

# CITY OF WILLIAMS

## *Council Minutes*

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810 E Street / P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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, and Patricia Ash.

ABSENT: Eddie Johnson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Charles Bergson, City Administrator  
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney  
James P. Saso, Chief of Police  
Jeff Gilbert, Fire Chief  
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 6:05pm, leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gerry Hernandez, Coordinator, Colusa County Master Gardeners Ms. Hernandez asked City Council for help with the County exhibit at the California State Fair. The State Fair will run from July 14<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Colusa County has held an exhibit booth for the last 11 yrs. Ms. Hernandez left a signup sheet in the lobby, anybody interested can sign up.

2. Mr. Maharaj would like to make it public as to what his plans are for the existing Smith Motel; he said that he would like to convert it into a shelter.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Rene L. Miles for service to the City as City Clerk.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher opened a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public concerning the Landscape and Lighting Assessment District 97-01.

Mike and Carol Norsat of 633 Drake Drive voiced their concerns about the cost of maintenance, if Valley Ranch Subdivision is also paying for the maintenance on Ruggeri St.

Resident from 753 Egret, commented about vacant homes and their back yards, with over grown weeds. Council recommended contacting the Fire Department and they can access the backyard.

Jeff Gilbert 521 Butte View Drive wanted to know what the maximum fee would be. Mr. Gilbert also was concerned about their not being an assessment done in four years; he believes there should be one done every year.

Council recommended tabling this item to allow time for revision and returning July 21, 2010. Item tabled.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ann Siprelle, City Attorney addressed council regarding a Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 178-10 Increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance 178-10 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Williams amending Williams Municipal Code Section 3.24.030 to increase Transient Occupancy Tax. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding the E Street Pedestrian Improvements, contract award.

There was discussion among Council concerning the availability of funds to support the position. Mr. Bergson stated these funds would be available from a Federal Grant.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Ash moved to award the E Street Pedestrian Improvements to Republic Intelligent Transportation Services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr.. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

2. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding the Community Development Grant Program Income, Waiver Request.

Council voted to approve application for waiver request and approve the Parks and Recreation program, if approved; this will re-establish the City's Parks and Recreation program.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding Williams Unified School District-City Joint Use Agreement.

Council directed to Mr. Bergson to assign review of agreement to Parks and Recreation Commission. Council expressed their concern about the old Agriculture building, about the neglect and abuse. Council would like to see it used appropriately.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding the Agreement for Funding Enhancements at the City of Williams Wastewater Treatment Plant 2006-Request to transfer Sewer Credits.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Troughton, Jr. moved that City of Williams deny the request to transfer sewer credits. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ash. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

5. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding Colusa Economic Development Commission Joint Powers Agreement.

Marge Kemp-Williams addressed Council on behalf of County Supervisor Kim Vann. Ms. Kemp-Williams explained the process of the JPA, the benefits it can bring for the City of Williams. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. asked how much this would cost the City and referenced the Chabin report. Ms. Kemp-Williams explained that the Chabin report has no part in the Joint Powers Agreement and in regards to the cost that is something that Supervisor Vann can answer. Councilmember asked who would be in charge, Ms. Kemp-Williams answered it would be Williams, Colusa, County of Colusa and Indian Community. One member from each and would need 3 votes for anything to be approved. Ms. Kemp-Williams expressed that this has worked in other cities and every member/city is equal, an enterprise zone is the goal. Council expressed concern about noticing of prior meetings.

After discussion among Council, Council has directed Mr. Bergson to meet with Joint Powers Agreement and express concerns and report back to the City of Williams.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to support the proposed Joint Powers Agreement / Colusa Economic Development Commission and direct the City Administrator to present revisions. 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.
Absent:	Johnson.

6. Mr. Bergson addressed the Council regarding Resolution 10-19. Authorizing specific City official to interact with the Local Agency Investment Fund and authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to adopt Resolution 10-19 and authorize Finance Officer, Rex Greenbaum to interact with the Local Agency Investment Fund. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr.. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

7. Chief Saso addressed council regarding authorization to hire Christina Geck for the position of Police Services Technician.

Chief Saso commented that Ms. Geck is a Deputy Probation Officer from Sacramento; CA. Ms. Geck was recently laid off due to the economy.

After hearing no further comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to authorize the Williams Police Department to hire Christina Geck as Police Services Technician. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion then carried by the following vote:

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

8. Mr. Bergson addressed council regarding the request from Colusa County Chamber of Commerce for support of the annual Fireworks Show for Colusa County.

Mr. Bergson introduced Mr. Ben Felt, Colusa County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Felt has requested from the City of Williams for a donation of \$5,000 for the Fireworks Show. Council will receive and review the request.

After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Council will review the request.

## 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: Absent.

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.

Finance Committee: Written reports provided for Council review.

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: Report given by Rex Greenbaum.  
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 8:10 p.m.

Closed Session commenced at 8:15p.m. and was adjourned at 9:07p.m. with no open session announcement.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Bergson, Interim City Clerk