



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

Mayor Bill Biasi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Jesse Loren, Pierre Neu, Mayor Bill Biasi
Absent: Council Member Wade Cowan
Staff: City Manager John W. Donlevy Jr., City Attorney Ethan Walsh, Economic Development/Housing Programs Manager Dan Maguire, Public Works Superintendent Eric Lucero, Environmental Services Manager Carol Scianna, and City Clerk Tracy Jensen.

Supervisor Don Saylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: City Manager Donlevy reported no changes to the agenda. Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Terry Ostovar, 743 Main Street, resides at the end of Main Street adjacent to the new pump station and requested a modification along her property to have the wall that surrounds the pump station be lowered to the same height as the existing wall. As her home is most impacted by this wall, she would appreciate Council's consideration and accommodation.

Sajit Singh, 829 8th Street, Williams, is a Planning Commissioner and a trustee at Sacramento Valley Museum who has visited Winters and likes how balanced it

is. The downtown is a vibrant, walkable, and enjoyable space and he would like Williams to emulate Winters.

Kate Laddish, 400 Morgan Street, voiced her appreciation for the pool being open for adult lap swimmers through the month of October and expressed her ongoing enthusiasm for this wonderful resource we have.

Fire Chief Art Mendoza gave a brief update on the vegetation fire that occurred on Monday afternoon in the creek behind Liwai Village Court. Dixon Fire provided mutual aid and Cal Fire land crews and neighboring agencies were also called in when the wind picked up that evening. 25-30 acres were burned, no structures were involved, and the cause of the fire was determined to be mechanical.

Valerie Whitworth, 108 Liwai Village Ct., commended Fire Captain Art Mendoza and City personnel for stopping the fast-moving fire that occurred behind her home yesterday.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018
- B. Resolution 2018-58, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winters Approving the Public Improvement Agreement and Accepting Two Grant Deeds for Public Utility Easements for the Winters Healthcare Project
- C. Special Events Permit Application for the Harvest Festival Sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce on Friday, October 26th
- D. Resolution 2018-60, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winters Accepting the Award of a Cal Fire Grant for Golden Bear Pre-Planning
- E. Request for Seed Money for Winters Community Dinner
- F. APS Environmental Contract for Sewer Line CCTV Inspections
- G. Climate Resiliency- Community Dialogue
- H. General Plan Reports and Updates

City Manager Donlevy gave a brief overview. For Item F, the inspections will occur within five divided areas of the City. For Item G, Carol has brought in community members to participate in this community dialogue. For Item H, over a 10-month period beginning in February, each element of the General Plan will be brought before Council for review.

Council Member Anderson recused himself from Item C due to a proximity conflict.

For Item E, Marie Heilman said the Winters Community Dinner is the opportunity to give back to those most in need, including seniors, shut-ins, and those who are home alone. Marie thanked Council for the seed money and said she is always looking for volunteers to help on Thanksgiving Day.

Motion by Council Member Loren, second by Council Member Neu to approve the Consent Calendar, excluding Item C. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Amy Williams, the Stewardship Program Manager for Putah Creek Council's One Creek Restoration Internship Program, gave a power point presentation and spoke about this summer's internship program, funded in part by a donation from the Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee. This program offers experiential internships to high school and college-age students, with a special focus in Winters, and provides a door to the field of watershed protection and environmental restoration. Some of the project sites included Lake Solano Park, Winters Nature Park Extension, Putah Creek Mitigation Site, South Form Preserve and UC Davis Riparian Reserve. Intern Francisco Guzman then gave his perspective of what skills he gained from participating in the program, including nursery management, trail maintenance, plant identification, removal of invasive species and leadership abilities.

Mayor Biasi thanked all the students who participated in creating the mural at Lorenzo's Market that depicts the Winters community, read aloud the proclamation, and presented proclamations to Lauren Gomez and Amanda Reynolds, the WHS students who were present at the meeting. WHS Art teacher Kate Humphrey thanked Valerie Whitworth for getting the project started and recognized Lauren Gomez, the founder of the new Art Club at WHS and a possible muralist for their next project site. The group is always looking for

resources and people to become involved. Valerie also recognized hard-working volunteer Rob Coman and said he deserves a proclamation of his own!

