

CITY OF WILLIAMS

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

REGULAR SESSION
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:04 pm, Mayor Ash called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Patricia Ash, Kent Boes, Angela Plachek-Fulcher, Alfred Sellers and John Troughton

Staff Members Present: Anne Siprelle, City Attorney, Jim Saso, Acting City Administrator and Police Chief, Jorge Carmona, City Treasurer Rex Greenbaum, Finance Director, Shelly Kittle, Deputy City Clerk, Monica Stegall, Assistant City Planner, Pete Garcia, Waste Water Treatment Operator and Artur Da Rosa, Public Works Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ash invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Grant Garland, Vice President with Bar Ale Inc., 5th Street expressed his concerns with the Ordinance that requires property owners making improvements at \$32,341 or more to simultaneously install sidewalks, curbs and gutters along the property that meets up to public property. He explained the issue he had when Bar Ale Inc., applied for a permit for solar. He wrote a letter to the City Building Department and after further discussion, his request was granted to waive that requirement.

Mr. Garland recommended the Ordinance be rewritten, otherwise if other requests are not granted, it could hurt local businesses and residential areas that want to make improvements.

Mayor Ash directed staff to meet and discuss options. City Attorney Siprelle asked if there was a consensus by Council. All Council Members answered "yes".

Citizen Raquel Albor-Hernandez expressed her concerns relating to her water bill and the odor. She was gone for a month and stated her water bill was the same amount. Public Works Director Da Rosa provided her his business card and asked that she call him to discuss further.

Finance Director Greenbaum explained why the fees were high and that the City is constantly looking for ways to receive grants in order to save the residence money. Mayor Ash and Staff explained the "base rate". Citizen Albor-Hernandez understood.

Citizen Santos Jauregui inquired about Venice Park. Public Works Director Da Rosa commented stating he requested a quote for sod but hasn't received a reply and will follow-up.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ash asked if there were any members of the audience that had any questions on the items under "Written Communications" which were: the Williams Unified School District Board of Trustees Meeting that was held on February 13, 2014, the Minutes of the Williams Unified School District Board of Trustees Meeting of January 16, 2014 and a letter from City Clerk Bergson requesting changes on the November 20, 2013 City Council Minutes. There were no public comments. No action needed by council.

CONSENT

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 15, 2014

Public Comments: City Clerk Bergson noted a correction to the minutes: stating the last page should state "right-of-way", not "right-a-way". Deputy City Clerk Kittle noted that change.

Resolution 14-02

Traffic Sign Policy

Mr. Hui Lai appointment as Traffic Engineer

Council Member Plachek-Fulcher made a motion, seconded by Council Member Boes and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Items with one correction to the January 15th minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for December

City Treasurer Carmona provided a summary of his report and the cash investments.

The Downtown Revitalization and Mobility Plan

Mayor Ash recused herself and exited the Chambers.

Assistant City Planner Stegall provided a brief overview of the February 7, 2014 workshop, stating Council accepted the document and will continue to work with it in the future.

Council Member Troughton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Plachek-Fulcher and carried unanimously to accept the Downtown Revitalization and Mobility Plan. Motion passed 4-0-1. Mayor Ash returned to the Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event Permit #11 for the Sixth Williams Unified School District Annual Fun Run and Walk on May 17, 2014; Waive Fees

Acting City Administrator Saso recommended approval, stating this was their sixth annual fun run and have not had any issues in the past.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton and carried unanimously to approve the special event permit #11 as stated above. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Event Permit #12 for the Colusa County Dive Team Training on March 12, 2014; Waive Fees

Acting City Administrator Saso recommended approval with the fees waived.

Council Member Troughton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulcher and carried unanimously to approve the special event permit #12 as stated above. Motion passed 5-0.

Second Amendment to Professional Service Agreement between the City of Williams and Hydrosience Engineers

Public Works Director Da Rosa recommended Council approve the second amendment with Hydrosience Engineers. He briefed Council on the meeting he had with the consultant and the importance of having the Master Plan in order to move forward.

Council Member Plachek-Fulcher made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton and carried unanimously to approve the second amendment to Professional Services Agreement between the City of Williams and Hydrosience Engineers. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 14-03 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Regarding the Response to Dry Conditions in 2014

Acting City Administrator Saso explained what the City of Williams plans to do on water conservation. He said the City will request a 20% reduction of daily consumption, and provide some household conservation tips that will be included in the next water bill. Saso stated Resolution 14-03 mirrors what the Governor has directed for the State. Mayor and Council Members provided their comments, including Citizen Jauregui in support of the water conservation efforts.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Plachek-Fulcher and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 14-03, as stated above. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 206-14 Amending Chapter 10.40 of the City of Williams Municipal Code Relating to Truck Routes

Acting City Administrator Saso explained the need for truck route modifications on the east side of Highway. The sidewalks, roadways and some of the road signs have sustained tremendous damage over the years from the trucks.

Saso pointed out the increased traffic once the AM/PM is built at the corner of Vann and E Street. Saso explained the amendment to Ordinance 206-14. Council Member Troughton said he met with the Taco Bell Manager and some truck drivers to let them know that this item was going to be on the agenda. He invited them to attend tonight's meeting to share any comments they had.

Public Comments: Citizen Albor-Hernandez said she is a proponent of the change. She said there is no crosswalk between the Shell Gas Station and Carl's Jr.

Council Member Plachek-Fulcher made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton and carried unanimously to introduce, waive the first reading of Ordinance 206-14 as stated above. Motion passed 5-0.

WFPA's Proposed Remodel and Consider Amendment to the Mutual License Agreement between the Williams Fire Protection Authority and the City of Williams

Interim City Administrator Saso commented on the letter he received from the Fire Protection Authority on January 21st. In their letter, they expressed an interest in remodeling the upstairs of City Hall for their living quarters. Mayor Pro Tem Boes left the chambers due to a conflict of interest. Saso said the Board approved \$35,000 for remodeling. The Board has requested their "Mutual License Agreement" be renewed, delete the 90-days and requested a 10-year agreement extension.

Council Members discussed repayment of the money spent and to leave in the 90-day clause. City Attorney Siprelle said she would amend the contract to include a reimbursement clause, per Council's request. She will provide a red-line version to Council and to the Board.

Council Member Plachek-Fulcher made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton to approve the proposed WFPA's remodel with a change to the Mutual License Agreement on the payback should the City decide to terminate the contract. Motion passed 3-1-0.

AYES: Plachek-Fulcher, Troughton, Sellers
NOES: Ash
ABSTAINED: Boes
ABSENT: None.

REPORTS

City Attorney has nothing to report.
City Treasurer already provided his report.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Boes provided update on meetings he attended.
Council Member Plachek-Fulcher provided update on meetings she attended.
Council Member Sellers, Jr. provided update on meetings he attended.
Council Member Troughton, Jr. provided update on meetings he attended.
Mayor Ash provided update on meetings she attended. She said the mural is done. She reminded everyone to turn in their Form 700 by the end of the month.

STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Acting City Administrator Saso said he'll be gone February 24th-February 27th.
Police Chief Saso said two applicants were offered employment and plan to introduce them at the next Council meeting.
Fire Chief – Mayor Ash provided the year-end stats.
Public Works Director Da Rosa shared information he learned from the Groundwater Meeting. He said the drainage ditches were in bad condition so he has proceeded with the cleaning.

Finance Officer Greenbaum provided an update on the water project. He said Public Works Director Da Rosa has taken over the construction management which will save the City some money. Assistant City Planner Stegall provided an update on the Highway 20 project, stating everything was still on track and moving forward.

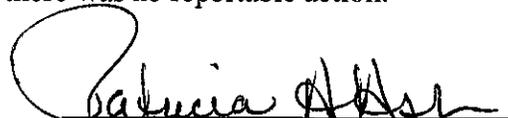
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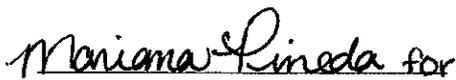
CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Section 54957
Title: City Administrator
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov't. Code Sec. 54956.8)
Property: APNs 016-070-044; 016-070-055, 016-070-101
Agency negotiators: James Saso and Monica Stegall
Negotiating parties: City of Williams and V&R Land Investments, LLC
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 pm, Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting, stating there was no reportable action.


PATRICIA ASH, MAYOR


Shelly Kittle, Deputy City Clerk

