

MINUTES

JOINT TOWN COUNCIL, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND WINDSOR WATER DISTRICT MEETING

Civic Center Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 400
Windsor, CA 95492

Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Regular Session - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goble 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 6:02 p.m.

2. COUNCIL ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call were Councilmembers Fudge, Scholar, Vice Mayor Salmon and Mayor Goble. Councilmember Allen was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Debbi Ling led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PRESENTATION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

4.1 A proclamation declaring February 2009, as Career and Technical Education Month

Mayor Goble read a proclamation declaring February 2009 as Career and Technical Education Month.

4.2 Presentation on the Windsor Parks Spring Clean to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009

Mark Lamar gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Windsor Parks Spring Clean event. He noted that this community event will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 and encouraged the Windsor community to participate.

4.3 Presentation of Mayor's Certificates of Appreciation to Outgoing Commissioners

Mayor Goble presented Mayor's Certificates of Special Recognition to the following Outgoing Commissioners:

Elmer Lamb, Senior Citizens Advisory Council (not present)

Dianne Graner, Senior Citizens Advisory Council

David Kahn, Parks and Recreation Commission

Melissa Trunick, Parks and Recreation Commission (not present)

Kim Voge, Parks and Recreation Commission
Stephen Rios, Planning Commissioner
Debbi Ling, Planning Commissioner

4.4 Mayors' Certificate of Special Recognition acknowledging the contributions made by Human Resources Accounting Specialist, Karen Ramirez, for implementing the web-based electronic time capture system that uses the Town's Website to capture data for payroll purposes.

Mayor Goble presented Human Resources Accounting Specialist Karen Ramirez for implementing the web-based electronic time capture system that uses the Town's Website to capture data for payroll purposes.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Upcoming Town Events
Mayor Goble and Councilmembers announced various upcoming events.
- b. One Cool Green Thing
Councilmember Scholar reported on green turf as an environmentally friendly alternative to green grass.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

7. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None.

8. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

David Kahn, Windsor High School Boosters Club, announced the Black and Gold dance that will be held on March 7th at the Agatha Firth Center to benefit the Windsor High School.

Brian Kenny, Windsor resident, raised concerns associated with the Town's water service process. He noted that his water had been shut off on the Thursday prior to a holiday without proper notification. He requested that Council review the Town's current policy and that changes be made to address these situations.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Fudge advised that she would be abstaining from the February 4, 2009 Town Council Minutes because she was absent.

Vice Mayor Salmon moved to adopt the Consent Calendar items as follows. Councilmember Scholar seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent) on all items except Item 9.2 (Approval of the February 4, 2009 Minutes) which passed by a 3/0/2 vote (Councilmember Fudge abstaining and Councilmember Allen was absent).

9.1 Check Register No. 402

4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent). By motion, approve disbursements in the amount of \$1,139,183.18.

9.2 Approval of Minutes

This item was approved as follows:

3/0/2 vote (Councilmember Fudge abstaining and Councilmember Allen was absent). Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2009.

4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent). Approved the minutes of the Special Closed Session of February 6, 2009 and Special Budget Workshop of February 7, 2009.

9.3 Accept the 2008 Annual Fair Share Housing Report

4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent). Adopted Resolution No. 2428-09, accepting the 2008 Annual Fair Share Housing Report.

9.4 2008 General Plan Annual Report

4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent). Adopted Resolution No. 2429-09, accepting the 2008 General Plan Annual Report.

9.5 Receive and file the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ended on December 31, 2008

4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent). By motion, Council received and filed the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

9.6 2009 Merit Presentations – Evaluation Criteria Matrix

4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent). Adopted Resolution No. 2430-09, affirming the Evaluation Criteria Matrix to be used for assessing 2009 Merit Presentation proposals.

9.7 Acceptance of Public Improvements for Khiroya Subdivision, 6490 Old Redwood Highway (02-13)

4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent). Adopted Resolution No. 2431-09, accepting the Khiroya subdivision public improvements into the Town system for maintenance and designating Anish Way at Old Redwood Highway, a one-way stop intersection.

10. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

11. REGULAR CALENDAR

11.1 Consider Alternative Fees for Windsor Youth Soccer League

Community Services Legge reported on this item and referenced an e-mail that was received and distributed to Council on the dais prior to commencement of the meeting from Bruce Shimizu regarding the proposed fee increase for the recreations facilities dated February 18, 2009.

Mayor Goble called for comments from the audience.

Mike Rooney, President of the Windsor Youth Soccer League, expressed concern regarding the proposed fee increases for the use of the concession stand and the use of the soccer fields, noting that these fees are extremely high. He also discussed his opposition to the rotation of the fields for restoration purposes.

Wes Stanbring, Windsor resident, discussed his concerns regarding the fee increase for the rental of the soccer fields. He cautioned that the proposed fee increases would cause the soccer fees to be raised.

Pete Ferrari, Windsor Girls Softball, expressed concern about the affordability of these fees.

