



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Winters City Council Held on January 16, 2018

Mayor Wade Cowan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Bill Biasi, Jesse Loren, Pierre Neu and Mayor Wade Cowan

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager John W. Donlevy Jr., City Attorney Ethan Walsh, Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby, Police Chief John Miller, Police Sergeants Kelly Schroeder and Kelly McCoy, Police Corporal Gordon Brown, Economic Development/Housing Manager Dan Maguire, Building Official Gene Ashdown, Environmental Services Manager Carol Scianna, Administrative Coordinator Karla Ferguson, Police Community Services Officer Gail Jimenez, Police Detective/SRO David Gonzalez, Police Officers Alan Pinette and Victor Barajas, and Management Analysts Dago Fierros and Tracy Jensen.

Police Sergeant Kelly McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Biasi to approve the agenda with no changes. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tina Lowden and Karen May voiced their interest in the beautification of the downtown and requested the telephone kiosk be removed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017
- B. Building Division Plan Check and Inspection Services
- C. Animal Services Agreement
- D. Resolution 2018-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winters Granting Authority to the Chief of Police Pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 21100(i) to Appoint Non-Student School Crossing Guards

City Manager Donlevy gave an overview of the items on the Consent Calendar. Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief John Miller introduced Sergeant Kelly McCoy, who was then sworn in by City Manager John Donlevy. Kelly thanked the Mayor and City Council and acknowledged friends and family who were sitting in the audience and those that were unable to attend. Kelly said she was honored and privileged to be part of the Winters community. Chief Miller said Kelly demonstrates high energy and initiative that will serve the City of Winters well.

Police Chief Miller introduced outgoing Sergeant Kelly Schroeder, who may remain on staff as a reserve police officer. Kelly arrived as a 960 annuitant, worked hourly with no benefits and was limited to 960 hours per year. Kelly was the perfect fit for the vacancy in the department - confident and dedicated with a high level of service. As a token of the department's appreciation, a plaque was presented to Kelly, where his police badge will be affixed. Kelly thanked the Council, Mayor, City Manager and the entire Police staff and said the department continues to develop. Kelly thanked his wife and family for his hours served and said Chief Miller is preparing the department to grow with the City. Mayor Cowan said he was grateful and thanked Kelly for his positive influence, receiving nothing but praise from the community.

Community Services Officer Gail Jimenez's power point presentation included information and requirements for the department's Reserve Program, and Police Officer Alan Pinette spoke about the Cadet Program, which has been going for two years and currently has six members. He added that Community Services

Officer Roberto Cuevas is a result of the Cadet Program and that funding for the program is dependent on donations and fundraisers. In Chaplain Robert Duvall's absence, Gail gave some 2017 statistics from the Chaplain program: 92 death notifications in Yolo & Solano counties, 82 special events, and 2,150 volunteer hours. Robert's constant companion, Kepi the Comfort Dog, is the first comfort canine in the state, often working with local jurisdictions, the CHP and Cal Fire. Mayor Cowan thanked Gail for all she does and adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m. for a brief reception.

Mayor Cowan reconvened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. City Manager Donlevy introduced Sheila Allen, Yolo County Senior Services Consultant, and Jennifer Verdugo from AARP. Sheila presented survey results from 137 participants that took the Winters senior survey, providing a general overview from the community. Based on the information received, Sheila is working on a Winters-specific Senior Resources Guide. Based on Council Member Biasi's question, surveys will be accepted until the guide goes to print and blank surveys can be found on the City's website. Jennifer Verdugo gave a power point presentation and reviewed AARP's launch of the Age-Friendly Communities and identified West Sacramento as a local Age-Friendly Community.

Woody Fridae, representing the Winters History Project whose initial motto has been "Museum Without Walls", gave a power point presentation and said they are now looking for walls, or a place for a museum. The presentation included many photos of the Sacramento Valley Museum in Williams that is housed in the old Williams High School that was built in 1911 and was donated to the museum. The Winters History Project will hold a meeting in March with the date and time TBA and he asked people to join a museum committee and start a campaign. He urged people to go see the Sacramento Valley Museum in Williams and Council Member Biasi asked him how they maintain funding. Woody said they received a \$100,000 regional grant and with a capital outreach program, they receive \$50,000 per year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Adoption of City of Winters Flood Safety Plans

