sharp and Walsh present.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO SHIRLEE BENEDICT

The Mayor presented a Certificate of Recognition of 19 years of service to the San Anselmo Library to Shirlee Benedict upon her retirement.

3. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Evelyn Freel, 1415 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, spoke about the hazards to pedestrians on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, especially in the vicinity of the bus stops. She suggested a legend be painted on the street indicating there was a bus stop ahead. Traffic Safety Committee to discuss matter at their next meeting and report back to Council and reply to Mrs. Freel.

Mrs. Freel also stated traffic speeds by Sir Francis Drake High School. She said there is a need for a traffic light in the vicinity of Isabel Cook Recreation Center and her belief that a road should be constructed between Sleepy Hollow and Terra Linda.

Nancy Olson, 1329 San Anselmo Avenue, said the area from Madrone to the Hub is very dangerous. She said the merge area is a serious hazard. She was reassured that the Public Works Department is aware of the situation and has requested permission to solicit proposals from DKS Associates to provide a detailed study and cost estimate.

Suzanne Dantonet, 211 San Anselmo Avenue, asked if plans had been made for seeding or placing hay on Red Hill where the fire was. Public Works Department will look into what needs to be done.

Pat Broadbent asked about a barrier for pedestrian safety on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and was assured it was being investigated.

Bill Bandy said he was asked by a number of merchants on the Avenue to request the Town not to issue parking citations for the last week or two before Christmas. He said many of the other Marin Towns have adopted this policy. Mr. Bandy also said it was dangerous for pedestrians to cross Center Boulevard near the Fire Department. Both matters to be discussed at the Joint Workshop of Chamber of Commerce and Town Council.

At this point the Mayor said she would be unable to attend the workshop because of a conflict involving Drake High School. Chignell said he was also planning to be a Drake High School and all agreed to set another date for the workshop.

4. REQUEST FROM OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE OLD QUARRY ACQUISITION

The Administrator said the Open Space Committee has requested \$500 from the Open Space Fund toward an appraisal of Old Quarry lands.

Jonathan Braun, 479 Scenic Avenue said an independent appraisal was needed as a starting point toward acquisition.

Walsh said the developers have already spent so much money, she wondered if the Town would be prepared for a buyout.

M/S Chignell, Sharp authorization of \$500 from the Open Space Fund toward the appraisal of the Old Quarry lands. Ayes all.

5. RESOLUTION SUSTAINING A PORTION OF AN APPEAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION APPROVING PLAN AND DESIGN OF SUBDIVISION

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IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE OLD QUARRY SUBDIVISION (A/P Nos. 177-250-40 & 41 and 177-220-50)

A revised resolution was presented, and Planning Consultant John Roberto pointed out the minor changes.

M/S Cordingley, Walsh to sustain a portion of an appeal of a Planning Commission Action and Approving a Landscape Plan and Design of subdivision improvements as modified for the Old Quarry Subdivision (A/P Nos. 177-250-40 & 41 and 177-220-50)

6. REPORT ON RECREATION PROGRAM INSURANCE

This item was continued from the previous meeting in an effort to locate a broker who would provide insurance to Pro Rec. The Town Administrator and Pro Rec Director stated they had exhausted the possibilities in their search. Walsh said she had not has sufficient time to widen her search and asked to have the matter continued for two weeks. There was consensus among the Council to continue the matter until the meeting of November 25.

Cordingley said he had heard a rumor that benefits for the three employees who would transfer from Pro Rec to Town employees would be retroactive. The Administrator said seniority would be calculated only for the basis of fringe benefit such as vacation. No credit would be given for time away from Town employment.

7. IMPROVEMENTS TO CREEK PARK

Bill Bandy, San Anselmo Shoe Repair, said alternatives had been suggested for the Avenue of the Children signs and asked that this consideration be on the agenda for the joint meeting of the Council and Chamber of Commerce.

Dorothy Hughes suggested a plaque might be put on the Town Hall Lawn to replace the Avenue of the Children Signs that did not work out.

Dan Goltz, Architect, said originally Creek Park was going to be a parking lot and the idea did not go over too well except with a few of the merchants. He said in designing the park, the number of cars that could have been parked there, were it exclusively a parking lot, is the same as now. The designers were given specific direction: The park was to be a quiet place to include parking and with trees as a buffer and to enhance the Creek. There were many public hearings. He said if the Town chooses to change the Park, there should be full public hearings.

Cathy Nichelini, member of Park and Recreation Commission said she was concerned that it be thoroughly investigated before any change occurs. There should be public hearings.

