

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING
July 1, 1986

Mayor Wooliever convened the meeting with Chignell, Cordingley, Sharp and Walsh present.

2. RECOMMENDATION FOR REJECTION OF BIDS FOR SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Director of Public Works said all of the bids had come in over the engineers estimate and he would recommend rejecting all bids and restructuring the proposal. He said he had called each estimator for four major contractors and the key points they mentioned for not bidding were major traffic control, restrictive work hours, the commute traffic, traffic control management, the length of the project and the current glut of construction work. He said he had received only two bids. His proposal is to rewrite the specifications, deleting a portion of the pavement rehabilitation and have the street crew do the rehab. work, reduce the restrictiveness of working hours. Rebidding the project slightly later in the year could possibly result in more competitive bidding. Councilmembers expressed concern that putting the project off until later in the year would result in more traffic while work is being done because school will be open by then, we could be into rainy weather and the fact that the street crew would be neglecting other street work while doing the rehabilitation of the pavement on Sir Francis Drake. When asked if a six-week lag was realistic, the Director of Public Works said it would.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell to reject all bids for the Sir Francis Drake Improvement Project. Ayes all.

M/S Sharp, Chignell to authorize preparing and advertising for bids on a modified project for the Sir Francis Drake Improvements. Ayes all.

BUDGET HEARING - POLICE, FIRE AND LIBRARY

Sarah Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, brought up the Legal Services Budget and asked where the \$24,000 for this budget was coming from. She then asked that the Town Attorney fees for the Del Santo litigation not be paid until after the resolution of the case.

Nancy Olson, San Anselmo Avenue, said she seconded Ms Nome.

Walsh asked to have any cost overruns reported to the Council.

471 LIBRARY

Edith Stump, 13 Calumet Avenue, member of the Library Advisory Board, said she had three concerns: limited hours the library is open; the book budget barely maintaining the current level; the lack of full time employees, the Library Director being the only full time employee. She urged another position be added to free some time for the Library Director.

Rilla Chaney, 30 Kensington Road, member of Friends of the Library, said the Friends had to go into the community and ask people to donate periodicals and publications. She said she felt the Town should take this responsibility. She is concerned over future requests for building donations.

M/S Chignell, Sharp tentative approval budget 471, Library, providing an increase of \$4900 in line item 5 and increase in line item 16 of \$300 and an increase of line item 31 of \$1,470. Ayes all.

430 POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Administrator said basically this budget was the same as last year. He said historically this department does not spend all of the money in its budget. The department has proposed keeping its vehicles for a third year. Level of staffing is the same. He noted the department has encountered some difficulty in filling some vacancies.

There is a proposal to replace 4 radios and one typewriter. He said the Chief would like to discuss replacing an undercover car which was broadsided, with a used car.

M/S Walsh, Chignell tentative approval of 430, Police Department, with the addition of \$1,500 for line item 20. Ayes all.

The Town Administrator reminded the Council that the Police Department would be coming back to the Council in April 1987 for authorization to order vehicles, using either funds transferred from Vehicle Replacement Fund or savings from the 86-87 budget.

The Police Department then requested permission to replace the broadsided Mercury at a cost of no more than \$3,000.

M/S Cordingley, Sharp to authorized the replacement of the unmarked car at a cost of no more than \$3,000 in addition to the insurance refund and revenue generated from the sale of the old vehicle. Ayes all.

432 FIRE PROTECTION

The Town Administrator reported San Anselmo is responsible for 69.6% of the Ross Valley Fire Service Budget. New this year is the hazardous material control van. \$10,000 was recommended in the Vehicle Replacement account for future heavy apparatus replacement.

M/S Cordingley, Sharp tentative approval of budget 432. Ayes all.

The last budget hearing on July 3rd was announced after which there will be a closed session to discuss the selection of the new Town Librarian.

Sarah Nome asked if a separate budget could be prepared for the Volunteer Program. The Council so directed.

The meeting adjourned to the next scheduled budget hearing of July 3.

Thelma Foster