

CITY OF WILLIAMS

Council Minutes

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

CLOSED SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MAY 4, 2011

5:30 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:30 p.m., Council met in closed session to hold a conference with Real Property Negotiators, pursuant to Section 54956.8. The property discussed was the 43 acres on N Avenue. The Agency Negotiator was Charles Bergson and the Negotiating Parties, the City of Williams and the Agents of the Property Owner. Under negotiation were price and terms of payment. In attendance at this session were Mayor Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., Council Members Ash, Barker and Sellers, Jr., City Administrator Bergson, City Attorney Siprelle and Finance Officer Greenbaum.

JOINT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/ REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patricia Ash, Don Barker, Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Alfred Sellers, Jr., John Troughton, Jr.
COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:	None
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	Charles Bergson, City Administrator Ann Siprelle, City Attorney James Saso, Police Chief Rex Greenbaum, Finance Officer Sally Barker, City Treasurer Wes Gorforth, Public Works Director Sue Vannucci, Deputy City Clerk Tim Miller, Parks Superintendent



Mayor Plachek-Fulcher called the joint regular meeting of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board of the City of Williams to order at 6:00 p.m., and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher announced that Council had met in closed session regarding property negotiations and had provided direction to Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorraine McHugh, Williams, presented pictures to the Mayor regarding the sidewalks and streets and asked who is responsible for the maintenance. There are weeds and maintenance needs to be taken care of. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said if they are on the City property (Hopkins and Vann) it may be the developer or the City. Ms. McHugh said there are people painting their fences colors that others do not like. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the fence is the property owner's responsibility and they can paint it any color they choose. Ms. McHugh said on Vann there is a brick wall asked who is responsible for that. Director Goforth said they will investigate this. She said the "kiddy park" is getting a lot of use but there are tumbleweeds and the trees and shrubs are dying. Director Goforth said he will be checking on this and Engineer Speer has already contacted him. Ms. McHugh asked who is responsible for Husted Road. The neighbors are complaining about the holes. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said that has been under discussion before Council and planning has been underway for months for this Capital Improvement Project to make these repairs. The City is waiting for signatures on the contracts so that construction can begin.

Sarvan Singh of Williams presented a survey that had gone out to citizens and asked about the increase in water rates. With gas prices going way up it is more costly for the citizens to cover these increases. He asked what citizens are paying for. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the chemicals in our water are not a health hazard, but people do not like the taste. He asked how clean the water will be. Director Goforth said the survey came out yesterday. If there are less than 600 responses returned, there will be no changes. Mr. Singh said if this is a survey it does not say to return. Director Goforth disagreed and said it does say where to return it. Last time this was done, only four were returned. Mr. Singh said they are not in Spanish and Director Goforth said staff members are in the process of translating them for people who come in. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the survey needs be in Spanish. Director Goforth said the increase will be \$3 to \$4 dollars per month. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said when citizens come in they will ask questions and we want to be able to explain it to them. Ms. McHugh said she did not see one in her mail. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said her survey arrived today while others got them yesterday. The return date is May 30th. Mr. Singh wants to know how the increase will be charged. Director Goforth said it should be for each rate payer and he can put a summary of how the funds will be spent for the Council at the next meeting.



Gerry Hernandez, from Colusa is with the Exhibit Committee from the Colusa County Fair Exhibit at the State Fair. The exhibit purpose is to promote Colusa County as a family friendly area. Many people don't know where it is. This family friendly area is the Colusa County Refuse. Many people are "birders" in this area. She presented statistics of those who spend time observing wildlife. They are preparing a wildlife guide and she urged the City to put our events on the Colusa County Visitors website. They need ads help defray the cost for printing the Visitors Guide. They would also like us to put posters up about our City and the events that are held here.

PRESENTATION

MEN'S BASKETBALL

City Administrator Bergson said two members of the inaugural year of the Williams Men's Basketball League players were finalists in the program and should be recognized. Those two individuals were Margarito Lievanos and Cesar Meza. Mr. Lievanos was present and Mayor Plachek-Fulcher presented a letter of appreciation to him.

CONSENT

On a motion by Council Member Ash, seconded by Council Member Barker and carried unanimously, Council approved the following Consent Calendar items as presented:

TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT

Council received and accepted the Treasurer's Investment Report for March 2011.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Council received Financial Status Reports for March 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council received an update on the status of candidates for the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr. and Council Member Ash recused themselves from the meeting due to property interests in the Redevelopment Area and left the Chambers.



