

Williams City Council Minutes

810 E Street / P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987

Special Meeting of the City Council
February 18, 2009, 5:00pm

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 18th day of February, 2009 at the hour of 5:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers John Troughton Jr., Don Barker, Angela Fulcher, and Mayor Patricia Ash.

ABSENT: Councilmember Eddie Johnson – excused.

ALSO PRESENT:

James Manning, City Administrator
Rene Miles, City Clerk
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney

Others: Jeremy McLean, Mark Azevedo, David Miles.

2. Mayor Ash opened the meeting at 6:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Mayor Ash declared time for a period of public comment.

After hearing no comment from the public, Mayor Ash closed the period of public comment.

4. Mr. Manning addressed the Council and the public regarding Fastenal's request for changes to the downtown parking requirements. Mr. Manning explained that the recently adopted Downtown Parking Standards Overlay Zone would be applicable for this project and allows for flexibility in deciding what the off-street parking requirements are, based on different factors including days and hours of operation, the number of employees, intensity of clients' use, and the nature and type of business. City Attorney, Ann Siprelle, also explained that a variance for the project wouldn't be applicable because a variance would require there be something unique and different about that property that would make compliance a hardship, and there is nothing unique about this property. The possibility of allowing the continuance of a non-conforming use was also explored, but it appears that paved parking was a requirement when the building was first constructed, so the building with unpaved parking is an illegal nonconforming use. Only legal nonconforming uses may be continued under the Zoning Code. Discussion was held. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. stated that there should be future consideration to the wording of ordinances to reflect the requirements be compatible with the neighbors and adjacent properties.

Mark Azevedo questioned the possibility of not having a quorum at the next Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Ash requested that staff make reminder calls to the Planning Commission members to ensure a quorum for the upcoming meeting. Mayor Ash stated that Fastenal has her support and that she supports new businesses coming to Williams. Councilmember Barker moved to Direct Staff to Present the Request to the Planning Commission for Consideration. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton Jr., Barker, Fulcher, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

Before moving to the closed session, Mr. Manning addressed the Council with two announcements: 1) the City's check-signing card is now available at U.S. Bank and Council needs to individually go and sign the card at their earliest convenience, and 2) there is a Joint Meeting of the Colusa City Council, Colusa County Board of Supervisors, and the Williams City Council to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Business Center in Colusa at 6:00pm, Thursday, February 26.

5. CLOSED SESSION commenced at 6:20pm.

6. Meeting was reconvened in OPEN SESSION and there was no decision made. The Closed Session will be continued to the next Regular Meeting.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 11th at the hour of 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk

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