

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 26, 1987

Mayor Cordingley convened the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., following an interview session with applicants to the Seminary Advisory Committee beginning at 6:30 p.m., and a closed session beginning at 7:15 p.m. on pending legislation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1), with Councilmembers Chignell, Sharp, Walsh and Wooliever present.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Mike Plagge, 36 Jordan Avenue, asked if the Council had taken a position on Proposition A. Cordingley responded that the Council had not taken a position nor had it been asked to take one.

Sara Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, cautioned the Council to be discriminating in its use of the words "honesty" and "integrity."

3. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Seminary General Plan Advisory Committee (one seat) - The Councilmembers felt that all three applicants to the committee were excellent candidates and asked staff to ascertain if it was possible for all three to be appointed.

(b) Announcement of expiration of terms on Library Advisory Board - The terms of Edith Stump and Virginia Richardson will expire in June. Both incumbents have expressed interest in reappointment.

M/S, Wooliever/Chignell, to accept the names of Edith Stump and Virginia Richardson into nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council will make the appointment to the Board at its June 12 meeting.

(c) Appointment of Councilmember to AB 878 Study Committee - The committee composed of representatives from jurisdictions in Marin County is studying the proposal for a ballot measure for an additional 1/2¢ on sales tax to be used for transportation purposes.

M/S, Chignell-Wooliever, to appoint Sharp to the AB 878 Study Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Herman Kramer, 1 Allemand Place, expressed opposition to the proposal for an additional 1/2¢ sales tax.

4. PROPOSAL FROM RECREATION DIRECTION TO CO-SPONSOR AND FUND GRADUATION NIGHT FOR SIR FRANCIS DRAKE HIGH SCHOOL

An all-night graduation program, designed as a drug and alcohol free alternative for Drake High School students, will take place on June 12. In addition to the cost per student, a \$500 rental fee for the location is needed. Recreation Director Howell asked the Council to allocate \$450 from the Recreation Fund, which includes revenue from recreation programs, for this event. These funds were not earmarked for another use and their allocation will not take away money from another program.

Herman Kramer, 1 Allemand Place, said that if the request was reduced to \$225, he would personally contribute \$225.

Bill Bandy, San Anselmo Shoe Repair, said he would donate \$50.

M/S, Chignell/Walsh, to allocate \$225 from the Recreation Fund for Drake Graduation Night. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORT ON PARKING ENFORCEMENT ON ELM AVENUE

The Town has received complaints that cars are parked off the street on Elm Avenue in an area that residents consider a sidewalk area, and block pedestrian passage. Chief of Police Del Santo reported that a continuous sidewalk does not exist on this side of the street and therefore the Police Department cannot cite vehicles for parking on a sidewalk. An alternative is to issue parking permits to allow residents using this area to park on the street instead. However, that would entail issuance of approximately 30 permits and that many vehicles on that narrow a street would present access problems.

The Council expressed concern about issuing 30 overnight parking permits in one neighborhood, feeling it would be discriminatory. It was the consensus of the Council that the Police Department continue with its present enforcement policy and that staff notify the complainant of this policy.

6. QUARRY MOUNTAIN SUBDIVISION - REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF WORK HOURS

One of the conditions of approval for this development was that construction may not begin prior to 8 a.m. The developers are requesting that they be allowed to commence work at 7 a.m., which conforms to the provisions of the Municipal Code for projects without conditions on work hours. The developers say that beginning at 7 a.m. may result in the project being completed sooner. The issue before the Council was whether they would consider conducting a public hearing on a proposal to change the work hours. Public Works/Planning Director Kottage noted that when the project first began, the contractor began at 7 a.m., which led to a large number of complaints of noise from the neighbors.

Larry Stack, 10 Alice Way, listed days on which construction began before 8 a.m. as well as work taking place on Memorial Day and on other days after 7 p.m., and asked why the hours agreed upon were not enforced. He was concerned that this request will lead to other requests for exceptions on the project, said the condition of the road was deteriorating, and submitted a petition signed by 56 residents opposing a change in work hours.

