

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Town Council March 23, 1976

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

All members present

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Councilman Colteaux noted from articles in the Independent Journal that elm trees in Great Britain were dying from dutch elm disease in great quantities and that Sonoma County has lost 900 - more than San Anselmo's total and that there was a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th on the subject with County and Cities participation. Although San Anselmo has not been notified, staff was instructed to attend.

3. APPOINTMENTS

Library Board - no action taken.

4. WALTER FIRESTONE REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE DRAINAGE DITCH 37 OAK SPRINGS DRIVE

M. Walter Firestone presented his request that the drainage channel running through his property be accepted by the Town as an easement. After Council questions to the Town Engineer and discussion,

M/S Reed, Signorelli to deny the request of Walter Firestone that the Town accept drainage easement relative to his property at 37 Oak Springs Drive.
Passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - ABANDONMENT OF PORTION OF CITY HALL AVE.

During the public hearing, the only public comment was a request by Harry Irwin of P.G. & E. that their easements be protected. The public hearing was closed and Town Attorney reported that prior to proceeding with the abandonment, it will be necessary to secure releases from some individuals abandoning their interest. The matter will be agendaed when the necessary releases have been secured.

7. ORDINANCE REGULATING REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF HERITAGE TREES.

The public hearing was opened and closed with minimal public input.

M/S Toal, Colteaux to waive reading of ordinance. Passed unanimously.

M/S Signorelli, Toal to introduce an ordinance repealing Chapter 13 of Title 4 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code and Enacting a new Chapter 13 of Title 4 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code Providing for control or removal or destruction of trees within the Town of San Anselmo and to put over to April 27th for further discussion and possible amendment. Passed unanimously.

8. THE SEASONS SKI & SPORT REQUESTING TIME EXTENSION FOR REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY BUILDING.

After presentation on behalf of the Seasons by Bob Boyette of plans for construction of a permanent structure,

M/S Toal, Signorelli to approve an extension of time for the existing temporary building at the Seasons, 40 Greenfield Ave., to August 1, 1976 on the basis that such a structure is necessary for the operation of the business at this location and financing has been unavailable until this time, preventing the owners from proceeding with construction, provided that the owners, as agreed in their letter of application, report progress to the Council once a month. Passed unanimously.

8a. (ADDED ITEM) SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTRACT

Communications from the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District and oral report from Councilman Colteaux indicating that negotiations were again at an impasse due to the District's refusal to accept the compromise worked out with Supervisor Arrigoni. Councilman Colteaux submitted a suggested draft of a letter to the District and the Administrator presented a draft of a recommended final offer of agreement. Councilman Colteaux and the Administrator were authorized to forward to the District the proposed agreement with a letter composed from Councilman Colteaux's suggested draft after conferring with each other and receiving suggestions from individual Councilmen.

9. JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE REPORTING TERMS FOR ISABEL COOK SCHOOL PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

After considerable Council discussion producing a majority concensus that before approving any terms of sale, there should be some majority indication from San Anselmo residents as to desirability of acquiring the site

M/S Reed, Signorelli to instruct the Town's negotiators and the Administrator to approach the School District to determine its willingness to hold a joint public hearing on the general subject of the purchase of the surplus school site by the Town from the School District.

A substitution motion was thereafter made by Councilman Colteaux, seconded by Councilman Capurro, to approve the outline of the terms for purchase of Isabel Cook School and adjoining property spelled out in the Committee letter of March 17, 1976, and subject to School Board parallel action, subject to a joint hearing or hearings to be held before final action thereon.

The substitute motion failed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Colteaux and Capurro

Noes: Councilmen Reed, Signorelli, Toal

The main motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Reed, Signorelli, Toal

Noes: Councilmen Colteaux and Mayor Capurro

11. ORDINANCE REZONING TO PPD ON INTERIM BASIS VACANT PARCELS IN CONSERVATION ZONE

Carl Baumsteiger again appealed to the Council for elimination of certain parcels from the proposed ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilman Signorelli that all of the parcels subjected to or approved through the process of the California Map Act be excluded from the proposed ordinance. Motion died for lack of second. Thereafter, M/S Colteaux, Toal to adopt Ordinance No. 704 amending Ordinance No. 485 of the Town of San Anselmo, by changing the property classification from R-1 to PPD/R-1 or R-1/B-20 to PPD/R-1/B-20, respectively of the therein mentioned parcels of real property.

Ayes: Councilmen Colteaux, Toal, Mayor Capurro

Abstain: Councilmen Signorelli and Reed.

12. PLANNING COMMISSION NEGATIVE REPORT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING KEEPING OF EQUINE ANIMALS.

After review of Planning Commission recommendations it was determined that this item should be discussed at the upcoming joint Town Council/Planning Commission workshop meeting.

12a. (ADDED ITEM) PROPOSED BID, PURCHASE OF A 1200 GALLON TANK TRUCK

No action taken.

13. SUGGESTED COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH LIBRARY BOARD.

On recommendation of the Chairman of the Library Board and the Town Administrator, Council agreed to meet with the Library Board on April 30 in a workshop session to discuss Ordinance amendments concerning the role of the Library Board.

14. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT ON PROPOSITION 9 REQUIREMENT FOR ADOPTION OF LEGAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES.

After reviewing recommendations of Town Attorney,

M/S Colteaux, Signorelli to designate official bodies, departments and persons to be covered by local conflict of interest codes as recommended by the Town Attorney, and to direct each official body and Department Head to submit a tentative code within 60 days. Passed Unanimously.

15. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SUBMITTING PLAN FOR LANDSCAPING RED HILL AVENUE.

No action taken after review of landscape plan - planting according to the plans having already been accomplished.

16. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

M/S Reed, Toal to adopt Resolution No. 1650 establishing procedure for processing and resolving employee grievances. Passed unanimously.

17. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT ON PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET REDUCING ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.

The report indicated a prospective drastically reduced level of service because of anticipated reduced revenues and proposed increase in dog license fees.

M/SdToal, Signorelli to respond to the Board of Supervisors via the County Administrator that the San Anselmo Town Council is willing to enact an ordinance increasing dog license fees in San Anselmo to \$7.50 and \$3.75, provided the Board of Supervisors will contract with the Humane Society to maintain approximately the existing level of service in San Anselmo and in other cities which do likewise, at the same time permitting other cities which are willing to accept a lower level of service to leave their license fees unchanged. Passed on a 4 - 1 vote with Councilman Colteaux voting no.

18. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH

It was the concensus of the Council to consider arrangements for a Council photograph at a later date.

M/S Reed, Signorelli to return the previous appropriation of \$125 for Council photography to the reserve for contingencies. Passed on a 4 - 1 vote with Councilman Colteaux voting no.

19. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Reed, Toal to approve minutes of March 9, 1976 meeting. Passed unanimously.

20. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; COMMENTS AND DIRECTIONS TO STAFF.

Councilman Colteaux suggested that the Smoking Ordinance be reviewed on the size and wording requirements of signs. Mayor Capurro instructed the Administrator to place an item on the next agenda for review of the Ordinance.

Councilman Colteaux suggested that he report on his meeting with the Marin Municipal Water District at the March 29th joint Council/Planning Commission meeting.

Pieter Toal requested an item on a future agenda to discuss an elevator for the handicapped in the Library.

ADJOURNED at 12:45 P.M. to Workshop meeting with Planning Commission on March 29th.

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Deputy Town Clerk

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