Eric Lucero, Public Works Superintendent, gave a power point presentation about the City's accessibility transition plan, which saw the 18/19 and 19/20 budget doubled from \$7,000 to \$15,000 at the request of Council and the City Manager. Eric then reviewed a list of completed and future sidewalk and ramp improvements that included costs for material, equipment and labor. Eric also provided an SB1 3-year project list (2017-2020) that included current and future ramp, sidewalk and curb repairs and road maintenance. Mayor Biasi thanked Eric and the entire public works crew for their good work and encouraged them to keep it up. Accessible sidewalks have been brought up by several people and the senior services plan includes accessibility. City Manager Donlevy gave Eric and his crew a lot of credit for getting so much accomplished on such a meager budget. Council Member Loren also expressed her gratitude for all the work that has been done.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Rescheduling of the Public Hearing for the Proposed Update of the City of Winters 2003 Development Impact Fees Nexus Study (Open and Continue to 11/6)

Mayor Biasi said this item has been continued to the November 6th City Council meeting.

2. Sheila Allen, Report on Senior Services

Economic Development and Housing Manager Dan Maguire gave a brief overview and presented Sheila Allen, who was contracted through an Intergovernmental Agreement with Yolo County for recommendations to create sustainable senior services and programming. Sheila performed outreach into the senior community and interviewed 23 individuals, including representatives from three Winters senior groups, AARP, and Supervisor Don Saylor. She also distributed surveys for broader community input and received 137 surveys and broke it down into services and programs. Safe streets and sidewalks were of great concern, but the need for a senior center and transportation were identified as the most important needs. Sheila has prepared a Senior Resource Guide especially for Winters in English and Spanish, which can be found on the City's website with hard copies at City Hall. Sheila's recommendations include: starting a commission on aging, advisory to the City Council and the City Manager that would give Winters a countywide voice; a community/senior center, with a paid bilingual coordinator and support staff; services and educational

opportunities provided by non-profits and County organizations; additional transportation options; safe roads and sidewalks; safe and direct walking passage across Grant Avenue to grocery store; benefit from on-going older adult planning and age friendly network of communities as the groundwork has already been laid and significant data has been collected.

Council Member Neu thanked Sheila for a thorough report. Council Member Loren asked what the next step should be and Sheila said starting a Commission on Aging should be the first action. Mayor Biasi agreed and thanked Sheila for reaching out to the community. Winters resident Mary Ann Boyer said this is what the seniors need and totally supports it. An unidentified resident asked about senior housing and Dan said the senior apartment project expects to break ground in Spring, 2019, and will include a 14-month build. Dan recommended anyone interested in senior housing to put their name on an interest list for affordable housing. Julie Bates from AARP said under the City's leadership and Sheila's stewardship, Sheila's report sets the groundwork for age-friendly communities and eight domains of livability. Winters resident Valerie Whitworth said a commission may already be partially formed and the group is ready to go. Winters resident Wally Pearce said a senior task force is in place, but a commission is the way to go.

Mayor Biasi said this item will be brought back to a future agenda for further discussion and implementation.

3. Strategic Planning Calendar

City Manager Donlevy said staff has provided a draft strategic planning calendar for Council review that includes possible meeting dates and times and that stakeholders will be critically important to this process. One of the key aspects of the General Plan refresh will be to bring the document into a coincidence with the SACOG Blueprint and with the City's own local strategic planning. The City has adopted many plans based on the SACOG Blueprint Planning Guidelines and a General Plan refresh will be a way to update the goals within the current General Plan framework.

Kate Laddish thanked City Manager Donlevy for meeting with her for two hours yesterday to discuss the General Plan refresh. She stressed the importance of a robust General Plan refresh process with a lot of public comment. There is a lot of expertise within the community and requested that people be given an opportunity to plug in. The overall plan includes seven subsections that reflect the current understanding of the current climate and how it's changing, how it's impacting us, and how not to contribute to the problem. She asked how we're going to deal with extreme heat and how storm water will be used. She encouraged an ongoing conversation regarding issues of annexation in and outside the sphere of influence and public discussion regarding PACE (Property

Assessed Clean Energy) for future development to eliminate an “urban heat island.” Kate concluded by saying the community’s vision should be included in the general plan process.

Bonnie Dixon, 422 Russell St., said it was great that the City is doing a General Plan refresh and that it is important to give people the opportunity to provide input for this thorough and detailed process. Bonnie’s concerns included heat, fire risk, how the City plans to keep the community safe, and how it plans to adapt to the climate and mitigate climate change. She added it is also important to include affordable housing in the region and make careful decisions for building. Bonnie concluded by saying she appreciated the planning process and looks forward to participating.

