

CITY OF WILLIAMS

City Council Minutes

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

CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

OPEN SESSION
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bergson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present: Roberto Mendoza, Alfred Sellers, Jr., Charles Bergson, Santos Jauregui and John Troughton, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bergson invited everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lew Manor gave City Council an update on the State of Jefferson.

Kent Boes spoke on behalf of the Williams Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. He explained that for the last several months they have been working on purchasing the old bowling alley. They would like to use it as a multi-use facility for the town. This would involve an alternative EOC possible office space that can be leased to the City. The Association is looking to partner with the City and they have been in contact with the City Administrator.

Mr. Boes explained that there are structural issues on one side of the building that they are looking at. He said he wanted to give Council the heads up regarding this because City Administrator Frank Kennedy can be bringing it to them in the next couple of months. They have been working with the USDA to try and get some funding to purchase the property.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Receive I-5 Vertical Clearance Project in Colusa and Yolo Counties from the Colusa County Historical Records Commission.

DISCUSSION: City Planner Monica Stegall explained that staff will be following up with Cal Trans in regards to this item. Once staff has more information and details they will bring it forward to Council.

ACTION: No action needed at this time. Informational only.

CONSENT:

Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 1, 2018.

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2018.

Accept the improvements for the Stoney Creek Senior Apartments, Phase II Project as complete and accept the warranty bond.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bergson asked if Phase II was part of the Housing Allocation the City received during Phase I. Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum explained this was not part of that allocation.

ACTION: Council Member Troughton, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers Jr., to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member Mendoza, Sellers, Jr., Troughton, Jr., Jauregui and Bergson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Receive Treasurer's Investment Report and Monthly Register for July 2018.

DISCUSSION: City Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum summarized the monthly report and register for July 2018.

Council Members inquired on the various items on the check register.

ACTION: No action needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize Chief of Police to purchase a 2018 Ford Expedition command vehicle and a 2018 Ford Fusion detective vehicle including emergency equipment and approve budgetary increase of \$85,679 out of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund.

DISCUSSION: Police Chief Anderson explained the Police Department is in need of purchasing two vehicles to replace two current vehicles that are outdated. He explained that both vehicles have over one hundred thousand miles and the repairs seem to be getting more expensive. Chief Anderson said this had already been presented to the Finance Committee and had been approved.

Council Members asked Police Chief if they would be trading in the old vehicles and his answer was no. They are retaining the vehicles to travel to trainings.

Mayor Bergson asked what the annual amount that of S.L.E.F the City receives. Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum said that typically the City receives about one hundred thousand dollars. The one hundred-thousand-dollar allocation is used for the salary portion. Over the last couple of years, the City had received between one hundred thirty-five to one hundred forty thousand dollars, so there is a little bit of excess money in there plus the current year. This will cover the purchase of both vehicles.

ACTION: Council Member Troughton, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mendoza to Authorize the Chief of Police to purchase a 2018 Ford Expedition command vehicle and a 2018 Ford Fusion detective vehicle including emergency equipment and approve budgetary increase of \$85,679 out of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member Mendoza, Sellers, Jr., Troughton, Jr., Jauregui and Bergson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None

Approve Modifications, changes and benefit package agreed upon with the Williams Police Officers Association.

DISCUSSION: City Planner Monica Stegall explained the last MOU expired June 30, 2018. All parties agreed to continue negotiating in good faith. Mrs. Stegall went over with Council the monetary changes on the contract and said it would be retroactive to July 1, 2018.

It is staff recommendation to approve the modifications, changes and benefit package agreed upon with the Williams Police Officers Association.

ACTION: Council Member Sellers, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Council Member Troughton, Jr., to approve the modifications, changes and benefit package agreed upon with the Williams Police Officers Association. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member Mendoza, Seller, Jr., Troughton, Jr., Jauregui and Bergson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Receive Letter from Recology regarding the Rate Increase for Residential, Commercial and Debris Box Services.

DISCUSSION: City Planner Stegall explained the increases to Council and asked if they had any comments or questions.

Mayor Bergson had some comments in regards to the increases. City Attorney Ann Siprelle explained to Council that in the contract between the City and Recology it states that every year the rates will go up by the San Francisco CPI and do not require approval. The only way Council can not approve the increases is if they are in substantial non-compliance.

Mayor Bergson said he would like for Recology to have public hearings when the rates are going to be increased to let the citizens know.

