

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND
WINDSOR WATER DISTRICT MEETING
TOWN OF WINDSOR**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2006
6:00 p.m. – Closed Session**

**Civic Center Conference Room A
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 400
Windsor, CA 95492**

Regular Session – 6:30 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Salmon called to order a meeting of the Town Council, also serving as the Board of Directors of the Windsor Redevelopment Agency and Town of Windsor Water District, at 6:03 p.m.

2. COUNCIL ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call were Councilmembers Allen, Fudge, Morehouse, and Mayor Salmon. Councilmember Parker was absent due to illness.

At this time, Councilmember Morehouse declared that she will abstain from the discussion on Item 3.1 (Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation), as the plaintiff's attorney is her own personal attorney.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION TOPIC AND ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Salmon announced the following Closed Session topic and Council adjourned to a Closed Session in Conference Room A at 6:05 p.m.

**3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9 (a))**

Rosas vs. Town of Windsor, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. C 0405231SI

3.2 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened with all members (except Councilmember Parker) present. No action was taken during Closed Session.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Clerk Maria De La O led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PRESENTATION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S) – NONE.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Several Town Council and Planning Commission Members will be attending a Smart Growth Conference in Denver, Colorado from January 21st through January 28th.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST - NONE

8. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Salmon advised that he would like to discuss Consent Calendar Item 10.3 (Interim All-Way Stop-Control at Intersection of Windsor Road and McClelland Avenue).

Town Manager Mullan reported that a letter was received (distributed on the dais prior to commencement of the meeting) from Vikkie Borelli, Clerk to the City Selection Committee, requesting the Mayor's attendance at the January 12th Mayors' and Councilmembers' City Selection Committee meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to select a Chair and Vice Chair of this committee. Mr. Mullan asked that Council provide direction to Mayor Salmon regarding the selection process prior to the City Selection Committee meeting.

It was noted that Mayor Salmon will attend the City Selection Committee meeting, as the Town's voting representative, at which time there will be a selection of the Chair and Vice Chair of this committee.

9. CITIZEN PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mayor Salmon discussed his concerns associated with Item 10.3 (Interim All-Way Stop-Control at Intersection of Windsor Road and McClelland Avenue) with regard to the impact this project will have on traffic backing up at the stop light and how it will affect Windsor residents.

Town Manager Mullan stated that business-owners and residents contacted the Town to voice their concerns associated with unsafe traffic speeds in that area. He said that this is only a temporary solution, which demonstrates the Town's acknowledgment of these concerns. Town staff will continue to work to find a permanent solution to this situation. He said that in the meantime, staff will continue to monitor the progress of this project closely.

Mayor Salmon suggested that staff explore other traffic calming methods such as the speed bumps that were installed on Los Olivos Road by the City of Santa Rosa.

Councilmember Allen clarified that the type of traffic calming device that was installed was a speed table.

Town Manager Mullan indicated that staff is exploring these specific types of traffic calming devices.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Allen moved to adopt the Consent Calendar items. Councilmember Morehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4/0/1 vote, as Councilmember Parker was absent.

10.1 Check Register No. 337

4/0/1 vote, as Councilmember Parker was absent. By motion, approved disbursements in the amount of \$987,201.20.

10.2 Approval of Minutes

4/0/1 vote, as Councilmember Parker was absent. By motion, approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2005.

10.3 Interim All-Way Stop-Control at Intersection of Windsor Road and McClelland Avenue

4/0/1 vote, as Councilmember Parker was absent. Adopted Resolution No. 1843-06, establishing the intersection of Windsor Road and McClelland Avenue as an all-way stop-controlled intersection and authorizing the installation of stop signs on all approaches to said intersection on an interim basis.

11. WORKSHOP- 6:30 p.m.

11.1 Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (SMART DEIR)

Lillian Hames, representing SMART, provided an overview of the major conclusions contained in the DEIR, and reviewed the process to date. She explained that comments in written form or via e-mail on the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) should be submitted to SMART through Monday, January 23rd.

Discussion followed, during which staff and Ms. Hames responded to a number of Council questions.

At this time, Mayor Salmon read into the record an e-mail message from Mayor Pro Tem Parker, which was presented to Councilmembers at the commencement of the meeting. In his e-mail, Mayor Pro Tem Parker stated that although he supports the concept of rail, pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the corridor being studied, he had concerns associated with: 1) pedestrian and bicycle safety; 2) financial funding for sound barriers where needed in Windsor; 3) fire and emergency vehicle access; 4) that the Town may not have the population density along the rail corridor to have

the rail traffic be self-sustaining; 5) based on the consultants concerns on the Town's growth, this area has conflicting objectives; and, 6) approaching the voters in 2006 for additional tax dollars may jeopardize other Windsor objectives.

Mayor Salmon called for comments from the public. None were forthcoming.

Town Planning Director Chamberlin explained that he is seeking Council direction to submit comments to SMART as noted on their letter, which is attached to the agenda report. He indicated that the comments submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Parker would be appended and the comments and/or concerns provided by the Council will be added to the letter that will be submitted to SMART.

Presentations were made by Town staff, at which time, discussion followed.

Based on Council's discussion, the following is a summary of Council's comments related to the DEIR:

- Concern that the rail corridor improvements proposed or required to accommodate future passenger service may potentially divide communities in Town. The EIR should analyze and mitigate potential impacts of dividing the Windsor communities.
- Encourage SMART to consider Saturday and Sunday train services in addition to the weekday commuter rail service, as weekend service will provide people the opportunity to experience rail service that they would otherwise not utilize.
- Concern with project growth inducement along the rail and highway corridor north of Windsor to Cloverdale. The project may increase development pressure adjacent to the northern corridor similar to growth pressures occurring south of Windsor in the corridor.
- Supports the 70-mile rail service project from Larkspur to Cloverdale. Does not support the Minimum Operable Segment Alternative.
- Provide additional information to demonstrate the passenger service project and freight service compatibility.

The discussion also included the following additional comments:

- Complete Jaguar Lane to address traffic concerns associated with the Windsor High School.
- Importance of having a page on the Town's website containing information on the deadline for submittal of written comments on the DEIR to SMART.
- Establish an Outreach Program with neighborhoods that may be impacted by this project.

Following the Council/staff discussion, Council authorized staff to submit written comments, as outlined above, on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Project (SCH 2002112033).

12. PUBLIC HEARING - (NONE)

13. REGULAR CALENDAR - (NONE)

14. MAYOR'S & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

14.1 Individual Councilmember Reports (No written report.)

Councilmember Allen reported that he will not be attending the SCTA meeting that will be held on Monday, as he will be out of Town. He said he expects that Mayor Pro Tem Parker will attend. However, in the event that Mayor Pro Tem Parker is unable to attend, Mayor Salmon indicated he may attend.

Councilmember Fudge briefly reported on her attendance at a SMART Board Real Estate meeting in San Rafael, which focused on finalization of comments for requests for proposals for Railroad Square.

Mayor Salmon reported that the next Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12th in Cotati.

14.2 League of California Cities Priority Focus Publication (Issue Nos. 46 & 47) and December 9, 2005 Legislative Update Memorandum- Update/Discussion

No comments were made.

14.3 Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association Legislative Committee Update

This item was discussed under Changes to the Agenda.

14.4 Reports on Meetings/Conferences

15. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (No written report.)

Town Manager Mullan reported that the Town did not incur any significant damage to property during the recent heavy rains. He acknowledged the efforts of the staff and Windsor Police Department during these storm events that occurred over the holidays. He said he is very pleased that the Town is prepared to handle any problems associated with several more months of rainy weather.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION TOPIC/ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Salmon announced the following Closed Session topic and Council adjourned to a Closed Session in Conference Room A at 8:45 p.m.

16.1 Performance Review- Town Attorney

Consideration of Town Attorney's performance review pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

17. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened with all members (except Mayor Pro Tem Parker) present. No action was taken during Closed Session.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to a regular Town Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006, in the Civic Center Council Chambers located at 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 400 in Windsor.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2006.

Maria De La O, Town Clerk