Economic Development & Housing Manager Dan Maguire gave an overview and introduced David Block from Yolo County OES and Joe Thomas of KSN Inc., who prepared and provided the Winters Public Safety Map and the Winters Evacuation Map. Dan said an Emergency Operation Plan was previously adopted by Council in April 2017 and a Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan will come back to Council for approval. Flooding has been identified as a potential hazard and David Block said the adoption of the Flood Safety Plan will help our jurisdiction become better prepared. Dan reviewed the process it will take before the plan is adopted and City Manager Donlevy said this is not just an emergency

plan, it's an overall hazard mitigation plan. The maps being presented tonight will be included on the City's website along with a QR Code, which will lead to additional information about the plan. Dan said one of the apps being made available by QR Code will be for the last 4-5 fire seasons and will include evacuation maps that identify the residents who have evacuated during a fire. City Manager Donlevy said the maps are integrated with GIS (geographic information systems) and an app is accessible. There is also the Ever Bridge notification system where information can be broadcast out on smart phones. Council Member Biasi said he wants to make information available to people before the emergency happens, possibly in the newsletter or include maps on the City's website.

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to adopt Resolution 2018-01 approving the "City of Winters Flood Safety Plan."

Kathy Cowan said in the event of a flood, I-505 will be impacted suggested people drive east toward Davis and then turn north or south. It was assured that police would be directing traffic. Tina Lowden said the road always floods quickly near "Carol's Bridge" on 89, so this evacuation route would probably not be an option.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Putah Creek Nature Park Phase 3 Modifications

Environmental Services Manager Carol Scianna gave an overview and said Council supported the WPCNP Master Plan that was adopted in 2008, creating better access to the creek and nature park. The proposed Phase 3 modifications will continue those efforts following a three year delay that was due to new requirements from the Army Corp of Engineers, with the permit expected to be obtained by spring. The WPCCC has reviewed and unanimously approved the phase 3 modification plan and Carol is asking Council to accept their recommendation.

Melanie Truan, UCD Wildlife biologist has been monitoring wildlife in the creek area for decades said backwater channels can offer better habitat opportunities, instead of filling in the channel.

Alan Pryor, speaking on behalf of the Friends of Putah Creek, said there was no data or scientific reports to show that this project will be a success. Due to legal

impediments, no permits have been obtained. He asked Council to reject the approval of the Phase 3 modifications.

David Springer, also speaking on behalf of the Friends of Putah Creek, said an alternative plan was provided to Council and urged them to delay their decision until the modification plan can be reviewed and open to the public. He also urged Council to influence the elimination of soil compaction.

Mayor Cowan entered into record letters that were received directly by all Council members from David Springer and Jeff Tenpas.

City Attorney Walsh provided the following clarification: On all phases of the project, including Phase 3, Council is not the agency doing the project. SCWA is the lead agency and they have continuously asked for the City's input and have taken that input into account.

Kurt Balasek confirmed that everyone who wishes to speak has been allowed to do so at the WPCC meetings. He concluded by saying the nature park is an amazing success. The master plan had two goals: habitat restoration and getting the public down into the park.

Council Member Biasi confirmed that Council has already approved Phase 3; this is a modification to that phase. The proposed backwater area can always be filled in if it becomes undesirable. These modifications will also provide an ADA ramp down to the flood level.

Council Member Jesse Loren said a letter received from the Friends of Putah Creek claims compaction has led to diminished ground water recharge. As the City liaison with the Water Resources Agency, Council Member Loren said the drop in elevation has been attributed to the drought, although there has been recovery statewide. The groundwater readings at four monitoring stations are behaving normally, similar to those throughout the state as per Tim O-Halloran, General Manager of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. Groundwater data is available at yologroundwater.org

Council Member Anderson, who attended an LPCCC meeting said modifications can be changed later if need be and that this isn't the end of the road for keeping our options open.

Mayor Cowan said the creek used to be totally inaccessible. The work that has been done has provided great results. We are now seeing fish after Phases 1 and 2. Usage and public access has greatly increased. This project is a big benefit to the City and we are long overdue in getting this project finished. Council Member Loren agreed and said she was told long ago by a Winters resident that the removal of the old perc dam would create problems. We now have a beautiful path down to the creek, full of dog walkers, children, and those

strolling along the creek due to the enhancements in Phases 1 & 2. Council Member Neu said he spends a lot of time down at the creek, and randomly asks people where they live. Most are Winters residents, but 20% of those people come from out of town to enjoy the creek and say they plan to return again. The City has waited three years for the final phase to start and it's time to complete the creek project.