OLD BUSINESS – COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 11-15 – REDEVELOPMENT PLAN WRITTEN OBJECTION RESPONSES

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the purpose of this item is to consider a Resolution approving findings in response to written objections received on the Redevelopment Plan. On April 20, 2011 a joint Public Hearing was conducted on the Plan. Prior to the close of the Hearing, a written objection was received by a property owner within the proposed project area. All of the action items had been continued on April 20th to this meeting to provide staff with time to prepare a response to the written objection.

Ya-Yin Isle with RSG said on April 18th the City Clerk's Office received the only comment on the plan and it was filed by Myers Marsh. The property owner did not object but had several questions of which answers were requested or further information needed. Their letter made a specific request to eliminate their property from the eminent domain language. The Plan was drafted to allow property owners to remove consideration from eminent domain through a Certificate of Conformance.

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher asked if any Members of the Council had questions of staff regarding this item and none were heard. She then asked if any members of the public had comments regarding this item. Dixie LeGrande of Williams, asked for clarification on the conditions required for exemption from eminent domain as to whether it is on personal property or commercial property and what is the methodology to withdraw and Ms. Isle said they specifically wanted the Plan to eliminate or exempt their property. The Plan already allows owners to do this through the Certificate of Conformance or an Owner Participation Agreement that individual property owners can utilize if they wish. This is another way to exclude properties by not having to amend the Plan. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said if they do want to exempt their property and then change their mind what process needs to be used. Elizabeth Hull, Attorney with Best, Best and Krieger, said the Myers Marsh group wanted to be exempt through the condemnation process. That process is not recommended as there is another procedure in the plan where they can be exempt if they wish and the yet remain part of the area. The tax increment would then include their property. The property owners were specifically concerned about eminent domain. The Agency has limited eminent domain on a property if the property is well maintained and there is the process in place to work with the City to avoid the eminent domain. Some of the property owners feel it is an advantage to have eminent domain because it provides them a greater tax credit.

Ms. LeGrande asked why two of the Agency members had to leave the meeting. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said all of the Council members have interests in or live in the District so the law requires that some members must be



“rehabilitated” so that she could stay to have a quorum and the others must leave. Without this process, the Agency could not function or take action on items.

On a motion by Council Member Barker, seconded by Council Member Sellers, Jr., and carried by the Members present, Council adopted Resolution 11-15, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Adopting Findings in Response to Written Objections Received from Affected Taxing Entities or Property Owners on Adoption of the Redevelopment Plan for the Williams Redevelopment Project”.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 11-13 AND 11-14/AGENCY RESOLUTIONS 13-11 AND 14-11/JOINT COUNCIL AND AGENCY RESOLUTION 11-12/CITY ORDINANCE 186-11– REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND RELATED ACTIONS

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the purpose of this item is to consider the proposed Redevelopment Plan and related documents. She asked Ms. Isle from RSG, to provide a staff presentation to describe the actions that are being considered this evening.

Ms. Isle said at the April 20th joint Public Hearing a written objection was received by a property owner within the proposed project area. Consistent with Redevelopment Law, the action items before Council were continued until tonight. The Council has considered the objection and at this time may proceed to act upon the Resolutions and Ordinance before you.

Ms. Isle summarized the Resolutions as follows:

Joint Agency/Council
Resolution 11-12

- Certifies the Final Environmental Impact Report, makes findings required by the California Environmental Quality Act, approves the Statement of Overriding Considerations and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the adoption of the Williams Redevelopment Plan Project

Agency Resolution 13-11

- Authorizes the use of low and moderate income housing fund monies outside the Williams Redevelopment Project area

Agency Resolution 14-11

- Approves the Redevelopment Plan for the Williams Redevelopment Project area and recommends its adoption to the City Council



- Council Resolution 11-13 - Authorizes the use of low and moderate income housing fund monies outside the Williams Redevelopment Project area

- Council Resolution 11-14 - Elects receipt of amount of tax increment revenues from the City Redevelopment Agency; elects to receive all or a portion of the tax revenues allocated to the City Redevelopment Agency attributable to the increases in the rate of tax imposed for the benefit of the City which levy occurs after the tax year in which the Ordinance adopting the Redevelopment Plan for the Williams Redevelopment Project Area becomes effective

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher asked if Members of the City Council or Redevelopment Agency had questions of staff regarding the Plan or related documents. Hearing none, she then asked if any members of the public had comments regarding this item. Lorraine McHugh asked if the City can increase taxes without voter approval. Ms. Isle said the increase in taxes process remain the same whether a Redevelopment Agency is in place or not. If the City does go through the process of increasing taxes for another reason, that increase would go toward the Redevelopment Agency and would not go to the County.

