

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 14, 1950

A regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council was held at the City Hall, San Anselmo, on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1950 at 8:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen: Skinner, Knoles, O'Mara, Smith, and Booth

ABSENT: Councilmen: None

Mayor Booth presiding.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 1950 READ AND APPROVED.

MORNINGSIDE COURT SUB.#4

Final maps for Morningside Court #4 were filed with the City Council by Robert Carey, subdivider, faithful performance and labor and material bonds having been posted in the office of the City Clerk. City Engineer Siemer requested that Mr. Carey supply two copies of the tracings of the final map, one to be filed with the office of the City Clerk and the other for his engineering files. City Engineer Siemer asked Mr. Carey if he would agree to rock the roads and keep the mud out of the culverts this winter, and Mr. Carey agreed this would be done. Resolution #505 accepting these final maps on the recommendation of the City Engineer adopted by unanimous vote on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Smith.

J.H. GALLARATE SETBACK ADJUSTMENT GRANTED.

City Planning Commission recommendations to deny request for setback to build home on top of the existing garage at Lot 2-3 Block 14 Sequoia Park ^{was} read. Request for adjustment granted Mr. Gallarate upon the motion of Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman Knoles with the unanimous vote of the council. Overhang of 3 1/2 feet to include eaves granted in this adjustment.

STOP SIGNS - BUTTERFIELD ROAD

Petition received from owners of Sleepy Hollow Homes containing some 279 names represented by J.H. Selinger, requesting the removal of the recently installed stop signs on Butterfield Road. Letters from various others as follows voicing approval of the signs:

- Jean Stover, Principal Brookside School
- Guy D. Manuel
- Brookside P.T. A.
- Mrs. Klapak

Councilman Skinner reported that the signs were placed on Butterfield Road in the interests of safety and for the protection of school children attending the Brookside School. Councilman O'Mara asked Officer Barber to report on stop sign violators, and it was reported by Officer Barber that 12 out of the 15 cars stopped were Sleepy Hollow residents. Moved by Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner that the sign

2 on Carlson Avenue be removed and placed at Caletta Avenue. Motion withdrawn.
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4 Mr. Selinger spoke in behalf of the Sleepy Hollow Residents stating that
5 this is the only road to their property and that much time is lost due to
6 the signs. Mr. Meyerink suggested that if all the residents along Butter-
7 field Road were to install sidewalks, all the signs with possibly one ex-
8 ception could be removed. Chief Wood said that the signs will be enforced.
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10 A committee comprised of Councilman Skinner and Councilman O'Mara and Chief
11 Wood to survey the traffic at Caletta Ave. and determine the necessity
12 of the sign, which might be moved from Carlson Ave. to that location.

14 PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING OF PORTION OF LOTS 16-18, LINCOLN PARK FROM 1ST
15 TO 2ND RESIDENTIAL ZONING

17 This being the time and place for such public hearing and notices having
18 been published as required, all persons desiring to be heard in the matter
19 were heard. Much opposition to said petition having developed as evidenced
20 at the hearings of the City Planning Commission and at a meeting of the
21 City Council held October 10, 1950, upon the recommendation of the
22 City Planning Commission as set forth in their final report, it was moved
23 by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that said petition
24 be denied. Petition denied on the unanimous vote of the City Council.

27 SELF-SERVE SERVICE STATIONS

29 Local service station operators represented by Lawrence Wright requested
30 information as to the findings of the City Council in the matter of self-
31 serve gas stations. Councilmen Skinner, O'Mara, Smith, and Knoles reported
32 that they had visited the self-serve station in El Cerrito, and it was
33 generally felt that the self-serve operation had been misrepresented to
34 them and that it was still in the best interests of public safety and
35 welfare that the present ordinance be upheld and enforced and this type
36 of station not be allowed to operate in this city. City Attorney Buresh
37 concurred in these opinions. Mayor Booth voiced her objections to the prop-
38 aganda and the innuendoes of the self-serve petitioners. Moved by Council-
39 man O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner that the informal request
40 of the self-serve operators to abandon the ordinance be denied. Letter
41 received by Mrs. Hammer relative to the ^{Amier. Auto Fash position} ~~2A findings~~ ^{question} on self-serve ~~road.~~
42 Letter from Joseph Riznik relative to the petition circulated by Shell
43 operators read. Clerk to advise Mr. Riznik that his assumption that polit-
44 ical issues were involved was erroneous.

50 PERMIT TO OPERATE TAXI-CABS

52 Veteran's Tax Cab having failed to provide transportation for the required
53 number of hours per week for the past two weeks as provided by ordinance,
54 permission to operate was revoked on the motion of Councilman Skinner and
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seconded by Councilman O'Mara. Various applications for permit to operate were submitted by Jack Smith, Mario Gattorna, Gene Wilson, and Cecil John Allen. Application of Mr. Cecil Allen for the operation of two cabs granted upon the motion of Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman O'Mara, ~~to replace the certif~~ It was then moved by Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman

Knoles that all other petitions be denied inasmuch as no showing of public necessity and convenience had been made, and that the permit granted to Allen was a substitution of the permit granted to Veteran's Taxi which had been revoked.

PETITION TO CLOSE ROADWAY FROM RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO ALDER AVENUE

Petition received from the residents of Yolanda Court requesting that the roadway leading off the railroad right of way to Alder Avenue be closed due to the danger of the blind approach. Request granted upon the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Skinner.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM AT BECKIUS PROPERTY, 109 SAN FRANCISCO BLVD.

The City Engineer suggested lowering the catch basin and causing the water to drain off more rapidly. Mr. Beckius wasn't completely satisfied that this ~~would be~~ ^{the} solution. Councilman Knoles to check this situation with Mr. Beckius.

COMPLAINT REGARDING STREET DEPARTMENT DUMPING LEAVES AT SONOMA AVENUE

Letter received from Ray Nolan complaining of street department dumping leaves at Sonoma Ave. It was stated that other persons were now also dumping at this location. Property to be posted with a No Dumping sign, and the street department will haul the leave to another location. D.D. Johnson requested information as to whether Sonoma Ave. was an accepted street, and it was stated that Sonoma Ave. is not a dedicated street.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM J.Q. RIZNIK RELATIVE TO STREET WORK ON REDWOOD ROAD

City Attorney Buresh instructed to reply to this letter.

REQUEST FOR STREET, ^{NAME} SIGN AND LIGHT FOR MONO LANE.

Request for sign and light received from Adele Spohn. Moved by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman O'Mara and adopted on unanimous vote of the council that a street sign be installed as requested. No street light to be installed at this time as this street is presently as well-lighted as most streets in the city.

COMPLAINT AS TO BLACKBERRY VINES AND CONDITION OF WALKWAY ON GREYHOUND PROPERTY

Complaint received from Mrs. LaMotte, 125 Tamalapais Ave. relative to vines and disrepair of the foot-bridge walk on Greyhound property. Clerk to advise Greyhound of the condition and request they make necessary repairs.

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4 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

5 Mr. Fraser Cutworth outlined his plans for decorating San Anselmo for the
6 Christmas holidays. He expressed his thanks for the cooperation of San
7 Knoles, Art Smith, Doug Brown, Pete Maggi and Tez Johnson. Mr. Feleice
8 Guasco gave the city his permission for the use of his property adjacent
9 to S.F. Drake Blvd. ^{for parking} The street department will do the necessary grading,
10 and the City Clerk is to advise Mr. Carey that certain Carey Bros. equipment
11 is to be moved.
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14 DRAINAGE COMPLAINT BY MR. PANICHELLI

15 It was determined that the creek Mr. Panichelli complained of was a natural
16 watercourse and any remedy to the situation will have to be done at his
17 own expense.
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20 DILAPIDATED SHED ON ALAMEDA ROAD COMPLAINED OF BY LEO ECKSTEIN

21 Mr. Eckstein complained that the unsightly shanty on the property adjacent
22 to his new home on the Alameda constituted a fire hazard and should be
23 razed. Chiefs Wood and Marcucci to investigate.
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25 REQUEST FOR CLEANING OF GUTTERS ON OAK AVENUE.

26 Request that gutters be cleared for proper drainage on Oak Ave. received
27 from L.J. Biagini. Mr. Biagini to be advised that the street department
28 has cleared the gutters and that it is the duty of the property owners to
29 keep the accumulation of leaves and cuttings from their property from
30 blocking the drainage facilities.
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33 R.W. BETTINI LETTER OF THANKS FOR CREEK CLEANING IN MORNINGSIDE COURT

34 Mr. Bettini thanked the street department for cleaning the creeks along
35 the property in Morningside Court. Mr. Marcucci advised the property owners
36 along the creek have been making a habit of putting their cuttings and
37 other trash in the creek and requested that they be advised to keep their
38 portions of the creek clean as set forth in Ordinance #263. Clerk to send
39 creek cleaning cards.
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42 STREET SIGNS

43 Quotations having been received from various companies to supply street
44 signs, it was announced that Ferro Enameling Co. was low in their bid to
45 supply. Moved by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that
46 signs be purchased and that the total expenditure be kept at not more than
47 \$999. Adopted on the following vote:
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49 Ayes: Councilmen: Skinner, Knoles, O'Mara, Smith

50 Noes: Councilmen: Booth

51 Councilman Skinner will get quotations for 2" pipe for the standards.
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53 LAUREL AVENUE SURFACING

54 Moved by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that the City
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Clerk's letter to Jackman et al relative to the city's participation in street work on Laurel Ave. be approved. Unanimous approval.

COOPERATIVE POLICY ON ROADWORK

Cooperative policy on roadwork is hereby discontinued due to lack of funds as advised by the council following a discussion of this policy.

DRAINAGE AT SANTA CRUZ AND SANTA BARBARA AVENUES

Supt. of Sts. Marcucci said that he was assured that Mr. Minto would take care of the condition of the mud washing into the street. Supt. of Streets Marcucci to see if some better arrangement can be made for the driveway at the property in question so that the culvert which extends into the gutter may be taken out.

AMERICAN LEGION LETTER RELATIVE TO BLOCKING OF SONOMA AVE.

Clerk to acknowledge.

DRAINAGE COMPLAINT ON EL CERRITO AVE. RECEIVED FROM G.W. PHELPS.

Mr. Marcucci reported he had investigated the complaint of Mr. Phelps and found that a new home owner had constructed a driveway into the street area and had thus interfered with the drainage. Mrs. Smith, the offending property owner to be advised to remove the driveway.

DRAINAGE COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM W.P. DUHAMEL, ALAMEDA ROAD.

Mr. Duhamel reported that since sewers had been installed on his street, the road had not been restored to its original condition and mud and water are flooding his property. Clerk to write a letter to the Sanitary District asking that they place the responsibility with the contractor who did this work.

DRAINAGE AT REAR OF NEW ONGARO BLDG.

Mr. Marcucci reported that he had investigated the complaint of Mr. Ongaro and it was suggested that a temporary culvert be put in to relieve the drainage problem.

LOOSE PLANKS ON BRIDGE AT CALETTA AVE.

Butterfield Valley Improvement Club. complaint received relative to the Caletta Bridge received. Street Dept. to anchor the planks.

NO U TURN SIGNS REQUESTED FOR SUFFIELD AVE. AT S.F. DRAKE

Signs requested by the Hawthorne Hills Improvement Club. Moved by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that four No. U Turn Signs be ordered and installed as requested. Adopted on unanimous vote of the council.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY

Inasmuch as there were no persons present desiring to be heard, the hearing was declared closed.

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3 LETTER OF THANKS FROM MRS. PERCY GRAY FOR EMERGENCY AID GIVEN BY FIRE DEPT.

4 Letter received thanking the Fire Dept. for their emergency aid during
5 the recent storm during which time Mr. Gray was supplied power for the
6 operation of his oxygen tent. Mayor Booth also commended the Fire Dept.
7 on their splendid job.

9 STORM DAMAGE.

10 Clerk instructed to write a letter to the P.G.&E. Co. and ascertain
11 whether it will be possible for that company to instruct certain employ-
12 ees in the handling of hot wires in the event another severe storm should
13 come to this city. It was considered very unsatisfactory to have to sta-
14 tion policemen at these wires and leave the city without police protect-
15 ion for such long periods of time.

19 ROAD REPAIRS REQUESTED FOR UPPER SCENIC AVENUE.

20 Letter received from various residents of Upper Scenic Ave. Mr. Marcucci
21 reported on the condition of the road and suggested that it be kept open
22 and passable by putting in a few loads of rock.

24 TOLMACHEFF LETTER RELATIVE TO PROPERTY PURCHASED FROM TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

25 Referred to City Attorney for further study.

27 JUNIOR TRAFFIC PATROL PENNANT

28 Chief Wood requested that a new pennant be purchased at a cost of about
29 \$12. Pennant to be replaced on the motion of Councilman Skinner and sec-
30 onded by Councilman O'Mara.

