

Mayor Signorelli convened the meeting with Councilmen Toal, Convis, Reed and Capurro present.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

3. FORMAL SWEARING IN BY TOWN CLERK OF BERNARD DEL SANTO AS CHIEF OF POLICE

The Town Clerk administered the oath of office to the new Police Chief.

4. APPOINTMENTS

a. Planning Commission

Council accepted the resignation of William Kapranos in view of his temporary incapacity to serve. Councilman Convis nominated Stan Hayes. Thereafter,

M/S Reed, Convis to close nominations. Passed unanimously.

M/S Reed, Convis to appoint Stan Hayes to the Planning Commission for balance of term to August 18, 1980, with the informal understanding that Mr. Hayes will step down if, as and when Mr. Kapranos is able to resume service. Passed unanimously.

b. Citizens' Committee on Ridgeland Zoning

Mayor Signorelli submitted a list of volunteers totalling 23. Council discussion brought forth opinions that a committee of 23 would be unwieldy. A consensus then developed that a large committee could work under the guidance and direction of the Planning Commission, with workshop sessions scheduled with the Commission.

M/S Capurro, Toal to appoint the following as the Citizens Committee on Ridgeland Zoning: Harry Allen, Howard Altman, Roberta Aronson, Carl Baumsteiger, Dave Bacigalupi, Cynthia Barrows, Ronald Basker, Paul Brand, Jonathan Braun, George Buckle, William Clark, Elaine Cook, Peter Fraser, Joan Jacks, Gay Kagy, Alec Liu, Don Mansel, Robert McPeak, Robert Sandusky, Richard Shortall, Tom Verkozen, Irene Wise, Larry Wylie, to report to the Planning Commission within 30 days, with a second report in 60 days and final report in 90 days. Passed unanimously.

Precising of Charge to Committee

M/S Reed, Toal to charge the Committee on Ridgeland Zoning with the tasks set out in the staff memo of April 10, 1979 with the adoption of the changes and additions suggested by the San Anselmo Homes Association. Passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION WITH SUPERVISOR BOXER ON POTENTIAL ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Supervisor Boxer asked and received Council approval of planning development of a paramedic program to cover the entire Ross Valley. She asked for the appointment of a Council member and a local citizen to serve on the Study Committee. Councilman Reed volunteered to serve and it was suggested that Dan White of Bay Cities Ambulance Co. also serve with the possibility of appointment of a consumer representative to follow.

6. TOWN ATTORNEY RECOMMENDING SERVE NOTICE ON FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OF RECISION OF 1965 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Council being advised that the 1965 maintenance agreement will call for fund build-up contributions of \$30,000 annually from the Town when the Corps of Engineers turns over the completed Corte Madera Creek Project next year, exceeding the total contribution from the Flood Zone proper; that the project does not benefit San Anselmo; that San Anselmo initially entered into the agreement only as an accommodation to its downstream neighbors to permit the project to proceed; that circumstances have changed since that time; and upon advice of the Town Attorney that recision action is legally sound,

M/S Reed, Toal to give notice to the County Flood Control District of recision of the 1965 Agreement for Maintenance of Corte Madera Creek. Passed unanimously.

7. STAFF REPORT ON MMWD PROPOSAL FOR LOGGING ON MT. TAMALPAIS WATERSHED

Council considered the proposal before the Marin Municipal Water District to log the slopes of the Mt. Tamalpais watershed with consensus that the proposal is environmentally unhealthy and not justified by the economic result.

M/S Capurro, Reed to register strong opposition to any logging on Mt. Tamalpais Watershed unless and until a comprehensive, intelligent and credible plan is produced. Passed unanimously.

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8. DISCUSSION OF MMWD 50,000 GALLON WATER TANK REQUIREMENT

Councilman Reed brought this matter to the Council with the request that it take the position that this requirement interferes with the planning process of desirable low density in certain areas and that the capacity requirements should be reduced as an economic incentive to lower density. The Fire Chief advised that a recommendation on this question is scheduled to be considered at a meeting of the Fire Chiefs' Association shortly - Item to be agendaed for further consideration after receipt of report on the recommendations of the Fire Chiefs' Association.

9. MMWD BUY-IN THEORY ON NEW WATER CONNECTIONS

Mayor Signorelli brought to the Council his concern at what he believes to be the unfair imposition of buy-in charges on new water connections to finance the major portion of the SoulaJule Dam Project. He asked and received Council support of the position to be conveyed to the Water District Board that the cost of this project should be shared equally by all water users.

10. TOWN ATTORNEY'S OPINION RE SUPPORT SUIT BY SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO AFFIRM DISTRICT'S AUTHORITY TO RAISE REVENUES TO MEET ITS CONTRACT WITH TOWN

The Town Attorney advised that after consultation with County Counsel, Attorney for the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District, he is withdrawing his recommendation for support of a proposed law suit by the District. In lieu of such action, County Counsel is advising the Fire District to ask its voters to authorize a special tax to finance fire protection services provided under the contract with the Town.

11. DRUCKER APPEAL DENIAL VARIANCE HOT TUB, 14 ENTRATA - Continued to 4/2412. BECKER APPEAL P.C. GRANT OF VARIANCE FOR HOT TUB AT 29 PARK DRIVE

Appellant Henry Becker presented his appeal on the basis that noise level created by use of the hot tub interfered with the quiet enjoyment of his property because of its proximity to his bedrooms. There was general agreement that denying the variance granted by the Planning Commission and requiring that the tub be moved one foot would not alleviate the noise problem. The appellant was advised that the only action the Council could take was to either support or nullify the one foot variance granted by the Planning Commission. Action on his noise complaint could only be considered via a nuisance abatement proceeding. Arthur Segal, the owner of the property on which the hot tub is located, advised that arrangements are being made to install fencing which will baffle noise and that a curfew of 8 P.M. was being imposed on the use of the hot tub. He indicated a sincere desire to cooperate in minimizing any inconvenience to his neighbors.

M/S Toal, Reed to grant the appeal. The motion failed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Toal, Reed  
Noes: Councilmen Capurro, Convis  
Abstain: Mayor Signorelli

13. REVIEW OF 1978 TOWN MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO TOWN GOVERNMENT

Stan Hayes, Chairman of the 1978 Town Meeting presented a list of action items proposed during the meeting, suggesting that the Council give some concrete support. As a result of review of recommendations:

1. Appointment of an all-volunteer long-range Planning Committee to produce a report forecasting conditions likely to occur in future years. Council opinion was that this probably should await the results of the 1980 census, but agreed to consider further at next meeting. In the meantime, Stan Hayes will solicit volunteers for the committee.

2. Establishment of Junior/Senior Apprenticeship Program and Lifelong Resident's Workshop to exchange old and new ideas and skills - Referred to Marin Senior Coordinating Council.

3. Redo/update TRAFFIC STUDY - determined to be economically unfeasible at this time.

4. Bus Service Improvements - Councilman Toal advised that specific suggestions should be made to the Manager of the Marin County Transit District.

5. Downtown Urban Design Improvements - referred to the Chamber of Commerce.

6. Future of Housing, Neighborhoods and Shopping Areas - suggestions already being carried out under established procedures. Maintenance of Town shopping needs referred to Chamber of Commerce.

7. Future of Public Services and Local Government

a. Town Picnic - should be sponsored by Town Meeting.

Trash Pick-up Day - a curbside service would have to be financed.

b. Ordinance requiring all new Utilities to be placed underground - already in existence.

c. Continued exploration of Police/Fire consolidation with Fairfax-being done.

d. Broadcast key Town Council meetings on Cable TV - San Anselmo previously declined to grant Cable TV rate raise to finance participation.

14. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, COMMENTS AND DIRECTIONS TO STAFF

Councilman Convis conveyed favorable comments he had received on the Center Blvd. guardrail installation.

15. FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Battalion Chief Marcucci and his attorney, Gary Raghianti, presented alternatives to the proposal to abolish the Battalion Chief positions and revert to one Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal position, protesting that the proposal constituted a demotion of Marcucci. They also strongly urged that the present organization be left in status quo for the time being to give an opportunity to work out any problems which might presently exist. The Town Administrator advised that the organization proposal was not intended as a demotion for any individual and that both present Battalion Chiefs would be given the opportunity to test for the position of Assistant Chief.

M/S Reed, Toal per the findings in the staff report dated March 19, 1979, as of June 1, 1979 to abolish two Battalion Chief positions (monthly salary \$1,695) and to create one Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal position @ \$1,790 and one Captain position @ \$1,543. Motion passed on a 3 - 2 vote with Councilmen Capurro and Convis voting no.

16. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Toal, Reed to pass consent agenda. Passed unanimously.

a. Approved minutes of meetings of March 27 and April 3, 1979.

b. Approved warrant register for March 16-31, 1979.

c. Approved progress payment #16 in the amount of \$70,295.50 to Page Construction Co., Town Hall reconstruction.

d. Received report on changeorder #5, Town Hall reconstruction, as approved by staff under delegated authority.

e. Accepted the work on the Center Blvd. Guard Rail project and authorized payment of \$8,873.60 in accordance with the contract provisions.

f. Granted variance from Resolution No. 1743 to permit the hanging of banner for Town Meeting on April 12th.

ADJOURNED at 12 midnight to Executive Session - Labor Negotiation Instructions - 7:30 P. M. April 24, 1979. Regular session to follow.

LIBBY HANSON  
Deputy Town Clerk