

Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting - August 12, 1975

1. Call to order and Flag Salute

2. Consent Agenda

M/S Toal, Anderson to pass Consent Agenda. Passed unanimously with exception of Mayor Colteaux abstaining as to Item e.

- a. Approved minutes of August 12, 1975.
- b. Approved July, 1975 Warrant Register. Resolution No. 1602.
- c. Awarded a contract for the demolition of the dwelling and garage including foundations at 15 Magnolia Avenue to Fred Grange in the amount of \$1,675.00.
- d. Authorized payment of \$933.85 to Sibbald Construction Company as final payment on construction of the Karl/Sais Footbridge, accepted the work and authorized payment of the 10% retention of \$1,669.10 at the end of 35 days, provided no defects in materials or workmanship are found by that time.
- e. Passed Resolution No. 1603 consenting to transfer of corporate stock constituting controlling interest in Community Antenna Television Franchise Holder.

3. Announcements

Mayor Colteaux announced the recent death of John G. Buresh, who served as City Attorney for almost a quarter-century. M/S Blinder, Anderson to adopt Resolution No. 1604 of condolence and appreciation of John Buresh's long years of service to the City of San Anselmo. Passed unanimously. It was the concensus of Council that this meeting be considered as held in memory of John Buresh.

Mayor Colteaux announced that points of controversy between the Town of San Anselmo and the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District have been resolved with the aid of the President of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association, thus avoiding litigation, and both parties have instructed their attorneys to draft a new long-term agreement between the Town and the District.

Mayor Colteaux announced that Joseph S. Chrest had submitted his resignation from the Design Review Committee and applications are open for the balance of his term to September 15, 1976. The Town Administrator was instructed to prepare an appropriate letter to Joseph Chrest expressing the Council's appreciation of his service.

4. Council requests for future agenda items, etc.

None.

5. Appointments

a. Planning Commission - two four year terms commencing 8-18-75. Nominees: Dan Goltz and Susan Eisgrau

M/S Anderson, Blinder that nominations be closed. Passed on a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Toal voting No.

M/S Blinder, Anderson to reappoint Dan Goltz to a four year term commencing August 18, 1975. Passed unanimously.

M/S Blinder, Anderson to appoint Susan Eisgrau to the second four year term commencing August 18, 1975. Passed unanimously.

b. M/S Anderson, Toal to appoint Mayor John Colteaux to replace Councilman Toal as San Anselmo's representative on the Priority Setting Committee, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Passed on a 4 - 1 vote with Mayor Colteaux abstaining.

7. Ordinance reducing dog license fees.

M/S Anderson, Blinder to waive further reading of ordinance. Passed unanimously.

M/S Anderson, Capurro to adopt Ordinance No. 693 reducing fees for Dog Licenses.

Ayes: Councilmen Anderson, Capurro, Colteaux
Noes: Councilmen Blinder, Toal

8. Town health insurance contributions for retirees.

M/S Blinder, Anderson to adopt resolution No. 1609 providing for Town health plan contribution of up to \$65.00 per month per retiree. Passed unanimously.

9. Appeal by Fairfax French Laundry of Design Review Committee denial of variance for three signs, 310 San Anselmo Avenue SR-167

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After hearing from appellant and review and consideration of action of Design Review Committee,

M/S Anderson, Capurro to grant the appeal of the Fairfax French Laundry of Design Review Committee's denial of SR-167 on the grounds that strict application of Section 9-7.601 (h) would result in more obtrusive signing than retention of the existing three signs and that granting of the variance would not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare, or be detrimental to, or endanger, or depreciate the property located in the surrounding area. Passed on a 4 - 1 vote with Councilman Toal voting no.

10. "No Horn" signs, Redwood Rd. & Melville Avenue.

After hearing from residents of Redwood Road and a representative of the National Association of Letter Carriers objecting to the prohibition of horn blowing, and discussion of alternatives,

M/S Anderson, Capurro to direct removal of the "No Horn" signs on Redwood, Melville and Ross Avenue. Passed unanimously.

The following motions by Councilman Blinder failed for lack of a second: That the signs be replaced with signs reading "Drive Slowly - No Unnecessary Horns" or, depending on the situation "Speed limit 10 Miles Per Hour - No Unnecessary Horns", or "Slow - no Unnecessary Horns."

M/S Blinder, Toal that the matter of sign wording and location be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for report back to the Council within 60 days. Passed unanimously.

11. Sequoia-Red Hill- Greenfield Street Improvements and Signalization Project.

After consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation for abandonment of the project and staff response,

M/S Anderson, Capurro that the Council reaffirm previous approval for Sequoia-Red Hill-Greenfield Street Improvements and Signalization Project.

Councilman Toal proposed an amendment to the motion - that the project shall include a conduit across Greenfield Avenue to make provision for a future traffic signal if needed. This amendment was accepted by the motioner and seconder and the amended motion passed on a 4 - 1 vote with Councilman Blinder voting no.

Acceptance of easements

M/S Toal, Anderson to adopt Resolutions Nos. 1605, 1606, 1607 accepting easements from Wilfred J. Cunningham and Edward L. Cunningham, John S. and Ann C. Williams, and Richard E. and Helen Thompson. Passed unanimously.

Exchange of Real Property

M/S Anderson, Toal to adopt Resolution No. 1608, a Resolution authorizing the exchange of real properties between the Town of San Anselmo and Jack M. and Gail M. Horn. Passed unanimously.

12. Staff Recommendations on hearing schedule, hearing procedure, and priority sequence for implementing ordinances, General Plan

M/S Toal, Colteaux to approve tentatively as a general guide hearing schedule, procedure and ordinance priorities as recommended by staff in communication dated August 5, 1975. Passed unanimously.

13. General Plan Public Hearing - Housing Element

The hearing was declared open, public comment was received, and Council discussion ensued, with particular emphasis on Section IV of Chapter II, criteria for second units. Staff was directed to review annotation by Councilman Anderson, and to draft a proposed subsection C, guaranteeing by a system of rent controls that second units would in fact provide low cost housing, and insuring geographic distribution of permitted units. The hearing was continued to the next regular meeting, August 26th, for further Council consideration.

14. Rent Guarantee Plan

The Council directed that the proposal by Councilman Blinder, rent guarantee plan, together with the Administrator's density control proposals, be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration in the preparation of implementing ordinances for the Housing Element of the General Plan.

15. Measures to forestall Dutch Elm disease

The Administrator was directed to secure a panel of experts for the next Council meeting to review pros and cons of possible preventive measures, to secure cost estimates, and to approach the Town of Ross on the possibility of a joint effort.

The Town Engineer reported that the elm trees on Tamalpais Avenue have been invaded by the elm leaf beetle and unless preventive spraying is done immediately, the trees will lose all of their foilage.

M/S Capurro, Anderson to authorize transfer of a sum not to exceed \$200 from A/C 492-60, reserve for contingencies, to A/C 442-33c to be used for spraying the elm trees on Tamalpais Avenue. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 12:30 A.M. to August 26, 1975.

Libby Hanson
Deputy Town Clerk

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