

CITY OF WILLIAMS

Council Minutes

810 E Street / P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Wednesday, May 19, 2010

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 19th day of May, 2010 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Charles Bergson, City Administrator
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
James P. Saso, Chief of Police
Wes Goforth, Public Works Director
Rex Greenbaum, Finance Officer
Mariela Cruz, Office Assistant
Sally Barker, City Treasurer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher declared time for a period of public comment.

Mr. Ron Simmons approached City Council and thanked the Public Works Department for cutting overgrown weeds at Valley Ranch Subdivision. Mr. Simmons also thanked Police Department for the message board.

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher introduced the new Assistant Civil Engineer, Jamie Speer.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ms. Aguayo addressed City Council regarding Resolution 10-14 to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Valley Ranch Road Crossings.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to Adopt Resolution 10-14 as read. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ms. Ann Siprelle, City Attorney addressed Council regarding Resolution 10-15 of the City Council of the City of Williams calling for a General Municipal Election for the Election of Officers and requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election.

Ms. Siprelle, City Attorney addressed Council and related that the County will hold the upcoming election and request Election Consolidation for the upcoming three vacant positions.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 10-15 as read. Motion seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

2. Ms. Ann Siprelle, City Attorney addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. 178-10 of the City Council of the City of Williams amending Williams Municipal Code section 3.24.030 to increase Transient Occupancy Tax. Introduction and waive the first reading.

Ms. Siprelle recommended a tax increase from the present 10% to 12%. Ms. Siprelle requested it be put on the ballot for the November Elections. This increase would take effect only if approved in November.

Councilmember Johnson stated there may be a decrease in sales due to the increase. Mr. Johnson opposes this increase.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to adopt Ordinance No. 178-10 as read. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

3. Ms. Ann Siprelle, City Attorney addressed Council regarding Resolution 10-16 of the City Council of the City of Williams Calling an Election on Amendment to Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to adopt Resolution 10-16 as read. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

4. Ms. Ann Siprelle, City Attorney addressed Council regarding Resolution 10-17 of the City Council of the City of Williams Calling an Election relating to the Offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Ms. Siprelle recommended the City of Williams add a ballot to the November Elections pertaining to the Offices of City Clerk and Treasurer, to be appointed rather than elected. Ms. Siprelle did mention that most cities have these positions appointed.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 10-17 as read. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ash. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

5. Ms. Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner addressed Council regarding Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Appointments to City Loan Advisory Board (LAB).

Ms. Aguayo recommended City Council appoint 2 members of the community. One person in a management position and one person from real estate business, the persons for these positions are Renee Garcia, US Bank Manager and Maricela Bautista, from real estate business.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to adopt Resolution 10-18 as read. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Bergson, City Administrator addressed Council regarding Resolution 10-18 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams, California, initiating assessment proceedings for, adopting the Draft Engineer's Report for, declaring the intent to levy assessments for, and setting a public hearing date for Landscape and Lighting District No. 97-1.

Ms. Siprelle, City Attorney suggested the City send out the Engineer's report; in this report the citizen's will be able to see the expenditures. Ms. Siprelle also suggested including

notices of the upcoming public hearing that will be held at the regular City Council meeting on June 16, 2010.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to adopt Resolution 10-18 as read. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion then carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ash, Troughton, Jr., Johnson, and Plachek-Fulcher.
Noes: Barker,
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.

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Troughton, Jr.: 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.

City Finance Officer: Introduced himself to City Council.

Police Chief: Report given by Chief Saso.

Fire Chief:

Report given by Chief Gilbert.

Public Works:

Report given by Wes Goforth.

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher adjourned open session at 7:20p.m.

Closed Session commenced at 7:25p.m. and was adjourned at 8:21p.m. with no open session announcement.

Approved: _____
Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor

Attest: _____
Charles Bergson, Interim City Clerk