32 PRACTICE AMMUNITION FOR POLICE

33 Moved by Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that the
34 city council increase the allotment for practice ammunition for the Pol-
35 ice Dept. to allow two practice days per month. Unanimously approved.

38 SUNNYHILLS LETTER OF THANKS FOR GRAPE FESTIVAL POLICING RECEIVED.

39 Clerk to acknowledge.

40 R.E. SAMUELS COMPLAINT RELATIVE TO EXCESSIVE PARKING CREATED AT DRAKE SCHOOL

41 Matter referred to the Chief of Police.

43 SETBACK ADJUSTMENT GRANTED TO SPENCER HALL JR., BUTTERFIELD ROAD.

44 Upon the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, setback adjust-
45 ment granted to Spencer Hall Jr., Butterfield Rd. on the motion of Coun-
46 cilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman Smith.

48 CHIEF MARCUCCI AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS FIRE COORDINATOR FOR

49 MARIN COUNTY.

50 Chief Marcucci authorized to accept the aforesaid appointment and to at-
51 tend such meetings as are necessary all expenses paid upon the motion
52 of Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman O'Mara.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES TELEGRAM RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF CITY'S
TELEGRAM RELATIVE TO ABANDONMENT OF SANSOME ST. BUS STATION

PROPOSED USE PERMIT ORDINANCE PRESENTED AND READ IN FULL FOR FIRST READING

Moved by Councilman Knoles and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that wording be changed to read that Use Permits will be granted by the City Council rather than by the City Planning Commission.

CHRISTMAS WEEK PROGRAM

Moved by Councilman Knoles and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that \$50. be allowed for the purchase of coffee and donuts for carol singers. Adopted. (Not to be charged to park and recreation fund)

Moved by Councilman Knoles and seconded by Councilman Skinner that up to \$50. be taken from Park and Recreation money for the purchase of Christmas Candy. Adopted.

FRASER CUDWORTH APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF PARK AND RECREATION BOARD TO
REPLACE A. FRANK, DECEASED

Moved by Councilman Knoles and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that Fraser Cudworth be appointed as member of the Park and Recreation Committee. Adopted.

PURCHASE OF LOADER FOR STREET DEPARTMENT AT \$ 2600 AUTHORIZED.

Chief Marcucci reported on a loader he had seen and recommended the purchase at a cost of \$2600. Purchase authorized on the motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Knoles.

PIERCE JONES HIRED AS TEMPORARY FIREMAN AT \$ 247. PER MONTH

Moved by Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman O'Mara that Pierce Jones be hired to replace Chester Smith, who is presently on military leave. Pierce Jones to be hired on a temporary status and from Civil Service Eligible list.

JUNIOR TRAFFIC PATROL RAINCOATS.

Chief Wood to advise the School Board that it is their responsibility to supply the traffic boys with adequate rainwear. In the event the board cannot or will not furnish the coats, the council authorized the purchasing agent to procure fifty coats at about \$6.25 each.

REGULATION OF SIGN BOARDS.

Chief Wood recommended that the city ordinance be revised along lines similar to those of the county. Clerk to write to Mary Gilkey of the County Planning Commission for information relative to this matter.

JERSEY ROAD NAME CHANGED TO ALAMEDA ROAD

Inasmuch as there has been some confusion on fire calls due to there

1 now being two streets named Jersey Road in this city, Jersey Road which
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3 branches off Alameda will heretofore be known as Alameda Rd. upon the
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5 motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Knoles. Residents of
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7 this street to be advised of the change in name and re-numbering of houses.

8 RECREATION REPORT:

9 Councilman Knoles requested and was given permission to change the color
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11 of the light globes in front of the city hall to Xmas colors, and to bring
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13 the grandstands to the city hall from the park for the seating of carol
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15 singers.

14 FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT:

16 Moved and adopted on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Coun-
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18 cilman Skinner that Chief Marcucci have the use of the back office for a
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20 building inspector's office.

21 Purchase of two tires and safety tubes for the fire chief's car authorized
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23 on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner.

24 WARRANTS # 2438-2498 approved and ordered paid on the motion of Councilman
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26 O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner.

25 ANDY'S DRIVE IN

26 Noisy gatherings reported to now be at a minimum. Fire Chief to check on
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28 whether door has been fixed to conform with safety regulations.

29 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:15 A.M. to December 12, 1950.

32 Rad and approved this 12 day of December 1950.

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36 Ray M. Overdick
37 City Clerk