Motion by Council Member Biasi, second by Council Member Anderson to approve staff recommendation to accept the recommendation from Winters Putah Creek Committee to support the design modifications for the Winters Putah Creek Nature Park (WPCNP) Phase 3 project to leave a backwater on the eastern half of Phase 3 for wildlife viewing and habitat diversity. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Electric Car Charging Stations

Associate Elliot Landes gave an overview and said there are too many variables when asked what the additional cost for the City would be for the additional charging stations. The free charging station installed at the Community Center currently costs the City approximately \$2,000-\$3,000 per year. Elliot said with Option 2, the City has more flexibility to charge a fee and gives the City the ability to track the usage. Council Member Biasi said he preferred the more expensive Option 2 to give the City the ability to charge people. He doesn't like to see the City subsidizing free charging. Council Member Loren said it's important to put in more infrastructure for electronic vehicles to make Winters more attractive to travelers. Mayor Cowan agreed with both comments and said the City doesn't give away free gas, why should the City give away free electricity? The City charges for gas, now the City can charge for electricity. He added it would be worth spending the extra money now and monitor the charging station for one year to determine a fair amount to charge. Council also discussed whether to provide the first two hours of parking for free and then begin charging following the two-hour period. Council Member Anderson said he liked Option 2, but it is taking away parking spaces. He also asked how Vacaville is dealing with electronic vehicles. Elliot said he received a lot of support throughout Vacaville and was given a lot of pointers. Council Member Loren asked for clarification, whether Option 2 included two free hours of charging and Council confirmed it did not.

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council member Loren to approve Option 2 of the staff recommendation to add funds to the grant in place to allow

the City to charge for electricity provided to two vehicles. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Resolution 2018-02, Calling for and Consolidating General
Municipal Election on June 5, 2018

City Attorney Walsh gave an overview and said an initiative measure on the ballot will include whether the Clerk and Treasurer will be appointed or elected. The statewide trend is to appoint those with expertise as issues continue to get more complex. Council Member Neu said he is in favor of staff recommendation, but the information on the ballot must be really clear and explain why it's happening now. City Attorney Walsh said an impartial analysis will be written, will include arguments for and against the ballot measure, and will clearly provide the intent.

Motion by Council Member Biasi, second by Council Member Neu to approve Resolution 2018-02, calling a General Municipal Election for June 5, 2018, to fill three City Council Member seats, City Clerk and City Treasurer, as well as placing a ballot measure on appointive City Clerk and City Treasurer, and requesting the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the elections with the Statewide Primary and any other elections, and directing the County Election's Official to provide services in relation to the election. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Biasi, Loren, Neu, Mayor Cowan
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY OF WINTERS AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WINTERS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

1. Resolution SA-2018-01, 2018-2019 ROPS (Recognized Obligation
Payment Schedule)

Agency Chairman Biasi opened the Successor Agency at 8:59 p.m.

Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby gave an overview and said the adoption of the ROPS is very straightforward and would allow the City to receive

funding for debt service for the redevelopment agency. The ROPS will go to the Oversight Board for approval on January 22nd and will then be sent to the Department of Finance before the February 1st deadline.

Motion by Agency Member Anderson, second by Agency Member Neu to adopt Resolution SA-2018-01 adopting a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule Pursuant to AB1X 26 for the period July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Agency Members Anderson, Cowan, Loren, Neu, Agency
Chairman Biasi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: The November and December Treasurer and Investment Reports are the worst ones throughout the year. Three funds hold general fund reserves used for cash flow and we don't receive a majority of money until January and May. Staff should receive property tax numbers in the next couple of weeks. Staff has cut almost \$600,000 out of the budget as this is one of the most challenging times we've dealt with. Individual budget meetings are being held with staff. Both hotel projects are moving forward and the City will soon see an increase in permit revenue from housing developments over the next 18 months. A joint workshop of the City Council, Planning Commission and Parking Committee has been scheduled for February 21st @ 6pm and the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) will kick things off in February.

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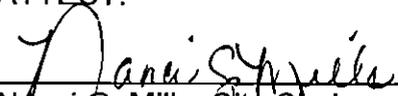
1. November 2017 Treasurer Report
2. November 2017 Investment Report

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cowan adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.



Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Nanci G. Mills, City Clerk