On a motion by Agency Member Barker, seconded by Agency Member Sellers, Jr., and carried by the Members present, the Agency adopted Joint Resolution 11-12, "A Joint Resolution of the Governing Board of the Williams Redevelopment Agency and City Council of the City of Williams Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report, Making Findings Required by the California Environmental Quality Act, and Approving a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the Adoption of the Williams Redevelopment Plan Project".

On a motion by Agency Member Barker, seconded by Agency Member Sellers, Jr. and carried by the Members present, the Board adopt Agency Resolutions 13-11 a "Resolution of the City of Williams Redevelopment Agency Authorizing the Use of Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Monies Outside the Williams Redevelopment Project Area" and 14-11, a "Resolution of the City of Williams Redevelopment Agency Approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Williams Redevelopment Project Area and Recommending Its Adoption to the City Council".

On a motion by Council Member Sellers, Jr., seconded by Council Member Barker and carried by the Members present, the Council adopted Joint Resolution



11-12, "A Joint Resolution of the Governing Board of the Williams Redevelopment Agency and City Council of the City of Williams Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report, Making Findings Required by the California Environmental Quality Act, and Approving a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the Adoption of the Williams Redevelopment Plan Project".

On a motion by Council Member Barker, seconded by Council Member Sellers, Jr., and carried by the Members present, Council adopted Resolutions 11-13, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Authorizing the Use of Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Monies Outside the Williams Redevelopment Project Area" and 11-14, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Williams: (1) Electing to Receive the Amount of Tax Increment Revenues from the City of Williams Redevelopment Agency Authorized in Health and Safety Code Section 33607.5(B); and (2) Electing to Receive All or a Portion of the Tax Revenues Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 33676 Allocated to the City of Williams Redevelopment Agency Attributable to the Increases in the Rate of Tax Imposed for the Benefit of the City Of Williams, California Which Levy Occurs After the Tax Year in which the Ordinance Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for the Williams Redevelopment Project Area Becomes Effective".

On a motion by Council Member Barker, seconded by Council Member Sellers, Jr., and carried by the Members present, the Council introduced, waived the first reading and read by title only Ordinance 186-11, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Williams Approving and Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for the Williams Redevelopment Project Area". This Ordinance will become effective 90 days after the approval, which is scheduled for the Council meeting of May 18, 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Troughton, Jr., and Council Member/Board Member Ash returned to the Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS - COUNCIL

PROJECT 11-07 - SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY

City Administrator Bergson presented the recommendation for approval of a Contract for a solar power Consultant. A Request for Bid was disseminated and three firms were interviewed. Staff is recommending BCM as the firm following discussions by a panel of two Council Members and the City Administrator. There have been several tax credits from the Federal and State government for energy savings. However, at this time, there are none available from the State. Availability of these funds may be forthcoming in the future and staff will monitor the funding possibilities. Many projects have been undertaken and completed thus far. These funds had been provided by the State and they



had mandated that Pacific Gas and Electric provide a supplemental fund, which have all been utilized at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., asked if there had been any background or reference checking undertaken as part of the selection process. City Administrator Bergson said contacts had been made and their work observed. Council Member Sellers, Jr., asked for figures on the projected savings following installation of the solar power equipment. Public Works Director Goforth said there is no doubt there will be energy savings. The actual figures are not certain until the programs are actually run and figures will be provided as they become available.

Council Member Barker said without funding from the State the program will not go forward. City Administrator Bergson agrees and said with State assistance it is not adequately lucrative for the City to proceed. Council Member Barker said a few years ago this type of program would save the City a substantial amount of money. City Administrator Bergson said the City will still save money but the incentive of a private contract is diminished at this time because the State funding is necessary for a successful program.

Sarvan Singh, Williams asked about the longevity of the solar panels. He had heard they are short-lived and the City should have a guarantee on how long they will last. Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr. said the life span is one to six years. Under this plan this group will provide the power and sell it to the City without replacement costs for equipment being passed along to us. City Administrator Bergson said the City will make the application and be ready to proceed when the State funding is provided. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the City does not have to replace equipment for the 20 year duration of the Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., said two of the companies considered own the equipment and sell the power to us.

