

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 24, 1988

Mayor Sharp convened the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. following a closed session regarding pending litigation (Richard E. Nagley), pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) beginning at 7:30 p.m., with Councilmembers Chignell, Colteaux, Walsh and Zaharoff present.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION.

Mary Olive, 7 Agatha Court, protested the blocking of Pine Street during the Art and Wine Festival, as stated in a petition given to the Council following last year's festival, and requested the Council to reconsider its decision. Town Administrator Dickens reported that it would be difficult to change the location of this year's festival at this point in time, but that the Traffic Safety Committee had requested arrangements to keep access clear to Pine Streets for residents and emergency vehicles. The Councilmembers asked that this matter be placed on an agenda prior to the festival.

A Forbes Avenue resident said she understood there were plans to resurface Forbes Avenue and expressed concern that resurfacing the road will intensify the danger from excessive automobile speeding. Public Works/Planning Director Kottage stated that this project has not been reviewed or approved by the Council. Chignell noted that the Town has made heavy expenditures for hot dots on the road and the Police Department has been asked to increase its speed enforcement there.

3. REQUEST FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN A TOWN MEETING.

This matter was continued to the next regular meeting as the Chamber representative was unable to attend tonight.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON SELECTION OF AREA FOR UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES.

Public Works/Planning Director Kottage reported that at the direction of Council at its meeting of April 26, staff advertised for public comment on potential locations for undergrounding utilities. The areas suggested to staff for undergrounding included Ross Avenue from Sir Francis Drake Boulevard to Cedar, Laurel Avenue near the intersection of Hazel, and Santa Barbara near Pasadena.

Sarah Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, spoke in favor of undergrounding at Ross Avenue.

Walsh reported that the Chamber of Commerce has formed a subcommittee to study this issue and requested a continuance until June 28 to allow them the opportunity to submit a recommendation.

Zaharoff requested cost estimates on each of the proposed areas.

Walsh asked whether there would be any cost to the property owners abutting the undergrounding. Kottage noted that P.G. & E. will bring the undergrounded line up to the building and that the property owner will have to rewire the building to be able to connect with the relocated line.

M/S, Zaharoff/Walsh, to continue the hearing to the meeting of June 28, 1988. Motion passed unanimously.

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5. REQUEST FROM MARILYN IZDEBSKI FOR WAIVER OF USE PERMIT FEE.

Izdebski was denied a use permit for a tap dance studio on April 26, had recently filed another use permit application for a studio at Red Hill School and requested a waiver of the fee for the latter application. She said she had excessive expenses incurred in trying to deal with this issue before.

Public Works/Planning Director Kottage said the purpose of the fee was to pay for Town expenses in processing the application. In the review of Izdebski's first application the staff cost exceeded the fee but he expected less expenditure of time for the second application.

It was the consensus of the Council that Izdebski's circumstances were unique and specific to her application to warrant waiving the fee.

M/s, Colteaux/Walsh, to waive the fee for the second use permit application. Motion passed unanimously.

6. REVIEW OF THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE SERVICE 1988-89 BUDGET.

Ross Valley Fire Service Chief Mollenkopf gave an explanation of the proposed 1988-89 budget. The budget reflects an increase of 7.5% over the 1987-88 budget. The increased costs include a 7% increase and salaries and benefits, and increased service and supply costs associated with placing a new fire engine into service. The budget does not include the cost of the new engine; each town has the responsibility of funding the replacement of fire apparatus and facilities separate from the budget process.

Walsh asked questions regarding the salaries and benefits portion of the budget.

Town Administrator Dickens reported that the impact of the overall fire budget increase on the Town's budget was \$68,000, equivalent to a 8.4% increase. He noted that Sleepy Hollow's payment to the Town is based on labor costs only. San Anselmo's share of the new fire engine will be \$111,000, for which the Town will have to budget payments.

In response to questions from Colteaux, Mollenkopf explained that the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District pays 23% of San Anselmo's share of the fire service's labor costs, and that he felt that Sleepy Hollow was paying their fair share of the costs.

Chignell said that in the future he would like to see a cap placed on how much sick leave may be bought back upon retirement.

Sarah Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, asked how fire prevention was handled in open space areas. Mollenkopf said there are no ongoing maintenance needs in open space because the fire service's concern is protection of homes from open space hazards and therefore they pursue getting clearance areas between homes and open space.

Nome said that before raises are approved for the fire service, the Town should look at raises for the other employees.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget at the June 16 meeting of the Ross Valley Fire Service Board of Directors.

7. APPOINTMENTS: ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY OF NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Colteaux announced his resignation from the committee due to his election to the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to advertise the vacancy and ask current neighborhood representatives if they are aware of any neighbors interested in serving on the committee.

Colteaux placed the name of Helene Robertson in nomination.

8. PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI.

Town staff, the Chamber of Commerce and property owners have developed an approach for dealing with graffiti that would allow a very quick response to new graffiti, would involve no cost to the Town and only minimal cost to the property owner. The idea was for property owners to provide prior, written approval for the paint-over of any graffiti on their property and a sufficient quantity of the paint and equipment they want used on their property. When graffiti appeared on these properties, the Town's volunteer program would arrange for qualified volunteers to paint over the graffiti as soon as possible. Town Administrator Dickens reported that he has received positive response from the business community about this idea.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve the procedure.

9. REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT OF BAY-DELTA ESTUARY PROTECTIONS RESOLUTION.

M/S, Chignell/Colteaux, that the Town of San Anselmo supports complete and adequate water quality standards that protect all beneficial uses of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary and urges the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt water quality standards that assure the protection of the Estuary before increased diversions or exports are considered. Motion passed unanimously.

10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(a) 101 Corridor Action Committee: Sharp reported that there were not enough votes on the committee to urge proceeding with a November vote on a sales tax for transportation purposes. The feeling of the majority of the members voting against a November vote was that they could not go to their constituents and ask them to tax themselves without telling them what projects the tax would fund.

(b) Transportation Expenditure Plan Committee. Colteaux reported that while there was a lot of feeling by the public that nothing is being done, the other side of the issue was that there would be more public support for a specific expenditure plan, which will not be ready for a November vote. Furthermore, there will be a vote on a county sales tax for a jail in November.

11. CONSENT AGENDA.

- (a) Approve minutes: May 5 and 10, 1988.
- (b) Continue discussion on fencing at the Quarry Mountain project site to June 14, 1988.
- (c) Waive reading and adopt Ordinance No. 899 amending Town Code, Title 7, Chapter 8, Underground Utility Facilities.

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Town Attorney Roth requested that adoption of Ordinance No. 899 be continued.

M/S, Chignell/Walsh, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the continuance of item (c) to the meeting of June 14, 1988. Motion passed unanimously.

12. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, COMMENTS AND DIRECTIONS TO STAFF; STAFF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

150 Woodland - Staff was asked to look into the placement of a Town sign on this property that eliminates a parking place.

Committee assignments - Walsh asked that the Council committee assignments be reviewed. Dickens will distribute a list of committee assignments to each Councilmember, who will note which committee assignments he or she would like to see changed, and then he will meet with the Mayor to determine which assignments the Councilmembers wish to have re-appointed.

13. ADJOURNMENT - On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Beth Calamar