

Fairfax Town Council Minutes  
Adjourned Meeting  
Fairfax Women's Club  
Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The Adjourned meeting was preceded by a Closed Session from 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. for a conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): one potential case.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Mayor John Reed  
Larry Bragman  
David Weinsoff

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Pam Hartwell-Herrero  
Ryan O'Neil

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judy Anderson, Interim Town Manager  
Roger Meagor, Ross Valley Fire Chief

Vice-Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

M/S, Weinsoff/Bragman, Motion to approve the agenda and the affidavit of posting.

AYES: Bragman, Reed, Weinsoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hartwell-Herrero, O'Neil

Announcement of Closed Session Action

Vice-Mayor Reed announced that the Council had taken no action on the anticipated litigation.

Open Time

Ms. Wendy Orear, Pastori Avenue, asked about the status of the outfall project. Interim Town Manager Anderson stated the project would go forward. Ms. Orear stated she was trying to figure out the location of her front yard property line and was proposing that the Town assist her in this endeavor. She noted she spoke to Planning Director Moore. Councilmember Bragman asked Ms. Orear if she wanted the Town to chalk-mark the property line. Ms. O'Neil stated "yes" since there were questions as to whether or not the erosion was on her property. Councilmember Bragman stated there was a survey at Town Hall.

Interim Town Manager Anderson asked Ms. Orear to contact her about this matter.

Councilmember Weinsoff asked staff to agendize the issue regarding the recent legislation regarding the suspension of certain sections of the Brown Act.

Authorization for the Interim Town Manager to award the bid for the 2012 Street Rehabilitation Project No. 53-88, to the highest qualified bidder

Interim Town Manager Anderson presented the staff report. She reported the highest qualified bidder was Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc.; that staff had received two bids with one 7.6% below the engineer's estimate; that staff was coordinating the work around the Marin Municipal Water District's Pipe Replacement Project; that it would take a week or two to get the contract and bonds in order; and that Maggiora & Ghilotti was ready to move forward with the project.

Councilmember Weinsoff stated residents would need to receive notification about when to move their cars, etc. Interim Town Manager Anderson agreed and stated they had just gone through the noticing of residents during the recent MMWD project.

Councilmember Bragman asked if the bids were sent to the usual group of contractors that were on file with the Town.

Interim Town Manager Anderson stated this had been done by Coastland Engineering. Councilmember Weinsoff asked if it would be more cost effective for Town staff to do this work. Interim Town Manager Anderson noted this would usually be done by a Public Works Director. She noted that Town staff would take care of the bid process for the Pastori Project since it needed to go out right away. She noted Coastland Engineering would be handling the Sir Francis Drake Project and the Pastori Sidewalk Project at the same time and that those projects would going out to bid soon.

Councilmember Bragman referred to the Pastori Sidewalk Project and stated the curb leading to the crosswalk on the southwest side of the intersection needed to be removed (ground down). Interim Town Manager Anderson stated she would talk to the Building Official about this.

M/S, Bragman/Weinsoff, Motion to authorize the Interim Town Manager to award the bid for the 2012 Street Rehabilitation Project to Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc.

AYES: Bragman, Reed, Weinsoff  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Hartwell-Herrero, O'Neil

Approval of letter to Assembly Member Jared Huffman in opposition to AB 2231

Councilmember Weinsoff stated the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Legislative Committee has sent two letters in opposition to AB 2231. He stated the letter in the Council packet was the model recommended by the League of California Cities.

M/S, Bragman/Weinsoff, Motion to approve the letter to Assembly Member Jared Huffman in opposition to AB 2231.

AYES: Bragman, Reed, Weinsoff  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Hartwell-Herrero, O'Neil

Approval of (3) Pavilion Chipper Days in October to encourage fire fuel reduction

Vice Mayor Reed stated the Chipper Days Projects were very successful in the past and a good way to introduce and educate residents to the concept of reducing fire fuels in the neighborhoods. The idea was that the first three weekends in October would be designated as “Chipper Day” at the Pavilion parking lot. Fairfax residents could bring materials to the lot over the weekend. The debris would be chipped the following Monday. A local contractor would be hired to do the work. Volunteers would be needed to get the word out in the neighborhoods and also help with the debris disposal at the Pavilion lot. He requested Council approval before approaching Ms. Patty Garbarino from Marin Sanitary Service (MSS). He noted that the contract with MSS provided \$10,000 for fire fuel reduction.

Councilmember Bragman suggested that they send the chipper out to the neighborhoods since there were a lot of people who could not get their debris down to the Pavilion parking lot. Vice Mayor Reed stated that going to the neighborhoods would be more expensive. Councilmember Bragman stated he would like to get an estimate from a local contractor to send a chipper out to the neighborhoods. He was not sure how effective it would be to have a central location to drop off the debris and suggested that it would be more practical to send out a chipper that was already mobile. Ross Valley Fire Chief Meagor stated he did not think the Town had the resources for a neighborhood project. Councilmember Bragman stated that a chipper out to different neighborhoods about three years ago. Ross Valley Fire Chief Meagor stated it cost about \$3,000 for one neighborhood. Councilmember Bragman reiterated his desire to get an estimate for sending a chipper to various neighborhoods. Vice Mayor Reed agreed that they would get a lot more “bang for the buck” with this approach.

Interim Town Manager Anderson asked if they had secured bids for the prior Chipper Day events. Councilmember Bragman responded that they had, but added that the bids included a lot of tree work and noted that the current project would not include the removal of trees, etc.

Vice-Mayor Reed stated MSS could announce the event in an upcoming garbage bill.

Interim Town Manager Anderson stated she would be happy to work with Vice Mayor Reed to secure bids and recommended that the matter be continued to the August agenda. Vice Mayor Reed stated he would report back to the Council at the August meeting.

Vice-Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis  
Recording Secretary