On a motion by Council Member Ash, seconded by Council Member Barker and carried unanimously, Council directed the City Administrator to execute a Consulting Agreement with BCM Construction for Solar Electric Power Supply for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

City Administrator Bergson said the City has received a request for an annual permit for the Pioneer Days and Festival of Lights events. These are large events for the City. It was clarified that there is no request for funding assistance at this time, only for the waiver of fees. The request for funds would, if needed, return to Council for consideration at a future time. Council Member Barker indicated this item should be an annual application.



On a motion by Council Member Ash, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., and carried unanimously, Council approved a request for annual permits and fee waivers for the Williams Pioneer Day and the Festival of Lights events.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

City Administrator Bergson said Council had received a request to extend the Joint Powers Agreement on the transportation system with the County and City of Colusa and Council had requested further information on possible alternatives. This recommendation is to request the County to do further research on such alternatives. Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., said the cost to operate this service is approximately \$20 per rider and the rider only pays \$1.25. The rest is paid by our citizens. The City does not have adequate funding to repair roads but does subsidize the riders. State requirements should be explored. The system provides a great deal of personal service and is too costly. It appears the ridership averages 3 to 4 people. It had been stated there were occasions where they have needed an additional bus. He feels the service may be exceeding the routes actually needed. There are 22 routes, not counting Stoneyford and Yuba City. If that number of routes were cut in half, the City may have adequate funds to fix the roads.

Dixie LeGrande of Williams said she has used a private taxi company to take her to the airport. This person provides transportation for all types of trips. He has indicated he wishes to expand his business and came her to for help on the expansion. He told her he was not allowed to speak with anyone at the Transportation District on his proposal. The County did not want any competitive factor that would be more cost effective and provide decent service. Council Member Barker asked for his name and Ms. LeGrande said she would supply it to the City. She suggested that perhaps a commercial venue might reduce the cost to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., would like the Transportation Committee to look into this on behalf of the Council and the City to provide possible reasonable alternatives.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., seconded by Council Member Ash and carried unanimously, Council approved submittal of a request to the Colusa County Transportation Committee to report costs of alternatives to the Public Transportation System.

Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said she would like another Member from the City of Williams on the Committee as the Colusa has two Members. Council concurred and directed to staff to pursue that request.



RESOLUTION 11-16 – GOLDEN STATE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Finance Officer Greenbaum said staff has considered carefully an action to change Rick Management carriers. Staff does not feel that our current carrier's coverage and service is adequate and will have better service with liabilities claims handled in house which is a more efficient method of operation.

Dan Berry, Director of Member Services with Golden State Risk Management Authority, presented information packets to the Council. Mr. Berry said they are a risk sharing agency, primarily in Glenn County but have over 200 members throughout the State. They are completely self-administered and all claims are done in-house. They would provide savings by having everything handled by these in-house employees. They do not have Contracts for anything but use independent auditors and actuaries and are governed by our Board Members. Someone from this Council would serve on their Board. There is an annual report giving a historical background published in house and a quarterly newsletter. He presented a worksheet comparing their company to our present carrier. The Workers' Compensation coverage is standard and must be the same throughout the industry, but they may not have the same results. There are different rates based upon losses. They do not have to retain anything and book a liability for claims. The same is true for their general liability. One of the things noted in the staff report is that the employment practices liability is covered by Golden State while SCORE did not cover. Golden State is part of CSAC. The deductible for property is currently \$1,000K while SCORE is at \$5,000. Earthquake and flood are covered, as are fleet equipment and crime bond coverage is available, which is internal theft, such as embezzlement. The risk management services are an online training program and a course catalog is available to all employees, staff and Board Members. They have their own website so that items can individually change. The Fire Department is currently covered by Golden State and is one of the bigger users of the courses. Continuing Education (CE) coursework is provided on harassment, ethics etc. and are online for our use as well. There are also lots of live training opportunities. There are incentive programs with rates lowered by 10% following a safety audit.

He said their General Counsel is one of the individuals who founded this Company in 1979. The annual cost to the City is \$143,000 while the current cost is \$270,000. Finance Officer Greenbaum said our current carrier was planning on utilizing our reserves to be more competitive. There are no competitive interests because they are working on our behalf. Mr. Berry said their aim is to keep our costs as low as possible. By promoting good risk practices, claims stay down. There is an office in Willows with staff present. Glenn County does not have risk management staff because they provide that service.