Mayor Goble closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Salmon moved to direct staff to work with the Windsor Youth Soccer League to provide storage for the league's concession in the Town's concession stand. The Town's concession stand costs will be \$8.70 per hour with the understanding that this does not include commercial kitchen appliances. Staff was also directed to revisit this matter after the season. Mayor Goble seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed by a 3/1/1 vote (Councilmember Scholar opposed and Councilmember Allen was absent).

Councilmember Scholar discussed her reasons for not supporting the motion.

Community Services Director Legge discussed the three viable alternatives to reduce the athletic field rental fees.

Mike Rooney, Windsor Youth Soccer League, spoke in opposition to the three alternatives presented by staff. He discussed the need to extend the use of the fields during the months of December and January and the need to reduce the costs associated with the use of the fields.

Jim O'Brien, Maintenance Superintendent, explained the reasons why the fields are closed during the months of November, December and January.

Kelly Olt, Windsor Softball League, spoke in support of decreasing the rental fees for the use of the fields. He offered to help maintain the athletic fields to subsidize some of the fees.

Councilmember Fudge moved to support, as proposed by staff, the \$6.50 fee per participant for the use of the athletic field, the field rotation and extending the field use with play on the crown of the fields in December and January for a one year period. Mayor Goble seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion failed by a 2/2/1 vote (Vice Mayor Salmon and Councilmember Scholar opposed and Commissioner Allen was absent).

Vice Mayor Salmon explained the reasons why he cannot support the motion.

Further Council discussion followed, during which they directed staff to continue to work with Windsor Youth Soccer League to explore additional alternatives to the fee schedule for the use of the athletic fields and to bring this matter back to Council for consideration at a future meeting.

11.2 Consider Alternative Playground Concept for Keiser Park – Phase I Project

Community Services Legge reported on this item.

Mayor Goble called for comments from the audience.

Cindy Holman, Windsor resident, discussed her concerns regarding the removal of the Neighborhood playground alternative.

There were no further public comments.

Council supported moving forward with the original Neighborhood Park concept and supported staff's recommendation to include the destination play area in the Fiscal Year 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Council recessed from 8:55 until 9:10 p.m. and reconvened with all members present except Councilmember Allen.

11.3 Consider Request for Heritage Tree Designation and Provide Staff Direction

Planning Director Chamberlin and Associate Planner Cangson reported on this item.

Mayor Goble called for comments from the audience.

Karen Alves, Windsor resident, spoke in support of the heritage tree designation for the Cypress trees that are located on Foxwood Drive. She said that she did not request the heritage tree designation for the two remaining trees on Old Redwood Highway because of their unhealthy condition. However, she asked that these trees be considered in the decision that is taken tonight.

Mike Alves, Windsor resident, spoke in support of the heritage tree designation on the cypress trees located on Foxwood Drive.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Goble closed the public comment period.

Vice Mayor Salmon suggested, for streamlining the process, that Council consider the heritage tree designation for the cypress trees tonight.

During the Council discussion, which followed, staff was directed to modify the resolution to reflect the possible approval of the heritage tree designation for the Cypress trees.

Vice Mayor Salmon moved to adopt Resolution No. 2432-09, placing the heritage tree designation on the cypress trees located on Foxwood Drive. Councilmember Scholar seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4/0/1 vote (Councilmember Allen was absent).

11.4 Review Proposed Sign Ordinance Modifications and Provide Staff Direction

Planning Director Chamberlin and Associate Planner Cangson reported on this item.

Mayor Goble called for comments from the audience.

Fred Langley, Owner of Langley's on the Green, explained why it is difficult to direct customers to specific businesses and noted his support for provisions that provide business-owners the flexibility to place temporary signs for advertisement of special events.

There were no further comments from the audience.

Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to the sign ordinance to address the use of temporary signs for community events, temporary signs for non-residential uses, and advertising signs attached to/or mounted on trailers, vehicles or in truck beds.

11.5 Follow-up to 2009-11 Strategic Planning Retreat

Accounting Manager Ippoliti reported on this item.

Mayor Goble called for comments from the audience. None were forthcoming.

There was a lack of consensus to move forward with the hiring of Snider and Associates for the Strategic Planning Retreat follow-up session. As a result, Council directed staff to explore alternatives including the hiring of a different facilitator for the August 28, 2009 Strategic Planning Retreat; and, to bring this matter back to Council for further discussion and action by the full Council.

(Clerk's Note: This item will be scheduled for Council consideration on March 18, 2009.)

12. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON PENDING STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND ACTIVITIES

12.1 League of California Cities

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

13. MAYOR'S & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

13.1 Individual Councilmember Reports and Comments

Councilmembers briefly reported on items of interest to the Council.

13.2 Reports on Meetings/Conferences

Councilmembers reported on meetings they attended.

13.3 Requests for Future Council Agenda Items

1) Discussion regarding the Town Green Summer Programs and Sponsorships

14. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (NO WRITTEN REPORT.)

No reports were made.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m. to the next regular Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009, in the Civic Center Council Chambers located at 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 400 in Windsor.

Approved and adopted this 4th day of March 2009.

Maria De La O, CMC
Town Clerk