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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council  
Held on March 19, 2019

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

Present: Council Members Harold Anderson, Wade Cowan, Jesse Loren,  
Pierre Neu, Mayor Bill Biasi  
Absent: None  
Staff: City Manager John W. Donlevy Jr., City Attorney Sigrid  
Asmundson, Contract Planner Dave Dowswell, City Clerk Tracy  
Jensen

Lisa Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Karen May, 100 Caselli Ct., asked for the Winters Senior Foundation to be included on a future City Council agenda ASAP to discuss the Winters Senior Citizen Commission on Aging. The Winters Senior Citizen Commission will be an advisory committee, with appointments made by the City Council. The seniors in the community feel they really need to have this in place.

Bob Johnson, 950 Potter St., the President of the Winters Senior Club, said he became involved in the process that began last spring as a member of the subcommittee that Sheila Allen chaired. This is the opportunity to move to the

next step by forming a commission. The Winters Senior Club is merging with the Winters Senior Foundation and the seniors are excited about where the senior population is going in Winters. The Winters Senior Citizen Commission is their first goal and would include 5-7 board members. A petition is being circulated and he encouraged Council to give it their consideration as an agenda item in the near future. They would like to see the commission in place at the groundbreaking of the new Senior Center and Senior Apartments.

Tina Lowden, 320 Niemann St., said the demographics included in Sheila Allen's Senior Program Project were eye opening. Of the total population of Winters, 4,600 are over 50 years of age. Whatever name is decided for the commission, it will add to our community. Winters is the center of the Universe and Winters will be our last home.

Marianne Boyer, 1102 Malaga Ln., said she was on board for the creation of a senior citizen commission, the importance of which is self-evident. Council needs to hear the voices of the senior population. She pointed out bad sidewalks or no sidewalks and the need for a small bus system for all citizens, but especially for seniors. Neighboring cities have commissions, Winters should have one too. The senior's votes need to be heard.

Joe Tramontana, 208 Main St., said he agreed with all of the previous speakers. He said he had misgivings about the 30-minute parking areas, but it's wonderful! He can now drive downtown find at least one open parking space to park in.

Marlene Bell, Road 92F, Vice-President of the Winters Senior Foundation, thanked Council for their work on behalf of the City and the community. She said she's proud of the leadership of both senior clubs, working together to combine their efforts, which have resulted in the first draft of the proposal. The Senior Program Project completed by Sheila Allen made certain recommendations, with the number one goal being to establish a Commission on Aging as Winters is the only City within Yolo County that doesn't have one. Seniors make up 60% of the Winters population with needs to be met and improvements to be made. Seniors could also be helpful prior to and during the Senior Center construction. The Council has an obligation to represent all age groups and the seniors are anxious to work with Council to establish the commission.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters City Council Held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019
- B. 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Day Application for Parade Permit, Street Closure Request, Amplified Sound Permit, and Request for the Annual Donation to the Youth Day Committee
- C. Housing Element Annual Progress Report

- D. Street Closure Request and Amplified Sound Permit for the Monthly Car Show Sponsored by The Buckhorn Steakhouse
- E. Resolution 2019-07, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Winters Amending the 2017-2018 Salary Schedule
- F. Proclamation to Recognize the Importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and Support the "Be Counted California" Campaign

Council Members Anderson, Cowan, Neu, and Mayor Biasi all requested to recuse themselves from Item B due to a possible conflict of interest, but in order to maintain a quorum, it was determined that Council Members Anderson and Neu would vote and Council Member Cowan and Mayor Biasi would not vote based on a process of choosing the number closest to a number suggested by City Attorney Asmundson.

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

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

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

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

### PRESENTATIONS

Potential Mural Project on City owned property, the Rodgers Building (201 First Street) – a collaboration of the Winters Participation Gallery and Winters JUSD

Economic Development/Housing Manager Dan Maguire gave an overview and introduced Christopher Mosqueda, a WHS senior who hopes to work on the mural project as his capstone project. While participating in the painting of the mural at Lorenzo's Market, he learned a lot about the history of Winters from Gloria Lopez, Woody Fridae, and Tom Crisp. He also learned about under painting, painting by grids, the importance of teamwork by creating what the community wanted. He finished by saying a small city can surprise you with big things.

Kate Humphrey, the art teacher at WHS, said she supports the visual arts for young people, who often find their voice in drawing or painting and find a place to shine. While working on these mural projects, students are learning how to visualize, compromise, work together and learn about the town they live in. Students can be a part of the history, not just a witness to it.