Council Member Sellers, Jr., asked if the claims information is considered a public record. Mr. Berry said during the process it is not a public record. Once



the claims are settled, the public does have access to the amount of the claim and name of the claimant. Some of the information is protected. Workers' Compensation claims are not public records. Should an individual file a lawsuit against the City and it is settled locally, the Settlement Agreement once approved is a public record. City Attorney Siprelle agreed. Council Member Sellers, Jr. asked about audit reports from Golden State. Mr. Berry said the current Financial Statement Management Discussion Analysis is included in the packet of materials given to the Council. The last two pages of the Actuarial Study summary provide the funding. Following payment of claims remaining funds are returned to the members. Golden State is a public Agency. The Fire Department received several thousands of dollars back from the Agency. They have participated in the loss prevention program. Council Member Sellers, Jr., asked about the \$25,000 for which the City is responsible on a claim and Mr. Berry said that is with SCORE and Golden State is zero. Finance Officer Greenbaum said SCORE is behind in their audits, have many outside entities involved in the company to help them, and are not forthcoming. Golden State also handles health insurance and the City may wish to consider that option in the future. Mr. Berry said they are the access point. ERMA will also be done through Golden state. It provides employer liability which is excluded in SCORE.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., seconded by Council Member Ash and carried unanimously, Council adopted Resolution 11-16, "A Resolution Authorizing Application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities".

CINCO DE MAYO DONATION

City Administrator Bergson stated that Eddie Johnson had asked that Council consider a donation to help support the upcoming Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 7. Council had agreed to place this item on the Agenda for discussion and consideration.

Mr. Johnson from Williams, said he wanted to make a correction to his original request of \$2,000. They cannot afford many of the activities due to the financial burden. He had originally requested a waiver of the permit fees and another fee. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said there is only one fee. He said Council did not waive the fees and he would like to lower the request for a donation of only \$500. Original backers have now elected not to participate. There will be one band and volunteers. The band will cost \$200 and some traditional dancers charge \$180. He is requesting funds to pay for the music. Council Member Barker asked if the Chamber was going to help and Mr. Johnson said he has no support from the Chamber and was going to do it on his own. The volunteers will be paid from his personal funds. The participating vendors will pay for their space and that money will defray some of the other costs. There are five vendors at \$20 per space. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said it appears this event is



not coming together as planned. Mr. Johnson said this is the first year and is a learning process. He feels as it goes on it will get better and is trying to create another event that can grow in the long range. It had been thrown in his lap with less than two months to plan and he is trying to make it work. He feels there has been a good response but thinks it will take three to five years to be fully operational.

Council Member Ash said it appears Mr. Johnson has been encouraging a drug and alcohol free event. He will need to inform his security of those issues. Council Member Ash said Cinco de Mayo is generally supported by the beer and tequila industries so that may be a problem. Council Member Sellers, Jr., asked if there will be trained security on site. Mr. Johnson said they have a volunteer service department for security. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said if individuals attend with alcohol, there is nothing that can be done to prevent it. Mr. Johnson said he will be monitoring attendees and letting people know that alcohol is not allowed.

Council Member Sellers, Jr., said the event is under the auspices of the Eddie Johnson Heart Disease Fund, and asked if the City does donate money, will any go to the Fund. Mr. Johnson said he does not see any profit in it the event this year. Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., said the number of vendors appears to have declined substantially, down from 15-16 to 5. Mr. Johnson said there are now only food and water vendors. Council Member Sellers, Jr., said citizens seem to be excited about the event and are looking forward to the music.

Council Member Barker said there is only one band \$200 and asked what the additional \$300 requested will go toward. Mr. Johnson said there are dancers. City Administrator Bergson said Mr. Johnson has paid the City \$300 fee already. Council Member Barker suggested that Mr. Johnson may wish to seek guidance from those who have had successful events in the past to assist him on this event. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher suggested returning the original \$300 paid by Mr. Johnson rather than provide additional funds as requested.

On a motion by Council Member Ash, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., and carried unanimously, Council denied the request from Mr. Eddie Johnson for a \$500 donation to the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and authorized return of his original \$300 Special Event Permit fee to him to support the Cinco de Mayo event. Finance Officer Greenbaum suggested that the money covering the cost to provide insurance by the City not be included in that refund of fees.