Sharp said there should be more than usual notice given; the Park belongs to everyone.

Chignell said he felt we can have the best of both worlds. A committee is needed.

The consensus of the Council was there should be a committee with a broad base. A progress report will be prepared for November 25.

8. REVIEW OF 1985-86 TOWN AUDIT

The Administrator said the audit looked good for this year. Scott Seamands, the auditor was present to answer any questions.

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In answer to Sarah Nome's questions about any overpayment, Mr. Seamands said he had looked at all the invoices and they are in agreement with what was paid.

A workshop for the Council with the auditor was set for November 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

9. DISCUSSION OF SURPLUS TOWN LOTS

The Administrator said two of the three lots pose significant challenges to development. A title search is needed for two lots, at a cost of approximately \$200 each.

M/S Chignell, Sharp to appropriate \$400 for a title search for the two lots. Ayes all.

10. DISCUSSION OF LENGTH OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cordingley said he felt Council meetings should have a time limit, perhaps 11:00 p.m. He suggested audience participation be limited also.

The Council reached a consensus that the cutoff time for Council meetings should be 11:00 p.m. Each agenda should contain a notation to indicate this and state items not heard by 11:00 p.m. will be continued to the next regular meeting. Councilmembers agreed a break should be scheduled on the agenda.

11. DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY BUILDING PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Administrator said the business community had been notified of the vacancy too late to respond for this meeting and suggested the matter be continued until the next regular meeting of November 25.

12. DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULE FOR CARTER COLLINS APPEAL

(This item was heard out of order.) December 8 was the date chosen by Carter Collins for his appeal of the Planning Commission decision on his application for a use permit. The appeal was set for December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center, provided the material is received by the Planning Department on or before November 21, 1986.

Walsh asked for the appeal material earlier than the Friday before the Council meeting.

13. REVIEW OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVE - PRIORITY SETTING

The Planning Department had submitted a list of 20 items requiring substantial time of both the Department and the Planning Consultant. The Planning Director said there was a need to prioritize the list. After considerable discussion it was determined the Planning Director should prepare a priority list with an estimated time and cost line and present it to the Council. A workshop for the Council and Planning Commission was scheduled for December 4 between the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Amendments to the R-1-H ordinance are to be presented at the November 25 meeting. Cordingley asked for a sample ordinance from another Town.

14. REPORT RE: MISCELLANEOUS UNBUDGETED EMERGENCY DRAINAGE REPAIR MEASURES

The Public Works Director described several emergency projects most of which have already been completed or are in the process of being completed. He asked the Council to grant after the fact approval of these emergency projects and to authorize funding for the projects to

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be taken from unexpended funds allocated to other Capital Reconstruction projects and the Public Works operating accounts. Cordingley asked to have the projects brought before the Council in the future if there was possibly time to do so.

M/S Sharp, Walsh to approve after the fact funding for emergency public works projects as follows: 427 Scenic Avenue, \$4,860; 445, 461 and 471 Scenic Avenue, Pavement Repair \$3,348, Culvert Replacement \$4,200; 309/313 Greenfield Avenue, \$2,590; 329 Butterfield Road \$9,200. Ayes all.

15. RECOMMENDATION RE: LABOR RELATIONS CONSULTANT

The Town Administrator said two proposals had been received far in excess of the \$4,500 budgeted for this purpose. The third proposal came from an individual presented having limited labor relation clients. In view of the above, he recommended the amount be transferred to the personnel line items in the Administration/Finance budget so as to accommodate additional hours that a secretary presently working in the department may need to type contracts if the Administrator does the negotiations.

Chignell suggested that \$1,900 of that amount be appropriated for a crossing guard at the Ross/Barber/Drake intersection.

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

The Town Administrator mentioned a letter from the County of Marin regarding Ballot Measure A. Without reference to the contents of the Measure, he said he has concerns about the County dealing with city business licenses and setting precedent.

The Mayor invited all to attend the events at Drake High School on November 18 between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

17. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 28: Page 2, paragraph 7, the word "President" should be added after Chamber of Commerce.

M/S Cordingley, warrants 619493 - 61581 and 1702 - 1710 in the amount of \$154,399.52 be approved; Minutes of 10/14/86 Council meeting be approved; Minutes of 10/27/86 Council meeting be approved; Minutes of 10/28/86 be approved as amended.

18. ADJOURN

At 10:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned in honor of our Veterans to the next regular meeting of November 25, 1986.

Thelma Foster