ACTION: No action is required at this time. Informational item only.

Consider request from Capital Rivers Commercial to defer Grocery Outlet's Traffic Impact Fees for one year.

DISCUSSION: City Planner Monica Stegall explained the Planning Commission had approved the Design Review Application for Grocery Outlet. Recently the City received a request from the developer, Capital Rivers. Their request is for City Council to defer their Traffic Impact Fees for one year after they receive their Certificate of Occupancy. They are not asking for forgiveness of those fees it is only a deferral.

Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum said fee deferrals is something that a lot of Cities have done to spur economic development. A lot of the times it is from one to three years and this request is on the shorter end and from a fiscal standpoint Finance Director Greenbaum said it doesn't have a significant effect on the City.

Scott Mooreland said he represents Capital Rivers and thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to speak to them. He also thanked City staff for meeting with them weeks before the meeting to discuss the request.

He explained that the request they are making is for the fees to be defer for a year after the opening of Grocery Outlet. This will allow them to begin collecting rent from Grocery outlet and then they will make the payment of \$42,660 for the traffic impact fees.

Finance Officer Rex Greenbaum explained that staff does not have the authority to defer fees and that is why this item is being presented to Council.

Mayor Bergson asked if the fees would be paid next year. Mr. Mooreland said it was a year after they receive the certificate of occupancy they are looking at making the payment in Spring of 2020.

ACTION: After further discussion, on a consensus of the City Council staff was directed to create a fee deferral agreement between the City of Williams and Capital Rivers and present it to City Council for approval.

Approve the \$93,000 for the sidewalk and roadway repairs performed on E Street, 4th Street and 5th Street and the General Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$200,000 as a pay-back for work performed. Staff will allocate an additional \$50,000 in funding that does not need Council approval.

DISCUSSION: City Planner Monica Stegall updated the Council on sidewalk and roadway repair projects that have been done in the City. The original estimated cost was \$900,000 and the project was completed with a budget of \$740,005.30. In 2018 the Improvement Project was a combination of sidewalk repair, pavement overlay, and striping designed to increase safety by converting the intersection at 8th Streets and E and Vann Streets into four way stops.

Offsite work completed on E Street and 5th Street (immediately adjacent to Starbucks). With the addition of Starbucks much of the sidewalks, ADA ramps and driveways needed to be repaired and reconstructed for compliance. The initial engineers estimate for the work was \$118,000. It was then determined that it would be less expensive to have the contractor (Hilbers) perform the work as part of their site renovation. The amount to have Hilbers do the work came in at \$93,000.

Staff is requesting that Council approves the \$93,000 for the sidewalk and roadway repairs performed on E Street, 4th Street and 5th Street and a General Fund expenditure in the amount of \$200,000 as a pay-back for work performed.

Finance Officer Greenbaum explained that staff was asking for a transfer to a Citywide Infrastructure Fund. There can be some financial pitfalls in the future that want to be avoided. If the funds are transferred directly to the Streets Fund, it can have future impacts that could prevent the City from getting street dollar allocations.

Mayor Bergson asked to have the Infrastructure Fund established by ordinance.

Mayor Bergson asked the City Attorney to please draft an ordinance to establish an Infrastructure Fund committing at least \$100,000 dollars annually.

City Council took the following action:

ACTION: Council Member Troughton, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers, Jr., Approve the \$93,000 for the sidewalk and roadway repairs performed on E Street, 4th Street and 5th Street and the General Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$200,000 to be transferred into and Infrastructure Fund and authorizing the budget increase.

AYES: Council Member Mendoza, Seller, Jr., Troughton, Jr., Jauregui and Bergson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

REPORTS

City Attorney Siprelle - nothing to report.

Council Member Mendoza – nothing to report.

Council Member Troughton, Jr. – attended regular meetings.

Council Member Sellers, Jr.- attended regular meetings.

Mayor Bergson – attended regular meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Jauregui – nothing additional to report.

STAFF GENERAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

City Administrator Kennedy- was absent.

Finance Officer Greenbaum – nothing additional to report.

City Planner- gave un update on Legacy Homes.

Police Chief Anderson- nothing to report

City Engineer Campos- gave City Council an update on pavement project.

ADJOURNED: At 7:19 pm, Mayor Bergson adjourned the meeting.


CHARLES BERGSON, MAYOR


Mariana Pineda, City Clerk