Sarven Singh asked if businesses had been approached for funds and Mr. Johnson said many were but only gave gifts rather than funds. Mr. Singh indicated he would provide \$100 in support of the event.



PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

Tim Miller, Parks Supervisor, presented a report on the proposed programs for seniors. When he first introduced programs to Council a few months ago, he had mentioned that bingo, card games and movie day were ongoing programs at that time. Some of their upcoming programs include defensive driving/mature drivers safety class, health insurance counseling and advocacy program and investments. His plan is to help promote current operating programs and will assist with public notification to more widely advertise the programs. The cost is minimal for fliers, and Comcast is a good source of information sharing. With Council concurrence he will move forward on that aspect of the assistance to other programs currently in place. Other programs of which he would like to assist are walking, water aerobics, caring calls and horseshow tournaments. He will work on securing more volunteers and he does have a plan in place to achieve that goal. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said they need the assistance. The volunteers are physically no longer able to assist or they are losing interest. Supervisor Miller does not want to re-create programs that are already in place but does want to advertise them more widely so that everyone has the opportunity to participate should they so choose.

Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., has concerns about an investment advice program in that it should not be solicitation of clients. He also has concerns about the AARP defensive driving program. The participants should not feel the City is promoting other Agencies or providing solicitation sites for them. Supervisor Miller said the intent is for educational purposes only and these Companies or Agencies are not to solicit.

Council Member Barker asked him to consider having the EMTs do oxygen and blood pressure tests once a month and would like to see some sort of a senior exercise program. The money could go to a park for senior exercise stations. The high school has a senior student who participates on the Community Center Board and he asked that Supervisor Miller work with teens to solicit input. Seniors could also go to the schools and the library to read to others.

Council Member Sellers, Jr., asked if he had a target date. Supervisor Miller said they are looking at dates and are coordinating the location. They are short staff on bingo nights and he is working on a plan to get more volunteers.

On a motion by Council Member Ash, seconded by Council Member Barker and carried unanimously, Council directed staff to move ahead with the proposed programs incorporating suggestions provided by Council.



PARKS AND GREEN SPACES NAMES

City Administrator Bergson said the completion and renovation projects for Valley Vista Park, Sierra Oaks Park and Town Square are nearly finalized and it is appropriate to have signs in those areas. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said she had presented a proposed sign for the Town Square. The Town Square sign will be three feet by two feet. Council Member Barker asked if it will have an arch. Public Works Director Goforth said it will be a sign on the ground. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said this space is not a park, but is the Historic Town Square.

City Administrator Bergson said at a meeting of the Council a few months ago the names were presented to Council and approved. Director Goforth said at Northview Park the sign does have an arch. Council Member Barker said he feels that kids will kick these signs down. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the cost of the destroyed signs is in the thousands.

Council Member Baker asked who authorized the expenditure for these signs. Director Goforth said the material for these signs were extras from the sign erected by the railroad tracks that and were made to be put in if others were vandalized. Council Member Barker said they will be vandalized because they are not made with substantial materials. The parks are left alone at night and they will be a magnet for kids who will kick these signs in and vandalize. Better signs could be made but need to be more substantial and more difficult to damage. City Administrator Bergson said the City had the material in stock and the signs have been constructed. It will cost approximately \$10,000. We can return with other options.

Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., said will not vote for a \$2,000 sign. It has been said that Northview Park is too extravagant. Citizens want things that make the town run. Council Member Sellers, Jr., asked if that is cost effective. City Administrator Bergson said the crew is good at constructing the signs and Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., said we can make a lot of these signs for \$10,000. City Administrator Bergson said he can go back to staff with some sign styles and designs and return to Council at some point for further discussion and consideration. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said these signs will be temporary and we need to decide if we want black or white lettering. Council Member Barker proposed black. Council Member Sellers, Jr., said we need to be able to see the signs and would prefer white. Council preference was 3 for white and 2 for black. Mayor Plachek-Fulcher said the Town Square sign has an arch, is made with rice depicted on it and has black posts. Council consensus was black sign with white lettering and the rice in gold.

On a motion by Council Member Ash, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Troughton, Jr., and carried unanimously, Council approved the proposed names



for the Valley Vista Park, the Sierra Oaks Park and the Town Square and the associated signage as discussed.

