

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 22, 1986

Mayor Wooliever convened in regular session at 8:00 p.m. July 22, 1986 with members Chignell, Cordingley, and Walsh in attendance. Sharp absent.

2. The Mayor presented a Certificate of Merit to Joyce Layton for her service on the Park and Recreation Commission since April 1979. Peter Fraser was unable to be present to accept his Certificate of Merit and his service on the Park and Recreation Commission since July 1982.

3. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No one had comments to make.

4. APPOINTMENTS

Each member of the Council expressed his appreciation of the fine candidates which had applied for these positions and asked them all to keep in touch since there are many committees in need of volunteers.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell, nominations be closed and to accept all nomination. Ayes All.

M/S Chignell, Walsh to appoint Cathy Nichelini and David Griffis to each serve four years terms on the Park and Recreation Commission. Ayes All.

M/S Cordingley, Walsh to appoint all four applicants to the Library Planning Committee, feeling that each had something different to offer; applicants are: Stephany Kramer, Bill Sinsky, Margaret Drohan and John Sergneri. Ayes All.

5. DISCUSSION OF TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH RICHARD BROWN

Heard later in evening.

6. PUBLIC HEARING RE: 'USE OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Public Works Director Kottage said this year the Federal Revenues have been decreased substantially. For audit simplicity, the Town Administrator has recommended the money be used for Police Department Salaries.

There was no one in the audience to comment on the subject, and the Public Hearing was declared closed.

M/S Cordingley, Walsh to use the revenue sharing funds to pay salaries in the Police Department. Ayes all.

7. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH KATHERINE CODDINGTON FOR HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT

There was no one in the audience to comment on this subject.

M/S Walsh, Cordingley to authorize the Town Administrator to execute a contract with Katherine Coddington by which terms she will serve as the coordinator of the Historic Resource Inventory. Ayes all.

8. REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ON AUGUST 5, 1986 TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD 1986 TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND TO SET A MEET AND CONFER CLOSED SESSION ON AUGUST 5, 1986, REGARDING COMPENSATION OF MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Public Works Director Kottage outlined the history of the project and said bids would be opened July 31. He predicted setting a special meeting one week previous to the next regular meeting would result in considerably more than a week saved on the project.

With regard to the closed session regarding compensation of management employees, Sarah Nome asked if the public would be able to participate in any part. She said she had concern of the salary of some management employees. The salary for the Town Administrator, she said, had risen \$12,000 in the past several years while other management employee's salaries had risen only \$1,900 - \$2,200. She said she felt the increase excessive in light of his performance and requested the Town Administrator's salary not be expanded at this time.

M/S Walsh, Cordingley, to schedule a public meeting of the Town Council for 8:00 p.m. August 5, 1986. Ayes all.

9. REQUEST FOR FORMAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN FOR AN ACCESS EASEMENT AND PARCEL OF LAND GRANTED TO THE TOWN BY PHILIP AND BARBARA TAMARKIN IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT THE TOWN'S KITE HILL OPEN SPACE

The Public Works Director said the Tamarkin's owned property adjacent to the Town's Open Space known as "Kite Hill". They wished to do some work on their property which would best be accomplished through a land exchange. The result would increase the size of the Kite Hill open space and staff recommended approval.

There was no one in the audience to comment.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell that we accept Parcel C and the access easement as per grant deed from Philip Tamarkin and Barbara Tamarkin pertaining to A/P 5-011-64 in the vicinity of Oak Springs Drive. Ayes all.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 21, REGARDING FINDINGS FOR THE GRANTING OF VARIANCES

Sarah Nome asked if this was not similar to what is now required for variances and if it meant that if one neighbor received a variance that an adjoining neighbor would be granted the same variance. She was told by the Planning Director that each variance application has been and will continue to be evaluated on its own merit.

M/S Cordingley, Walsh to accept the Negative Declaration as prepared by staff. Ayes all.

M/S Cordingley, Chignell, to waive reading and introduce Ordinance 884, amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Title 10, Chapter 3, Article 21, regarding findings for the granting of variances. Ayes all.

11. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING ORDINANCE 883 AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 7, (SIGNS) SECTION 9-7.303, TO ADD AN EXEMPTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH/SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS

M/S Walsh, Chignell to adopt Ordinance 883 amending Title 9, Chapter 7 (Signs) Section 9-7.303, to add an exemption for public health/safety notifications. Ayes all.

12. REPORT ON HIGHWAY 101 CORRIDOR TASK FORCE (JOHN SHARP)

Because of Sharp's absence, this item was continued to the next regular meeting.

13. DISCUSSION OF DESIRABILITY OF PUBLIC POSTING OF WARRANTS

With input from Stephany Kramer, Nancy Olson and Sarah Nome, staff was directed to look into methods and locations for posting minutes and warrants in a place where they would be available beyond normal office hours and where copies could be made by the public, such as library, lobby of police department, lobby of Town Hall. A report is to be presented at the next meeting.

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Walsh brought up the letter received from Attorney Shapiro, saying she was a little disturbed by the letter the Administrator had sent to Ms Nome. The Mayor felt this matter should be discussed when the Town Administrator was present. Chignell said he had some concerns, but would prefer to discuss the matter when the Administrator was present.

5. DISCUSSION OF TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH RICHARD BROWN
(Heard out of Order).

After being introduced, Richard Brown asked the Council to state what they think the workshop would be and why they want the workshop. The Councilmembers felt it would provide better working relationships, more positive situations, promote cohesiveness and provide direction for team development. Mr. Brown said he was impressed with their answers. He said sessions can run as long as three days, but could be presented on one long day. The total fee for the workshop is \$250.00.

Chignell asked about problems with the Brown Act or whether the meeting would be open to the public.

Brown said it could be open to the public; however, observers could not take part in the meeting. He said mostly the material would not be personal in nature; there would be exercises dealing with perception, expectation and how to listen.

Ms Nome asked if the \$250 would cover the cost for the entire Council and was told it would. She then said she felt maybe the audience should participate.

Mr. Brown then gave Council members an exercise to be completed immediately as well as data to read and think about until the Workshop.

M/S Cordingley, Walsh to hold a team building session led by Dick Brown at a cost of \$250.00 plus the cost of lunch and dinner for participants to be held at a date to be decided upon, in closed session asking for an evaluation from the Town Attorney as to legality of a closed session under the Brown Act; if not possible, then in open session. Ayes all.

A tentative date has been set for August 6, staff to confirm with absent member and Administrator. Staff to contact Town Attorney regarding legality of closed session.

Continued Comments: (Item 14)

Chignell thanked staff for having traffic signs taken care of in an expeditious manner.

The Mayor asked the Council to write to Supervisor Giacommini asking that consideration be given to appointment of a representative from the MCCMC to the Board for the Buck Trust. It was suggested a letter be sent to Supervisor Brown and the other Towns of Marin and possibly Doug Maloney.

The Mayor spoke of a Ross Valley Corridor meeting she attended. There was a report on the status of the countywide plan. There were no traffic recommendations made. The Cities appeared to be in favor of a Joint Powers Agreement; however, it seemed somewhat premature at this time. There is some thought of contacting the Ross Valley School District, Tamalpais High School District, College of Marin, Marin Catholic, Kentfield and Larkspur School Districts to talk about changing their starting and stopping hours. A meeting is scheduled for August 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Larkspur of the Ross Valley Corridor Committee.

15. Consent Agenda

Cordingley asked to have the minutes of July 8 amended to add his remarks to Item 10, approval of request for bid - Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Project; Cordingley was concerned about putting up a barrier

adjacent to the sidewalk for the protection of pedestrians and bike riders.

Chignell asked to have the minutes amended to show that he had asked whether it would be advisable to take the \$53,000 overpayment to the JPA and place it in the budget, and the Administrator had responded that it was not.

The meeting adjourned to the special meeting of August 5, 1986.

Thelma Foster