

MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
April 8, 2014

1. Mayor Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Mello led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Domenighini, Taylor-Vodden, Mello, Hansen & Mayor Cobb.
Absent: None
4. **Agenda Review:** It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Taylor-Vodden to accept the April 8, 2014 agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed.
5. **Presentations & Proclamations:**
 - a) Charles Anderson, the Regional Public Affairs Manager for the Sacramento Valley Division of the League of California Cities – Northern Division, gave the Council a presentation, outlining the various services that the League provides to Cities in the State.
 - b) California Water Service Local Manager Rosanna Marino, and Water Quality Program Manager Shreya Ramesh gave the Council an update on the progress of the Chromium 6 pilot study and future compliance schedule.

Mayor Cobb called for a brief recess at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

6. **Public Comment/Written Communications:**

The following person(s) spoke during public comment:

Jeff Williams spoke on the topic of placing the payroll and general check registers on the City's website and suggested this is something the City should consider doing.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

It was **moved** by Council Member Hansen and **seconded** by Council Member Domenighini to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion unanimously passed and the following items were approved/adopted:

- a) Approval of General, Payroll and Direct Deposit Check Registers (27202-27263; Z05127-Z05161; 33050-33073).

8. **Public Hearings:**

- a) Conduct a Public Hearing to introduce an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Willows, adding to Chapter 18.110 (General Provisions and Exceptions) of the Willows Municipal Code Section 18.110.114, Density Bonus”.

The City of Willows has initiated a draft zoning text amendment to the City’s Municipal Code, chapter 18.110 (General Provisions and Exceptions) to include Density Bonus. The City intends to update the Housing Element in 2014, per the State Department of Housing and Policy Development requirements. This year the State is allowing for an expedited Housing Element review if an agency has an adopted Density Bonus Ordinance, per Government Code Section 65915. Therefore in order to allow the City of Willows this expedited review opportunity, a zoning text amendment has been initiated. The City Attorney has reviewed the draft text language and has approved the language.

On March 19, 2014, the City of Willows Planning Commission heard and reviewed the text amendment proposal and recommended by Resolution that the City Council adopt the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code/Zoning Ordinance.

Staff recommends that the Council conduct the required Public Hearing and pass first reading of the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Cobb opened the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. It was then **moved** by Council Member Domenighini and **seconded** by Council Member Hansen to read by title only the Ordinance next in line. The motion unanimously passed. It was **moved** by Council Member Domenighini and **seconded** by Council Member Hansen to pass first reading of an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Willows adding to Chapter 18.110 (General Provisions and Exceptions) of the Willows Municipal Code Section 18.110.114, Density Bonus”. The motion unanimously passed.

9. **Ordinances:** Action taken under item 8 (a).

10. **Items introduced by City Council or Administrative Staff for discussion purposes only:**

The City Manager announced that the Council Members received an invitation to attend the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the new Dollar Tree store scheduled to occur on May 10. He also announced that he will be having minor knee surgery the following day and that he will be out of the office for a few days. During his absence he indicated that Finance Director, Tim Sailsbery, will be in charge of running day-to-day City operations.

11. **New Business:**

- a) Annual Housing Element Progress Report:

The preparation of a General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) as required per Government Code 65400, reports the efforts within the Housing Element that remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement and development of housing, and the status of

implementation of these programs. Additionally the APR included the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers and where the City stands with meeting these numbers.

The City has implemented all of the required programs that were time sensitive – one year from certification implementation. Most recently in the past couple of years the City has implemented HD-1.5.1 which is to annually apply for grant funds to include HOME and CDBG General Allocation funds. Over the past couple of years the City has applied for both HOME and CDBG grants which have been granted to the City for both new housing units (Senior Housing) and for studies associated with Housing for all income groups (Housing Element Update and Housing Conditions Survey).

The City will be undertaking the preparation of another Housing Element Update this year, and new programs will be implemented as a result of new state mandates. However the report before the Council tonight takes into account the efforts the City has made in meeting the current programs and numbers over the past year (April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014). Staff is asking that the Council authorize the forwarding of the report to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development as required per Government Code.

It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to accept the report as submitted and authorize staff to forward the report with any amendments to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, and the State Department of Housing and Community Development as required by Government Code Section 65400 (b)(2).

12. Council Member Reports:

Council Member Mello:

- Reported that the Toys for Tots fundraiser held recently went well.
- Announced that April 11 & 12 there will be a Craft Show Expo at Memorial Hall.

Vice-Mayor Taylor-Vodden:

- Attended a Farmers’ Market Advisory Committee meeting and they are very excited about the Willows Market for this year, particularly coordinating the Market with the opening of the new Ace Hardware store in that area. The Market will be held on Saturday mornings this year as opposed to previous years when it was held on a weeknight. The first day of this year’s Farmers’ Market will be May 24.

13. Adjournment: Mayor Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Dated: April 8, 2014

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City Clerk

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