STATE HIGHWAY 20 ACCESS AGREEMENT

City Administrator Bergson summarized the history of the agreement on Highway 20 and the relationship to the City commerce. Modifications are necessary at this time to accommodate the changes relating to the Highway usage. This item should go to the County as soon as possible.

On a motion by Council Member Ash, seconded by Council Member Barker and carried unanimously, Council directed Staff to request the Colusa County Transportation Commission to indicate support of the City of Williams request to modify the State Highway 20 access Agreement.

REPORTS

- City Attorney Nothing to report.
- Deputy City Clerk Nothing to report.
- City Treasurer She summarized the Treasurer’s Investment Report as submitted under the Consent Calendar.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Council Member Sellers, Jr. He attended a meeting of the Williams Community Center. They need approval to utilize the Community Development block Grant funds. Housing and Community Development was invited to see the building. He asked that Council be proactive and to contact the HCD. He attended an open house and fundraiser at the elementary school. Kids will attend Shady Creek.
- Council Member Ash The Citizens for a Better Williams are planning Pioneer Day and this year there will be no car show. Four Rugby teams will be playing exhibition games at Venice Park. There will be fireworks and they are planning to bring back the bed races on St Patrick’s Day. She met with staff on the Music at the Museum and said all bands have signed up. They are looking for food and other vendors to participate.
- Council Member Barker He met with Community Center Board at the Veteran’s Building. It is possible to secure a grant to enhance the old building and have some of the area developed into a park. He also met with the City Administrator.



Mayor Pro Tem
Troughton, Jr. He met with all directors. He served on Planning Commission interview committee. He toured the Waste Water Treatment Plant with the Public Works Director.

Mayor
Plachek-Fulcher She attended the Sacramento Valley Museum Board meeting and is not sure if the lease will ever be signed. David Flory of the Yolo County Historical Gibson House Museum, was there and gave them ideas. The Gibson House has a TV that shows parts of the house that is not ADA accessible.

STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

City Administrator The Museum home has been yellow tagged and the tenant has been moved out. He briefed Council on the success of the Antique Show and Council approved to deposit the net receipts into a separate fund to hold for next years' expenses. Calls have already been received for spaces for next year. The new copier for Administrative offices will be half the cost. The Housing Element is going to the Planning Commission next week and to Council on May 18th. Planner Stegall is back to work half time. We are right on budget and will be coming to Council soon with budget information for 2011-12. The City now officially an AYSO pilot in Region 1593. We will be doing a phone system upgrade to include the Fire Department and City Hall Annex on July 1st. The City is using Facebook on our website to get word out on Parks and Recreation Programs. It will be for information only and no reply will be allowed.

Police Chief Absent.

Fire Chief No report.

Public Works Director P. G. & E. will be here on Friday for the pole. The water survey has gone out for citizens to study and choose the option. The next option will be door-to-door. Meters have been read for April. The odor issue has improved. Should it become noticeable again, citizens are asked to let Public Works know. We are at 92.8% completion at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They have received the 15th payment request and Operators are there all day. There will be Finance meeting tomorrow to discuss whether we are on track. There will be a flier distributed on how to get rid of grease. There is an order in to replace bushes in the parks



that are dead or dying.. Council Member Ash said some of the sod at the Town Square is dying. Director Goforth said they have switched out some of the trees that do not survive well in our soil. The Old Agricultural Barn behind the Museum has been turned back over the City. The Contract is out on Project 11-22, the Husted Road Rehabilitation. Staff are moving out to the residential area to grind the uneven sidewalks. Council Member Barker asked when e-waste will be held and Director Goforth said it is first and third Friday.

Council Member Ash asked for a status on the fee study. City Administrator Bergson said there were some corrections to the Police and Sewer Fee and it will be forthcoming at the May 18th or June 8th meeting.

Finance Officer

He said we have received the first interest payment of \$229 from the Smith Hotel. The owner is still researching the accounting which has been the case for the last three months. The financial status analysis is based on revenues and it does appear that our revenues will be a little bit under, not substantially, but some. However, expenditures will also be lower to help offset that difference. Property taxes are coming in a little over. The Bradley-Burns is under because of how the State provides it to us and the estimates. They were too high last year, so the State is now holding it back. The Add-On Sales Tax will be higher. It corrects itself in 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Plachek-Fulcher adjourned the joint regular meeting of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board.

APPROVED:

Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan L. Vannucci, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted by Council: