



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council  
Held on April 18, 2017

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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, City Clerk Nanci Mills, Environmental Services Manager Carol Scianna, Economic Development/Housing Manager Dan Maguire, Public Works Superintendent Eric Lucero, Police Chief John Miller, Police Sergeants Jose Ramirez and Kelly Schroeder, Police Officers Jose Hermosillo and Morgan Hatcher, Reserve Police Officer Jeff Stanton, Administrative Coordinator Karla Ferguson, and Management Analyst Tracy Jensen.

Dick Holdstock 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:** Kate Laddish, 400 Morgan St., said the swimming pool was full on the first day of Adult Lap Swim on April 1 and the turnout has been terrific. She also said she enjoys the hot showers at the pool.

Alan Humanson, Yolo County Visitor's Bureau, spoke about the re-organization of the YCVB and is looking for participation from the cities within the County. West Sacramento is not included at the moment, but their inclusion will help in the marketplace. Their first big event of the year, Taste of Yolo, is being held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Davis Central Park. This is an annual event and will move to different locations within the County. Alan said he appreciates the support they have received from the City of Winters.

Sarah McCullough, 415 Fourth St., spoke during the public comment period in favor of the community values statement (Discussion Item #2).

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017
- B. Authorization to Re-Bid - Grant Ave. & Walnut Ln. Roundabout
- C. Purchase of Public Works Vehicle
- D. Street Closure Request and Amplified Sound Permit Application for the Winters Guitarfest Acoustic Guitar Festival - June 23-24, 2017
- E. Amendment No.1 to CalTrans Agreement Grant & Walnut Lane Roundabout SHOPP Funds
- F. Martinez Orchard Agricultural Lease Agreement
- G. Resolution 2017-18, Authorizing the Sale of City-Owned Property to Hotel Winters, LLC for the Downtown Hotel Project
- H. Application for Parade Permit for the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Day Parade on April 29, 2017
- I. Winters Senior Foundation - Elder Day Use of Community Center

City Manager Donlevy gave an overview. Due to a possible conflict of interest, Council Member Anderson declined to vote on Consent Items D, G, and H, and Council Member Neu declined to vote on Consent Item H.

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Biasi to approve Consent Items A, B, C, E, F and I. 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 Loren, second by Council Member Biasi to approve Consent Items D and G. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Biasi to approve Consent Item H. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

### PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief John Miller re-introduced Reserve Police Officer Jeffrey Stanton, who comes to the Winters Police Department from the High Tech Crime Unit at the Yolo County DA's office. Jeff thanked the City and the City Council for the opportunity to serve in Winters and said the DA's office is excited about the collaboration. City Clerk Nanci Mills performed the swearing-in ceremony of Winters Reserve Police Officer Jeffrey Stanton.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 1. LED Street Light Upgrade Program from PG&E

Environmental Services Manager Carol Scianna gave an overview. The conversions throughout the City could be completed in less than two weeks. Resident Tina Lowden said the street light at Niemann and Railroad is covered with trees. Resident Kate Laddish said she approves of the energy efficiency and reduction of light pollution.

Motion by Council Member Biasi, second by Council Member Neu to approve and opt into the LED Street Light Upgrade Program offered by PG&E. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

#### 2. Proclamation - Community Values and Affirmations

City Manager Donlevy gave an overview and said the concerns outlined in the proclamation are basically what led to the recent Hispanic Advisory Committee forum that was held at St. Anthony's Parish. A number of drafts were kicked around, with the goal being a proclamation that can espouse key values, cultivate and inspire the community, and that all people are welcome and accepting in the community.

Al Vallecillo, 210 Main Street, supports the proclamation and favors the longer version, which speaks the strength of "people are welcome." The two added paragraphs make the document a little stronger.

Sandra Aamodt, 301 Casitas Road, supports the affirmation of values. It is important for Winters that the community has their back and wants to take care of them. She is impressed at how welcoming and inclusive Winters is. The two added paragraphs are particularly important, especially the one that addresses the fears of some of the citizens and strongly supports the proclamation.

