

City of Williams

Council Minutes

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Amended March 17, 2010

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 16th day of December, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Ash, Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Plachek-Fulcher, and Councilmembers John Troughton, Jr., Don Barker, and Eddie Johnson.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Charles Bergson, City Administrator

Ann Siprelle, City Attorney

Monica Aguayo, Deputy City Clerk

James P. Saso, Chief of Police

Wes Goforth, Public Works Director

Rene L. Miles, City Clerk

Sally Barker, City Treasurer

2. Mayor Ash called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ash declared time for a period of public comment. No speaker cards were received by Clerk and there was no public comment.

At this time, the City Clerk requested a motion by Council to move the Closed Session to the end of the meeting, to follow staff and Council reports. It was so moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Plachek-Fulcher and seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT

Mayor Ash declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda, Item 1. After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Troughton, Jr., Barker, Johnson, Plachek-Fulcher, and Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding the Preparation of a Redevelopment Feasibility Report and Creation of a Redevelopment Project Area, Consultant Contract. Mr. Bergson reported on the status of the creation of a redevelopment project and responded to questions from Council regarding cost and the procedure for moving forward with this project.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Mayor Pro-Tem Plachek-Fulcher moved to direct staff to enter negotiations for a consultant contract for the preparation of a redevelopment feasibility report and creation of a redevelopment project area with the firm Burns & Watry of Fort Bragg. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Troughton, Jr., Barker, Johnson, Plachek-Fulcher, and Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers:

a. Mayor: Councilmember Troughton, Jr. nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Fulcher for Mayor. Nomination was seconded by Mayor Ash. Councilmember Johnson then nominated Councilmember Barker for Mayor. Councilmember Barker seconded that nomination.

After hearing no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Pro-Tem Plachek-Fulcher was elected Mayor by the following vote:

Ayes: Troughton, Jr., Plachek-Fulcher, and Ash.
Noes: Barker and Johnson.
Abstain: None.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem: Mayor Plachek-Fulcher nominated Councilmember Troughton, Jr. for Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Ash seconded the nomination. Councilmember Johnson then nominated Councilmember Barker for Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Barker seconded that nomination.

Councilmember Troughton, Jr. was elected Mayor Pro-Tem by the following vote:

Ayes: Troughton, Jr., Ash, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: Barker and Johnson.
Abstain: None.

The newly elected Mayor Plachek-Fulcher presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2. Ms. Aguayo addressed the Council regarding awarding the contract for the General Plan & Zoning Ordinance Update. Ms. Aguayo relayed to Council that the City had interviewed the top four consultants and Ms. Drayton, the City's Municipal Financial Consultant, had identified available funds to award this contract. Identified funding sources included \$44,000 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$165,000 from Development Impact funds, \$10,000 from the Water and Sewer fund, and \$125,000 from the General fund.

Representative from Development Impact, Inc., Paula Daneluk, was also available to speak with Council and answer questions regarding identifying a timeline for this project of 12-14 months, as well as the possibility of identifying and utilizing data that had been collected prior, when this process was started a few years back. Ms. Daneluk indicated that some data may be able to be utilized and that she would like to take what's already been done and build on it. Council expressed concerns regarding cost savings and requested status updates on the project periodically.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to Authorize the City Administrator to contract with Development Impact, Inc. and Kendig Keast Collaborative for \$336,662 to prepare the Comprehensive Update of the City of Williams General Plan & Zoning Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Johnson, Barker, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

3. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding review of the City of Williams Sewer Service Fees per Resolution 08-17. Mr. Bergson indicated that since there has been a significant drop in what is now owed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, there might be a way that the City can return the difference to the ratepayers. Mr. Bergson recommends leaving the rates unchanged for this year, but directing staff to research this further and bring data back to Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Troughton, Jr. inquired as to whether changing the rates would require a new Prop 218 Protest Hearing. Ms. Siprelle, City Attorney, replied that it would not, as long as the rates are not being increased. Mayor Pro-Tem Troughton, Jr. stated that the City should be absolutely sure of any rate decreases before any changes are made to the current schedule.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to direct staff to review and prepare options for the sewer rates contained in Resolution 08-17. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Barker, Johnson, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

REPORTS

1. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for reports.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Nothing to report.

City Treasurer: Nothing to report.

2. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for Council Reports and Committee Updates:

Councilmember Ash: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem Troughton, Jr.: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects. Mayor Pro-Tem Troughton, Jr. expressed concern regarding City funds that were spent on EDC in the past and would like the results of spending those dollars. Council then directed staff to investigate this matter and bring pertinent information to the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Johnson: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects.

Councilmember Barker: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events and projects.

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher: Gave updates on committees, meetings, events, and projects.

3. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for Staff General Reports and Discussion.

City Administrator: Gave updates on City operations, schedule, and projects. Mr. Bergson also gave a Finance Committee report.

City Finance Officer: No Finance Officer at this time; no report given.

Police Chief: Department report given by Chief Saso.

Fire Chief: No report given.

Public Works:

Department report given by Wes Goforth.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Open session was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. Closed Session commenced 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher adjourned the meeting at 7:07p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on January 6, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk