



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council
Held on March 6, 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, Mayor Wade Cowan

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager John W. Donlevy Jr., Police Chief John Miller, Public Works Superintendent Eric Lucero, Environmental Services Manager Carol Scianna, Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby, and Management Analyst Tracy Jensen

Karen May, President of the Winters Senior Foundation, 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: Marie Walker, 1000 Adams Lane, invited Council and all seniors to attend the Annual Senior Spring Luncheon sponsored by the Winters Senior Foundation. The indoor picnic will be held on March 15 @ St. Anthony's Parish Hall from 12-2pm and will feature create-your-own salads and sandwiches. This is a free luncheon for seniors 55+ and over, and all those attending will receive a raffle ticket for raffle prizes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018
- B. Minutes of the Joint Workshop of the City Council and Planning Commission Held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018
- C. Street Closure Request and Amplified Sound Permit for the Monthly Car Show Sponsored by The Buckhorn Steakhouse
- D. Resolution 2018-05 in Support of SB 5, California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, or the California Clean Water & Safe Parks Act

City Manager Donlevy gave an overview. Council Member Anderson recused himself from Items B & C due to a possible conflict of interest. Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to approve Items A & D. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to approve Items B & C. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Resolution 2018-06 in Support of Reducing Crime in Keeping California Safe Act of 2018

Chief of Police John Miller, speaking on behalf of the California Police Chiefs Association and Cal Chiefs, said the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 is a way for the Chiefs to attempt to close the loopholes due to the unintended consequences of the passage of Prop. 47, Prop. 57, and AB109, which were ultimately designed to reduce the prison inmate population.

Chief Miller then shared a list of crimes that are not considered "violent" under current California law, allowing inmates convicted of these crimes to be released

from prison early. This initiative would stop early release by re-categorizing these crimes as violent. This initiative also seeks to reinstate the collection of DNA (modern day fingerprint) for certain crimes in order to create a database, re-implement the penalty for serial theft, and reinstate the ability to consider a criminals' overall crime history.

Chief Miller also stated there are currently no parole violation hearings being held, which have resulted in a carousel justice system.

Council Member Loren thanked Chief Miller and said there may not be a direct fiscal impact to the City, but there will be a fiscal impact with the passage of this initiative. Signatures are still needed to put this initiative on the November ballot, which would give Council ample time to receive more input and determine the fiscal impact before supporting this initiative. Council Member Loren then read aloud several sections within the initiative and provided statistics on urban crime in Yolo County that appear to have flat lined or leveled out. Council Member Loren added that she supports DNA testing regarding rape kit DNA, although funding to process the rape kits has been lacking, resulting in rape kits not being tested. Council Member Loren concluded by saying she would prefer funding of rape kits over obtaining fingerprints of petty thieves.

Chief Miller responded to the numerous comments made by Council Member Loren, reminding Council that the penal code is created by the legislature and it's the police department's duty to enforce it.

Council Member Neu said he read the initiative, and although he acknowledged Council Member Loren's concerns, he said there is more good than evil in the initiative. Chief Miller said it's up to Council whether they want to support it and put it before the voters, adding that it will be costed out on the ballot. Council Member Loren said Council should have been given the fiscal cost instead of indicating no fiscal impact on the staff report.

Council Member Biasi said that although Prop 47 and 57 are still in place, this is a good step to correct some of it. Council Member Anderson said the State shoving this back to the locals is a never ending story. It's important to do something about it, since the community is the one that is suffering. It is important to support our police as best we can and suggested it be sent out to the voters. Mayor Cowan agreed and said the initiative is not perfect, but it addresses the shortfalls of Prop 47 and 57 and looks to correct the problems therein. The State is trying to reduce the prison population and although it's not perfect, it's a step in the right direction.

City Attorney Walsh said it is up to Council to create policy and it appears that the cities are doing everything legal. Mayor Cowan then opened the floor to public comment, of which there were none.

Motion by Council Member Biasi, second by Council Member Neu to adopt Resolution 2018-06 in Support of Reducing Crime in Keeping California Safe Act of 2018. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. Economic Development Committee Composition - Two At-Large Members

City Manager Donlevy gave an overview and said the committee membership list shown on the staff report inadvertently omitted two at-large members. Staff is recommending the expansion of the committee to include two or three at-large members from the community.

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to approve the expansion of the Economic Development Committee to include 2 or more at-large members from the public. No public comments were provided. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

3. Public Works Projects List and Review of Capital Projects for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020

Public Works Superintendent Eric Lucero broke the project list down into departments (facilities, parks, streets, and wastewater/storm drain), provided a description of the work to be completed and the target date of completion, as well as the amount/source of funding for FY 18-19 and FY 19-20.

Mayor Cowan asked if the creek trail would be connected and Carol replied that an easement would be necessary but staff has been unable to obtain an easement from the landowner. Council Member Anderson asked whether the linear park was going in and City Manager Donlevy said he would be meeting to discuss their ideas, including the possibility of trading a linear park for a sports park. Eric Lucero said the relocation of the toddler play structure taken from City Park will be installed at Valley Oak Park, with Project Playground agreeing to fund the move.

Regarding Streets projects, City Manager Donlevy said staff is working on a welcome sign to be placed inside the roundabout and engineers are working with Cal Trans to remove some of the signs outside the roundabout. Council Member Biasi suggested a Corp Yard beautification plan for those entering and exiting the roundabout. In addition to repairing and sealing several streets, staff will coordinate with PG&E to run underground utilities in Newt's Expressway before repaving. Staff will also be placing flashing crosswalk beacons at the pedestrian crosswalks at Railroad & Russell (for cars coming across the bridge), and at Railroad & Carrion.

City Manager Donlevy said the largest expenditure will be the new bar screen at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Staff is also contemplating the potential purchase of a solar field, where the City could possibly allocate or sell power back to the City. Regarding Chromium 6, Carol Scianna said the City would decline the consultants offer to conduct a pilot test on our wells and not spend any money until the City receives the hexavalent chromium maximum contaminant level (MCL) for drinking water from the State Water Resources Control Board. Carol also said she would like to get the Climate Action Plan adopted and there is money available from the County to complete the plan. Council Member Loren suggested this expenditure be moved to 18/19 and Carol agreed, adding there is a lot of new legislation and she would like to get some public input. John Mott-Smith from Yolo County said he is willing to help.

Council and staff discussed increasing the funds for sidewalk repairs and ADA improvements and City Manager Donlevy said staff is working on an ADA Transition Plan that identifies the most severely damaged locations. Excess TDA funds from current projections will also be placed into a sidewalk fund, with high priority repairs taking precedence.

Council Member Loren suggested that staff start the public review period for the Climate Action Plan earlier rather than later. After attending the recent Climate Change meeting, Carol Scianna said the Office of Planning & Research (OPR) is coming out with new guidelines to encompass the climate change and staff will move forward after the new guidelines are published.

Council Member Neu asked when work will begin on the next general plan and requested it be on a future agenda so this item can be moved forward.

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

1. None
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CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Donlevy will be participating all day in a Yolo County Transportation District panel to review evaluation proposals for Yolo County transit. The 40 mph signs on either side of the roundabout will be there just a bit longer. The radar survey has been completed and staff is working through Cal Trans to get it adopted. Kudos to the Karen May and the entire Winters Senior Foundation for receiving their 501(c)(3) status. With the help of Sheila Allen, Consultant for Winters Older Adult Programs and Services and Staff Member Dan Maguire, a culture will be established in Winters. Please attend their luncheon and celebrate the Winters Senior Foundation.

INFORMATION ONLY: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cowan adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.


Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nanci G. Mills, City Clerk