Dick Holdstock, 415 Dry Creek Lane, said he was impressed by what's going on and the involvement by staff and Council. He would personally love to become a sanctuary city and hopes Council adopts the proclamation with all the language.

Kate Laddish, 400 Morgan St., voiced her support for the full and robust language in the proclamation and expressed her heartfelt appreciation for everyone's involvement. The proclamation is a stirring document with the inclusion of the red verbiage and lets people know we really mean it by naming groups that are sometimes targeted.

Brian Bellamy, 902 Southdown Ct., said a lot of things have been expressed and he echoes the comments regarding the longer version. He then gave the definition of affirm

Bonnie Dixon, 422 Russell St., said she strongly supports the complete version of the proclamation and feels proud to be a resident of Winters, a community that is clear in their commitment to quality, inclusiveness, freedoms, and rights.

Hollie Malumud, 413 E. Main St., said she likes the inclusiveness from the community and is proud to be a part of it. The expanded version speaks to who this community is and we really need to be explicit and state the obvious. She then asked the City Council to accept the longer version.

Christina Cogdell, 206 Main St., said she didn't want the proposed proclamation to be a lone woman movement and likes that the community stands up and supports it. She thanked Council for their support and Council Member Loren for her work on the Hispanic Advisory Committee. The proclamation verbally expresses support for those who are most vulnerable and asked Council to represent the community.

Spring Warren, 1006 Epic Ct., said it takes courage to include specific language and that implied language can be denied.

Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor spoke highly of the Hispanic Advisory Committee's forum and said the Board of Supervisors passed a similar resolution with a 5-0 vote. They were then contacted by the library staff, who were relieved and said it is important that there was a statement from the County and that they have their back. It's important to recognize that though their voices aren't heard, they are present throughout the community.

Resident Wally Pearce said the Winters Senior Foundation supports the proclamation and the City is making history. He asked how people will see the proclamation and said it's important to get it out there.

Resident Shep Harper said the longer version of the proclamation is a stronger statement.

Council Member Neu said he preferred the longer version. Just like Jeff being sworn in, we must follow the constitution and constitutional rights need to be included.

Council Member Biasi asked if it was necessary to add the additional verbiage? By adding it, you're excluding others. Winters has always been welcoming and diverse, and works for the benefit of all persons. The role of City government is to work for the benefit of all. The extended version is too political, although he likes the last sentence of the last paragraph: "Inclusion of All, Acceptance of Diversity, and the Promotion of Safety, Community Engagement, Collaboration, and Personal and Community Growth and Improvement."

Council Member Anderson said Winters has always been a place to be welcomed and accepts the adoption of the proclamation. The constitution governs, we are a country of laws, and we uphold the constitution when we take the position of Councilmember.

Council Member Loren has been involved in the history of it while meeting with the City Manager and the Chief of Police. Chief Miller has attended the Hispanic Advisory Committee meetings the last two months and supports the document. Please excuse the clerical error, which was due to her passion and a deadline. This proclamation sets the tone of inclusion for a target audience and allows other groups to be lifted up.

Mayor Cowan said Council Member Loren did a great job with the forum. There was a great turnout and the involvement by Chief Miller from Day 1 of the process has helped create something more acceptable and less political. He doesn't need a document to tell him what a great place this is to live. He suggested the proclamation be placed on the City's website and include it in the

Chamber's welcome packet. He then asked Council Member Loren to read aloud the longer version of the proclamation.

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to adopt the longer version of the proclamation. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

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

1. None

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CITY MANAGER REPORT: On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Facility, a parking meeting will be held. Kimley Horn will be present and downtown property and business owners are urged to attend. The agenda was drafted today and will be distributed to members of the parking committee and Council.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> at WJUSD, there will be a facility meeting/workshop to talk about the High School and both bond measures.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Project Playground is having a party at the park from 5-8pm.

The City Manager will not be present at the May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) will be coming to Council. Tim O'Halloran, General Manager of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will be giving a presentation at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting, and a public hearing will be held at the May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. SGMA will be one of the most important JPA's in the county.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cowan adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

  
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Wade Cowan, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Nanci Mills, City Clerk