Steve Best, 46 Elkhorn, asked why the original conditions of approval were not maintained.

Kottage said any damage to roads would be repaired out of the bond placed by the developer, and that the developer was contacted when the project began and his contractor started work prior to 8 a.m. The contractor did not comply immediately, reportedly due to a communication problem, but subsequently did comply.

Stack said the neighbors were fed up with the lack of communication.

Walsh said the construction must stay within its allowed hours, and also expressed concern about the dust generated by the development and asked if there was equipment that could be used to spray the road.

Chignell said Kottage should establish a mechanism for immediate enforcement of violations on this project.

Sharp said he had no inclination to honor the request for earlier hours and that next time the contractor works in violation of the hours, the project should be shut down.

Cordingley said the developer made an agreement for those hours and he should keep the agreement.

Kottage said staff would hand deliver letters to the developer and contractor re-affirming the hours and warning that any subsequent violation would result in the project being shut down.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN ANSELMO MUNICIPAL CODE,
TITLE 10, REVISING PLANNING COMMISSION APPEAL PROCEDURES.

CONTINUED TO JUNE 9, 1987.

8. DISCUSSION OF TOWN/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

Cordingley thanked Walsh for setting up the successful May 21 workshop with the panel of commercial development experts. He noted that the panelists agreed that the first task was to organize the San Anselmo Avenue merchants into a cohesive group, and to that end a meeting was set for June 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, for downtown San Anselmo Avenue merchants and landowners.

Walsh suggested merchants, including the Antique Dealers Association, and property owners be motivated to do something, such as hold a sidewalk sale, immediately.

Herman Kramer, 1 Allemand Place, said he was most impressed with the workshop panelists and urged wide dissemination of the video tapes of the workshop.

Lew Tremaine, editor of the FAX, said that one of the strongest statements the panelists made was the need to be organized. He said he wanted people to go into the June 4 meeting with ideas to get events happening on a regular basis.

Sara Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, said she was very impressed with the workshop and encouraged immediate planning of events, such as concerts in the park.

Nancy Olson, 1329 San Anselmo Avenue, said she liked the new sign for the San Anselmo Roastery and suggested merchants be allowed to install signs that will encourage business without creating a carnival atmosphere in the downtown.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES WORKSHOP ON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION.

It was the consensus of the Council to sponsor two registrations for public officials, at a cost of \$75 each, for the workshop being held in Santa Rosa on June 11 and 12.

10. REPORT ON THE FAIRFAX REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Sharp reported that the Fairfax Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the environmental impact report on the redevelopment plan to the Fairfax Town Council on July 6; however, the general consensus seems to be that the future of the proposed project is tenuous.

11. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, COMMENTS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF: STAFF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Saunders Avenue - Chignell asked what the Traffic Safety Committee proposes to do on Saunders Avenue relative to the residents' request for a stop sign. He also said he would like to see more bot dots placed on Forbes Avenue, and noted that the "Slow" signs on Barber appear to have alleviated the speeding problem.

Placards - Cordingley said he wanted a discussion regarding the sign ordinance regulations on placing placards and posters agendized for the next Council meeting.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of minutes of May 12, 1987.
- (b) Resolution commending former Town Administrator Michael Garvey
- (c) Proposed amendments to the San Anselmo Municipal Code, Title 10, Chapter 13, Private Trees, to place restrictions

on the pruning of elm trees and revising procedures involving heritage trees. CONTINUED TO JUNE 9, 1987.

- (d) Proposed amendments to the San Anselmo Municipal Code, Title 10, revising the procedures for processing the R-1-H zone applications. CONTINUED TO JUNE 9, 1987.

M/S, Sharp/Wooliever, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED AT 9:17 to the next regular meeting of June 9, 1987.