Valerie Whitworth, a member of the Participation Gallery board, said art also improves the economy. Plein Air artists will be in town tomorrow and will likely have lunch here, which is a very important thing to think about when developing the economy. A mural trail series would give people more things to do. Interactive art grounds people. She would like to see the project continued and asked Council for their support and a building to paint.

Liz Coman said the John Rodgers building is like a canvas. She envisions painting one of the walls this summer, moving around the corner to the Winters History Museum, and wrap all the way around the building with a continuous mural. The history of the building itself provides a lot of fodder for the murals. It once housed workers who helped build Monticello Dam, and has also been used as the courthouse, the library, and home of the Winters Express.

Council Member Neu said it sounds like a good project and he's eager to see the project come to fruition. Council Member Cowan said he attended the mural dedication at Lorenzo's and was impressed with the kids who participated and spoke about their positive experience. One student wasn't even an art student but wanted to do something! He said he was extremely proud of the nice job the students did and he supports this project. Mayor Biasi echoed Council Member Cowan's comments and added that the time the students put into the project, learning about the history of Winters through other people, he urged them to continue on the path they're on and said he was anxious to see what they bring to town.

#### Women of Persistence by the Women's Caucus and the State Assembly in Honor of Women's History Month

Council Member Loren said for the second year, the Women's Caucus of the League of California Cities has honored women who have shaped their local communities through their tireless commitment. Last year we honored Gwen Pisani, who continues to serve the Winters community. Tonight, we honor Lisa A. Baker, the Chief Executive Officer of Yolo Housing Authority for her tireless efforts to help families and at-risk individuals find housing and resources. She is a tireless advocate for housing, a great collaborator, and serves on numerous task forces. Council Member Loren then presented Lisa with flowers and the award from the League of California Cities. Lisa also received a certificate from Supervisor Saylor's office, and a plaque from Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

and Senator Bill Dodd's office. Surprisingly, Lisa was speechless! Mayor Biasi then adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. for a brief reception. Mayor Biasi reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing, Introduction and Waive the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-01, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Winters to Consider the Request for Re-zoning to Add Planned Development (PD) Overlay Zone to the Property Located at 416-418 Second Street, APN 003-146-018

Council Member Anderson recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest and excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Contract Planner Dave Dowswell gave an overview and confirmed the passage of this ordinance would allow these houses to be sold individually instead of together. He added they might even qualify as affordable housing as they are small dwellings with a lower price.

Mayor Biasi opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Council Member Cowan said this was the right thing to do and doesn't have a problem with it. The downtown has a wide variety of sizes of property and it would be appropriate to sell as two separate houses. We should do more of these kinds of things, especially in the core downtown area. Council Member Neu said he couldn't see any reason why it shouldn't be done. This doesn't set a true precedent as no other property is quite the same. Mayor Biasi asked about off street parking and wanted to make sure other people who want to do this knows the rules and why the City requires off street parking for some projects and not for others.

Motion by Council Member Cowan, second by Council Member Neu to introduce Ordinance 2019-01, adding a Planned Development (PD) Overlay Zone to the property located at 416-418 Second Street. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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CITY MANAGER REPORT: Met with Winters Fire and announced that Brad Lopez had been selected as the Winters Fire Chief and will be a great Fire Chief for Winters Fire. Over the last year, Art Mendoza and Matt Schechla served as interim Fire Chiefs and did an absolutely stellar job. Brad will officially become the Fire Chief on 3/25. Staff will schedule an official swearing-in and tradition will be honored.

The work load is heavy. Staff will work on strategic planning and get back to holding the remaining workshops. Staff will also get through the draft report from the EDAC, which covers a litany of critical issues. It is important to involve the Planning Commission during this process. The latest parking report: signage is up, and officers will begin chalking tires over the next two weeks.

During the Fire Chief announcement, sometimes informal introductions can be casual. Someone was not happy about how folks were introduced last night. Staff will make sure we are more thorough in the future. In the rush to get to a certain point in time, things were overlooked. Staff assured Council it would not happen again.

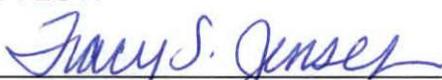
INFORMATION ONLY

1. December 2018 Investment Report
2. December 2018 Treasurer Report
3. January 2019 Investment Report
4. January 2019 Treasurer Report

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Biasi adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Bill Biasi, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Tracy S. Jensen, City Clerk