

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 1986

Mayor Wooliever convened the meeting on December 23, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Chignell, Cordingley, Sharp and Walsh present.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Stephanie Kramer, 211 San Anselmo Avenue, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and passed around cookies.

3. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MARIN COUNTY FEDERAL AID URBAN (F.A.U.) FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM

M/S Walsh, Cordingley to adopt Resolution No. 3001 approving the five year Federal Aid Urban Program commencing Fiscal Year 1987-88. Ayes all present.

4. DISCUSSION OF CONTROLLING SPEEDING ON SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD

The Chief of Police and Town Administrator said radar is being used and there have been approximately 50 tickets issued to date.

Cordingley wanted to know how long it will take to completely enforce the speeding on Sir Francis Drake. Cordingley stated he would like to see it enforced as long as it takes for people to follow the speed limit. At that time the police can reduce enforcement, to a "maintenance" level.

Chief Del Santo stated they have been closely monitoring the drivers on Sir Francis Drake and he feels that the amount of speeding tickets will help determine how long they have to monitor traffic speed. Drivers already are becoming aware that they are being monitored and therefore are watching for the patrolman on Drake.

Cordingley said he was against posting the speed limit at 35 MPH and wants to make sure the Town doesn't get in a position that the speed limit could be contested, as successfully happened in Mill Valley recently.

Chief Del Santo agreed that a posted speed of 35 MPH would be too fast because of the varying amount of traffic throughout the day.

5. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, COMMENTS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF

Walsh stated that the Chamber of Commerce was going to send a thank you letter to Michael Whyte for putting up the banner for all the businesses representing the Town, and wanted to know if Council also wanted to send their appreciation. Garvey suggested presenting Michael Whyte with a certificate of appreciation from the Council at the Council Meeting of January 27. M/S Wooliever Chignell agreed.

Cordingley stated that a resignation letter has been submitted by Planning Commissioner Randy Heubach and Council should start recruiting a new Planning Commissioner. Garvey said he will put it on the January 13 Agenda and wanted to know if there should be a press release or should it be posted, with a letter to the individuals who applied for the position that John Sharp vacated. Wooliever said to just post the vacancy and send letters to the individuals that applied for the last vacancy.

Mayor Wooliever asked for a report on the cars parked on the sidewalk on Elm Avenue. Chignell said there have been many complaints from elderly residents that can not walk on the sidewalk because of the parked cars. Chief Del Santo said they have now identified the area and were going up there to follow-up on the matter.

Wooliever stated the Marin Municipal Water District is seeking city representatives for participation on a water conservation committee. She will give Council a copy of the letter she received and asked

Cordingley to participate in a meeting at the Water District on January 27, 1987. Cordingley agreed.

Bill Bandy, San Anselmo Shoe Repair, stated he is unable to give out any more parking permits as he has run out of permits. He also stated that perhaps the Town should expire the present parking tickets and issue new ones. Wooliever suggested that Bandy talk with the Town Administrator and then get back to Council.

Chignell stated there will be a meeting of RIDES (the "carpool competition") and he will present the Council with a memo before the next Council Meeting.

Garvey reported that prior to two years ago sandbags were given out to residents and businesses whenever they asked for them. He said the policy for the past two years is that sandbags are given out only in emergencies; all other times people have to purchase their own. Town crews give information about where bags and sand can be purchased. This policy change was made because the Town was caught in short supply during a problem in 1983. He wanted to know if Council wanted to keep the present policy. Wooliever said that people should take responsibility for their property, particularly since we have advanced warning that there might be flooding, and therefore feels we should keep the present policy. Council agreed.

Garvey reported that a member of the community was seen going through the Council mailboxes, located in the Police Department, and wanted to know what steps the Council wanted to take. Wooliever wanted to know if the person who went through the boxes was in violation of the law. Garvey stated that applies to only Post Office-delivered mail. Wooliever wanted to know if the Police could monitor the boxes. She felt if this was just an isolated example there should be no reason to change. If it isn't then we should think seriously about changes in the way the mail is distributed to Councilmembers. Chief of Police said he was not aware of this happening before and would monitor the boxes. Councilmember Chignell wanted to know if the person who went through the Council boxes was confronted. Garvey said not yet as he wanted to know how Council wanted to handle the situation. It was decided that a letter signed by all five Councilmembers should be sent confronting the individual, but in the meantime staff should put mail in the boxes in a sealed envelope and personal mail should be marked confidential. Nancy Olson said she expected that the documents she placed in these mailboxes was confidential.

Bill Bandy, San Anselmo Shoe Repair, wanted to know about the formation of the Creek Park Committee. Sharp said it should be put on the agenda for the January 13 meeting.

Chignell wanted to confirm when the Goals Workshop was. Garvey said it was February 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of November 17, 1986 and December 9, 1986 to be continued until January 13, 1987.

7. ADJOURN

At 8:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting of January 13, 1987.

Barbara Chambers