

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

Minutes of the Town Council meeting of August 30, 1988

Mayor Sharp convened the special adjourned meeting, at 7:00 p.m., with Councilmembers Chignell, Colteaux, Walsh and Zaharoff present.

CONTINUED WORKSHOP ON 1988-89 PROPOSED BUDGET

The public hearings on the proposed budget were completed and closed on August 17.

Town Administrator Dickens recommended that based on the last 87-88 revenue payments from the County, the 88-89 revenue estimates be increased by \$35,000. Increases in any other revenue sources or decreases in any appropriations were not recommended. He submitted a list of the appropriations increases discussed by Councilmembers during the budget workshops. In addition, a state mandated inventory of unreinforced masonry buildings for seismic safety was recommended to be added to the capital reconstruction program by decreasing the amount appropriated for emergency repairs.

Dickens recommended that the \$1,400 in building maintenance for underground storage tanks be removed from the Fire Protection budget.

It was the consensus of the Council to increase the revenues as recommended and not to make any appropriations decreases except elimination of \$1,400 for underground storage tanks. There was support for ending membership in the Association of Bay Area Governments if and when employees no longer want to participate in the ABAG health plan.

The Councilmembers each stated whether they supported any appropriations increases in the proposed budget:

Chignell supported all of the appropriations increases included in the staff memorandum, noting that the Town has a carryover amount from the previous year's budget and the increased amounts are frugal. He stated his support for the FAST bus and programs that take care of social needs in the community - the Rebate for Marin Renters, Marin Community Clinic, Marin Mediation Services and a county shelter for the homeless.

Noting that the community has felt the impact of traffic, Zaharoff stated her support for funding the FAST bus, adding that education is an important factor in alleviating traffic problems and FAST is targeting students as riders. This support was contingent upon funding from other sources to ensure FAST's operation for another year. She further supported the appropriation increases in the SAVE, Planning, Police and Library budgets as outlined in the staff memo, and supported \$500 for Mediation Services, \$4,600 for the rebate program, and \$500 for the shelter.

Walsh also favored full funding for FAST, contingent on funding from other sources for its continued operation. She supported \$2,500 for the Marin Community Clinic, \$2,500 for Mediation Services and \$4,600 for the rebate program, adding that she did not want to send a message to the County that the Town is in a position of funding county projects. She supported appropriating the remainder of the revenues to contingencies.

Colteaux supported adopting the budget as originally recommended by Dickens, upon the condition that the Council immediately set hearings to decide what should be done

about the Town's budget in future years. He said the remaining revenues should be placed in savings while the Council works with the community to set the Town's priorities. He noted that San Anselmo taxes go to the County and yet the Council is asked to make another contribution with San Anselmo funds, while residents in unincorporated are not asked to pay twice.

Sharp supported all the appropriations outlined for each department and \$6,000 for FAST (contingent upon its continued operation). He stated his philosophical support for the requested programs in the non-departmental budget but felt the Town could not afford the requested funding. He was in favor of appropriating \$500 for the Community Clinic, \$1,500 for the rebate program and \$500 for mediation services. He agreed the Council should immediately schedule a Town forum on the budget.

Dickens reported that the appropriations supported by at least three Councilmembers included those for each department, the full amount requested for the FAST bus and Rebate for Marin Renters, \$2,000 for the Marin Community Clinic, and \$500 for Mediation Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Beth Pollard