

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 1986

Mayor Wooliever convened the meeting on December 9, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Chignell, Cordingley, Sharp and Walsh present.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Suzanne Dantonet, 211 San Anselmo Avenue, asked about the eucalyptus trees on Red Hill Avenue. The Administrator said the County Fire Department, in conjunction with the Ross Valley Fire Service, were in the process of seeding the hill to inhibit erosion.

Bill Bandy thanked the Town for getting the Christmas lights up. He said they looked better than ever.

3. APPOINTMENTS

a. Library Building Planning Committee

Michael Peterson, Librarian of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, had sent word he would be pleased to serve on the Committee. M/S Chignell, Sharp to appoint Michael Peterson to the Library Building Planning Committee. Ayes all.

Virginia Pierce wishes to share her seat on this committee with Virginia Richardson. The Council approved.

4. REPORT ON RECREATION PROGRAM INSURANCE

Continued until the January 13 meeting.

5. LETTER FROM MARIN/SONOMA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

Paul Brand, 130 Allyn Avenue, explained the proposed action. He said San Anselmo certainly had no problem with attendance, but at least one other city did. Council was unanimous in their approval of the proposed policy.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION (REOPENED)

Sarah Nome arrived at this time and asked to have the meeting returned to Open Time For Public Discussion again. The Mayor agreed. Ms Nome said she had been interested in the Volunteer Board for a long time and she stated the Board had twice held dinners at the apartment of Helen Cameron and later the same evening held the Board meeting at the Town Hall. She said the public was not invited to attend the dinners and she felt it to be a violation of the Brown Act. She asked the Council if they wanted any department to continue to meet sequestered in private homes. She was informed that the social gatherings were not violations of the Brown Act.

6. LETTER FROM DOUG ANAWALT

The Public Works Director outlined the background. He said Mr. Anawalt had raised other issues. Staff has adhered to Town policy of not revealing the complainant in this case. Mr. Anawalt felt he should have access to the name of the complainant. Anawalt said his main concern was the Town policy of secrecy for informer. He said the Town cannot have a policy like that. He then explained the structures were experimental and were put together for a show. He asked the Council for a vote on how each viewed the Town's policy of not revealing the identity of a complainant. Councilmembers did not vote, but agreed they upheld the current Town policy.

7. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBERS' SALARIES

Chignell had asked to have this item placed on the agenda and now said he felt it appropriate for any discussion of the item to be placed on

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the agenda just prior to the next election. Item withdrawn from discussion.

8. ORDINANCE 885 REZONING A/P 5-194-23, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 24-28 ASH AVENUE FROM R-2 TO SPD R-3. ADOPTION.

The Public Works Director said the Council had approved the introduction of the ordinance with 5 conditions and it was now ready for adoption. M/S Cordingley to adopt Ordinance 885 amending Ordinance 485 by changing classification of A/P 5-194-23, commonly known as 24-28 Ash Avenue, from R-2 to SPD for 3 units. Ayes all.

9. REQUEST FROM MARIN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR \$1,500 INCREASE TO RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM

The Administrator reminded the Council it had budgeted money for the Renter's Rebate program previously, as had many of the other cities of Marin, however, the program fell short approximately \$10,000 for the required match from the San Francisco Foundation. The Housing Authority is now asking for additional funds for the match. He said all of the funds coming from San Anselmo will be used for the program in San Anselmo. The consensus of the Council was they did not wish to set a precedent for midyear requests and if it did contribute additional funds, it wished to have it made very clear to the Housing Authority it was not setting precedent.

M/S Chignell, Sharp, to expend \$1,500 from the 1986-87 budget, from a location as deemed by the Administrator, for the Rental Rebate Program. Ayes All. The Administrator said the line item would be overspent and he would look for other unexpended funds during the year to transfer to that line item. The Administrator was asked to request of the Housing Authority more detailed information on how it determine how much to request from each jurisdiction, and how much it received.

10. VARIOUS PAVEMENT AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS ON SCENIC AVENUE. ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION

M/S Cordingley, Walsh to accept the project entitled "Various Scenic Avenue Improvements" and authorize filing the Notice of Completion. Ayes all.

11. SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD CULVERT MODIFICATIONS (VICINITY OF DRAKE HIGH SCHOOL) ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT AND FILING NOTICE OF COMPLETION

M/S Sharp, Chignell to accept the project entitled "Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Culvert Modification" and authorize filing the Notice of Completion. Ayes all.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF GOALS WORKSHOP.

The Mayor suggested a workshop to establish the goals of the Council so they may be reflected in the 1987-88 budget as it is prepared. In this manner the Administrator could be aware of the Council priorities as he prepared the budget. All agreed and the workshop was set for February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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

Cordingley said he was frustrated that the workshop meeting did not get to a discussion of height limits in the R-1-H districts. He asked if there was any interest on the part of the Council. The consensus was the Council does wish to have discussion on the subject and it will be put on a Planning Commission agenda for townwide discussion.

Sharp said he would be unable to attend the 101 Corridor meeting but would have a report on it.

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Cordingley asked Council's permission to speak to the Town Attorney and Public Works Director about: (1) Height limits (feet/stories) (2) How building height is measured (3) Exclusions. The results would be presented to the Planning Commission. No objections were stated.

Chignell asked about the Drake Boulevard speed study and the Administrator said the study was completed today and the Town would be ready to use radar in a few days. The matter to be on the December 23 agenda.

Chignell reported the Meadowcroft neighborhood residents are grateful that traffic is down to where it was before commuters starting using neighborhood streets to avoid Sir Francis Drake Boulevard traffic.

Chignell asked if a letter could be sent to Mr. Scarpa, the owner of the apartments at 100 Sycamore, asking for a meeting; discussion would center around whether or not there is an intention to raise the rent next year; the hole in the wall of one apartment.

Chignell asked about the bot dots on Forbes Avenue. The Director will let him know when they are installed and where.

The Mayor said Wendy Baker was asking for \$20.00 from each city to finance the commuter pooling competition; Councilmembers decided each would contribute \$4.00.

The Administrator asked if any of the Council would like to receive the "Elected Official Handbook". He said he was ready to place the order and there were adequate funds in the training line item. He was told to order them.

The Administrator said he had heard from Terry Pimsleur and they would like to operate the Art and Wine Festival July 18 and 19, 1987. The usual procedure is for the Administrator to grant or deny the permit and to notify the Council. She would like to change the location of the bandstand to Tunstead Avenue between Drake and San Anselmo Avenue; the Police Department said this was not acceptable because it would cut off its access. The Mayor said she hoped the emphasis could perhaps be place on a Wine, Soda and Arts Festival.

Sarah Nome asked if the handbook for elected officials would be available in the library for private citizens, and if not, if they were available for purchase. She was given information.

Sarah Nome said she heard the Mayor issue two invitations to journalists to publicize issues during this meeting. She wanted to know if that was Town policy. The Mayor assured there was no policy involved.

#### 14. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Sharp, Chignell to approve consent agenda, warrants in the amount of \$321,386.97 and minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 25; minutes of November 17 were continued.

At 9:35 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the workshop meeting of December 16 and the next regular Council meeting of December 23.

Thelma Foster