

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of April 9, 1991

7:30 p.m.

Closed session regarding pending litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), (Helfrich vs. Town of San Anselmo).

8:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Chignell convened the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., with Councilmembers Colteaux, Kanis, Walsh and Zaharoff present.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION.

George Buckle, 44 Indian Rock Court, inquired about the status of the Public Works Director vacancy and plans for road improvements.

Sarah Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, said there are second units that have escaped detection and consequently are not being taxed. She inquired about where the 4,000 people originally reported by the 1990 census had gone now that the official count was down to less than 12,000.

Herm Kramer, 1 Allemand Lane, asked the Council and citizens of San Anselmo to join with the Marin United Taxpayers Association against an increase in the Golden Gate Bridge toll to \$3.00.

William DeBisschop, 91 Elm Avenue, inquired about the status of the second unit reported at 44 Elm Avenue.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR.

M/S, Walsh/Kanis, to nominate Maria Zaharoff as Mayor. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Colteaux, Kanis, Walsh, Chignell

NOES: (None)

ABSTAIN: Zaharoff

M/S, Kanis/Walsh, to nominate John Colteaux as Vice-Mayor. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Kanis, Walsh, Zaharoff, Chignell

ABSTAIN: Colteaux

The Councilmembers each thanked Chignell for his extraordinary job as mayor during difficult times, his attention to detail, and his ability at moderating meetings, and presented him with a gavel. Town Administrator Camuglia thanked Chignell for his work and gave him a pin. Chignell expressed his appreciation for the work of his colleagues.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

(a) Approve minutes: March 26, 1991.

(b) Acknowledge and file warrants: Nos. 5610-5887, in the amount of \$470,328.33.

(c) Approve out-of-classification pay for Leadworker and Senior Maintenance Worker.

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- (d) Approve Resolution withdrawing from the Association of Bay Area Governments.
- (e) Approve Resolution designating agent for disaster assistance application.
- (f) Approve arrangements for paving on Camino de Herrera.
- (g) Introduce ordinance amending Chapter 5, of the Municipal Code, amending the method of collection for non-payment of the municipal services tax.
- (h) Refer review of regulations for dogs in parks to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (i) Proclaim April 21-27 as National Volunteer Week.

Items d, f and h were removed from the consent agenda.

M/S, Walsh/Colteaux, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items d, f and h. Motion passed unanimously.

- (d) Approve Resolution withdrawing from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Planning Commission Chair Julin, saying she also represented Commissioners Yarish and Kroot, expressed concern about the Town's withdrawal from ABAG. Planners use ABAG frequently, and having recently created the position of Planning Director, they would hope the Council would not close the door on ABAG membership, adding that public problems do not end at the city borders.

Zaharoff recalled her conversation with an ABAG representative urging that the Council not withdraw from ABAG and expressing concern that such a move would weaken the appearance of cohesiveness among Bay Area communities. She recognized the possibility that the new Planning Director may need ABAG, and suggested that if the budget allows the Town's participation and it is requested by the new Planning Director, that the Council consider rejoining and word its withdrawal accordingly.

It was the general feeling of the Council to withdraw from ABAG, subject to consideration for rejoining if warranted in the future.

M/S, Colteaux/Walsh, to approve the resolution withdrawing from ABAG.

- (f) Approve arrangements for paving on Camino de Herrera.

Colteaux expressed concern that the liability clause should be more specific.

M/S, Colteaux/Walsh, to approve the arrangement, subject to putting in standard form to be approved by the Town Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

- (h) Refer review of regulations for dogs in parks to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Buckle requested clarification on the Council's expectation on the leash law. He said the Commission has struggled for over two years on dog issues.

Commissioner Gilboy said the Commission has had 6 or 7 public hearings in two years, and they have not taken action to request recommendation of a leash law.

M/S, Colteaux/Walsh, that the Parks and Recreation Commission make a recommendation to the Council on a leash law in parks, based on past public hearings and staff comments. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORT FROM TOWN ATTORNEY ON REGULATIONS CONCERNING USE OF WELLS FOR DRINKING WATER.

Town Attorney Roth advised that there should be an ordinance adopted providing for use of wells. The State has mandated an ordinance that will be in effect absent local regulations. The ordinance should be referred to the Planning Commission since it will require adjustments of land use.

M/S, Colteaux/Walsh, to refer the well ordinance to the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Anderson, San Anselmo property owner, inquired about the specifics of the ordinance and was referred to the Town Attorney.

6. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEE TO HANG BANNER ADVERTISING THE ST. ANSELM'S CARNIVAL.

Emeigh Poindexter, St. Anselm's, asked that the Council waive the \$150 fee to hang a banner and sign.

M/S, Chignell/Colteaux, to waive the \$150 fee. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION OF 1990 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT.

M/S, Chignell/Kanis, to continue to May 14, 1991, so that the management letter on internal controls can be considered in conjunction with the financial statements and audit. Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING PRELIMINARY 1991-92 BUDGET.

Town Administrator Camuglia made a presentation on the highlights and year-to-date totals for each of the department budgets. She reported on issues affecting the 1991-92 budget, including effects of the State and County budget problems on cities, increased PERS rates, declining population and revenues based on population, and capital project needs.

Colteaux suggested that 10% of general fund revenues be dedicated off the top to capital projects, with the remaining figure to be used to pay for all other services, instead of the usual procedure of leaving capital projects until last. Walsh expressed her agreement, adding that the Council should try that approach before asking for new taxes. Kanis said it was emotionally a very appealing argument, but one that would give way to reason, and wanted the administrator to provide historical information on employee turnover.

Chignell expressed his opposition to that process, as a waste of staff time, that the Finance Committee did not find substantial cuts that could be made.

Colteaux said if there is only a certain amount of money, they will have to live with that amount and make some choices. He asked the administrator to go through the budget imaginatively. Camuglia identified that the only areas that have budgets larger than \$500,000 and could be cut were police and fire. Kanis suggested looking at alternatives to providing police and fire services.

9. SELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBER AS LIAISON TO MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, AS REQUESTED BY MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS.

M/S, Colteaux/Chignell, to appoint Walsh. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Redhill - Colteaux inquired about repairs to the slide on Redhill Avenue.

Toll - Chignell asked that the issue of the Golden Gate Bridge toll be placed on the next agenda.

Constituent requests - Chignell inquired about the status on complaints at 100 Sycamore, and the boxes of papers left by John Kottage.

Ansari - Kanis reported he was meeting with Mr. Ansari from 94 Berkeley.

Attorney - Walsh inquired about the status of the Legal Services Subcommittee.

CDBG - Chignell encouraged submission of projects for Community Development block grant projects.

Ongaro - Camuglia announced that there will be a dedication ceremony for a refurbished water fountain in memory of Don Ongaro in Creek Park.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Beth Pollard