City Manager Donlevy said he appreciated the input and said staff will look at the housing element, including environmental, in 2019, and will establish landmarks, benchmarks and goals.

Matt Keys from the Winters Express said he understands the importance of strategic planning meeting and said the calendar was good news. He asked about videotaping or live streaming these meetings as he likes to be kept in the loop. City Manager Donlevy said staff is looking into live streaming the meetings.

4. Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA)

City Manager Donlevy said VCEA was formed in 2016 and membership currently includes Yolo County and the cities of Woodland and Davis. Through the Community Choice Aggregation program, members can pool the electricity demand of their residents and businesses, negotiate rates and purchase electricity on behalf of those customers.

Mitch Sears, VCEA Interim General Manager and Supervisor Don Saylor, who serves on the VCEA board, were present. VCEA also has an advisory committee that includes three people from each jurisdiction. VCEA is requesting a new member fee of \$25,000 to cover the cost of a complete overall analysis. VCEA has 55,000 customers in Yolo County with less than 5% opting out making it the people’s energy choice. Values and features include lower, competitive costs, green energy (42% vs. 27%), transparency, and accountability. Mitch said the Board of Directors have set up a system to accept new members and have formally invited Winters and West Sacramento to join the JPA. VCEA generates the energy and PG&E distributes it and bills for it. An opt-out program is also available. Council Member Anderson said VCEA has no control over the transmission and distribution of energy and said PG&E may not play ball. Mitch said there have been no reports of this kind of issue and that the Public Utilities Commission would be the backstop. He then reviewed the timeline and the

process for new communities that would be required to be completed by the end of December, 2018, for a roll out for City of Winters customers in early 2020.

Mayor Biasi said an e-mail had been received from resident Al Vallecillo supporting this program.

Bonnie Dixon, 422 Russell, strongly supports joining VCEA. It's affordable, clean energy and run by local elected officials and is part of the solution to climate change.

Kate Laddish, 400 Morgan St., said she was excited about the opportunity for Winters to join VCEA. She is an enthusiastic supporter and is pleased with the information. Transparency and the opportunity to take steps to address climate change issues allows individuals and businesses to make their own choice.

David Springer, 200 Madrone Ct., said a lot of effort has gone into pulling this together. \$25,000 is a tremendous value and this would be a great component for the climate action plan. David said he would be willing to serve on the board or advisory committee.

Mayor Biasi asked if the City of West Sacramento had become members. Mitch Sears said their Council members have indicated a strong interest and are considering membership in Spring 2021. Supervisor Saylor added that more members equal better negotiations.

Following additional discussion, Council Member Loren said she supported bringing the Community Choice Aggregation program to the City of Winters, citing cost stabilization for local businesses and local control of the benefit, as well as the opportunity to address climate change and to consider a clean option for the City of Winters. Council Member Anderson said generational issues would come into play, and Council Member Neu said although he likes the Vista program for gas, he is not sure about jumping into this so quickly. He said he supports the program, but the hurried timeline is an issue. Mayor Biasi said he can see the benefits, but wants to do community outreach and conduct a financial analysis. He doesn't want to rush into it.

City Manager Donlevy said \$25,000 does not sound like an unreasonable amount to obtain customer data and crunch the numbers. If given direction by the Council, staff will get with VCEA, figure out a timetable, when the new member fee is due, and establish the scope of work. Community outreach is also very important. The Council agreed unanimously to come up with the new member fee of \$25,000 to cover the cost of a complete overall analysis to see if it will work for the City of Winters.

5. City of Winters APP

City Manager Donlevy said the City of Winters App is a tool the City would like to implement that would give citizens the ability to communicate issues directly to the City by downloading the app and scanning a QR code. Mayor Biasi said the app has a lot of good features and asked about the app could include inspection requests and paying bills. Council Member Anderson asked whether the app would be senior friendly. Council Member Loren said seniors can take classes at the library, and classes could also be arranged to be held at the Senior Apartments and the Community Center. Go to the search engine, download and choose the City of Winters, or they can pick up the phone.

Motion by Council Member Neu, second by Council Member Loren to approve the development and purchase of a "City of Winters APP" for launch in 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

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

1. None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: The Building Department issued five permits during the inaugural TI Tuesday. The Chamber of Commerce's Harvest Festival will take place downtown on Friday, October 26th.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Biasi adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



Bill Biasi, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Tracy S. Jensen, City Clerk