

## Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting - March 9, 1982

Council met in Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. on a litigation matter.

At 8 o'clock P.M., Mayor Convis convened the meeting in public session with Councilmembers Toal, Capurro, Wooliever and Buckle present.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Louis Leoncini, 24 Woodland, informed Council of the fact that the concrete cigarette urn in Town Hall arbor is becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Dave Bacigalupi questioned the omission on this agenda of his previously requested item to discuss creek flooding problems - advised it will appear on the March 23rd Council agenda.

Lucille Dandélet announced a fund raising event for flood victims to be held on March 13th, requesting support thereof.

Ms. Dandélet presented to the Town a new United Nations flag to replace a deteriorated one now flown on Town Hall lawn.

Bill Cordingley questioned status of aid to flood damage victims. Dick Blood-Bornholdt of the Marin County Housing Authority provided the information that the San Francisco Foundation has allocated \$1,000,000 to augment the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and established a Storm Damage Counseling Center in Mill Valley.

3. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a. Representation on Disaster Council

No action taken.

b. Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year nomination.

Councilmember Wooliever nominated Elena Spencer. Nominations held open.

4. REQUEST OF MARIN ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS FOR PROCLAMATION

John Dodge, President of MARC, informed Council of its activity in San Anselmo and thanked the community for its support.

M/S Wooliever, Buckle to authorize the Mayor to sign a Proclamation proclaiming the month of March as Mental Retardation Month and urging support of mentally retarded persons. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. ISABEL COOK HOMES - FINAL REVIEW OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

Architectural drawings were displayed and explained by Dick Blood-Bornholdt of the Marin County Housing Authority, following Planning Commission design review approval March 1.

Members of the audience questioned materials, colors and configuration.

A motion was made by Councilmember Toal, seconded by Councilmember Buckle to request the architects to submit revised plans using alternative materials which would require less maintenance, using more vivid colors, and more variety in appearance.

Mr. Blood-Bornholdt explained that the use of alternative materials had been explored but would be prohibited within the fixed dollars available for the project.

Motion withdrawn; plans accepted.

6. SPECIAL TAX MEASURE

a. Council received the Administrator's revised estimate of expected revenue after taking into account adjustments made February 23.

The Administrator advised that San Anselmo resident Richard Puntillo, a CPA and Chief Financial Officer of Sutro & Co. had made an independent review of his assumptions and estimates of the Town's financial condition.

M. G. Sheldon, Town Treasurer, presented Council with a comparison breakdown of February '81 and February '82 revenue, indicating considerable categorical reductions for '82 and stating his opinion that the Town is in dire financial straits, and that the projected annual shortfall is on the order of \$500,000. Council requested the Treasurer to make similar comparisons for the months of March, April & May.

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b. Final review and confirmation of Resolution 1896.

From the audience, A. C. Signorelli and Peter Fraser questioned the formula on unimproved property. Council discussion developed a consensus that this formula could create an inequity on larger parcels of unimproved property vs. the sq. ft. structure assessment on improved property without consideration of acreage.

Councilmember Toal suggested a cap on unimproved property similar to the concession made on commercial square footage.

M/S Capurro, Wooliever to accept the technical amendment in the improved property formula to exclude appurtenances on residential property only. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

M/S Toal, Buckle to revise the formula for unimproved property to \$75.00 per acre with a \$1,000 ceiling on one-owner contiguous parcels. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Toal questioned the designation of the Town Administrator as the filing office for rebate applications in Section 4(c). Council consensus changed designation to Town Clerk.

M/S Toal, Wooliever to revise Section 8 to read as follows:

Special tax proceeds shall be deposited in a special fund, and may be expended only to support continuation of existing Town services to the public at no higher than existing service levels. For the duration of this measure and regardless of fund source, Town services or functions may be reduced or eliminated, but shall not be increased other than as a condition of a grant. Upon expiration of this measure, any balance remaining in said special fund shall be returned pro rata to the taxpayers by either refund or reduction in other taxes.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Toal withdrew his abstention to the adoption of the Resolution at the February 23rd meeting and authorized inclusion of his "aye" vote on the amended document.

c. Council review of suggested language for Pro Ballot Argument

Councilmember Capurro objected to the recitals following the question of "What will happen if measure does not pass?" as predicting what the then Council will do at upcoming budget hearings. Various suggestions were made to limit indication where cuts are likely to be made and simply stating an overall percentage cut.

Bill Cordingley, President of the San Anselmo Residents Forum, and one of the proposed signers of the argument, stated his opinion that it is essential that the voters be informed as to what could happen if the measure fails.

Mayor Convis called for a meeting with Bill Cordingley, Jim Hastings and Dick Tracy, proposed pro argument signers, for 1 o'clock p.m., Friday, March 12th, to review and agree on final wording. The Council so delegated.

7. ORDINANCE REZONING 1220 SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BLVD. TO R-3.

M/S Toal, Wooliever to adopt Ordinance No. 821 amending Ordinance No. 485 of the Town of San Anselmo by changing the property classification of 1220 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. A/P 5-222-15, from R-2 (two-family residential) to R-3 (multiple family residential). Motion passed with four ayes, Councilmember Buckle voting no.

8. ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDING ONE-TIME WITHHOLDING OF 10¢ PER RESIDENT FROM MONTHLY PG&E BILLS AS CONTRIBUTION TO TURN FOR CONSUMER ADVOCACY FOLLOWING RECENT INCREASE IN UTILITY COSTS

M/S Buckle, Capurro to table. Motion passed with three ayes. Councilmembers Toal and Wooliever voting no.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO SEND LETTER TO LEAGUE OF CITIES CRITICIZING ITS APPROACH TO STATE-LOCAL BUDGET PROBLEMS.

M/S Capurro, Toal to endorse Administrator's letter and authorize transmission to the League of Cities. Motion passed with four ayes, Councilmember Buckle voting no.

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

Councilmember Buckle expressed displeasure with recent notices in the press

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concerning the Town's financial condition, stating that he has received negative reaction and suggesting press releases should be approved in advance by the Council. The Administrator advised that he and the Department Heads do not hold press conferences nor issue press releases, but rather always try to be informative when questioned. If the Council desires to restrict information to the press, it should make an appropriate direction to staff. No specific direction given.

It was suggested that during construction, Isabel Cook Housing carry a sign advertising the sources of funds being used. Staff will so arrange.

Councilmember Wooliever questioned what, if any, positive posture the Town can assume on the creek problems. The Director of Public Works indicated that he is not going to have the time to spend on any in-depth analysis and suggestions in the near future, but in his opinion there is not much that can be done unless the Council is prepared to spend money for a consultant study, followed by substantial construction.

Councilmember Buckle questioned status of RFP for density ordinance. Advised that it will be before the Planning Commission on March 15th and the Council on March 23rd.

Councilmember Capurro suggested that the April 13th Council meeting be rescheduled in view of it falling on election date. Council agreed to hold the first meeting in April on the 6th.

#### 11. CONSENT AGENDA

M/S Buckle, Toal to pass consent agenda. Passed by unanimous vote.

- a. Approved minutes of meeting of February 23, 1982, as corrected.
- b. Approved warrant register for 2/16-28/82.
- c. Continued disaster proclamation in effect.

Adjourned at 11:30 P.M. to regular meeting March 23, 1982.

LIBBY HANSON  
Secretary to Council