



SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 2019

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Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Domenighini.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Council Members Flesher, Domenighini, Mello, Vice Mayor Warren, Mayor Hansen

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Wayne Peabody, Administrative Services Director Tim Sailsbery, City Clerk Tara Rustenhoven and City Attorney Robert Hunt.

Public Comment/ Written Communications: No public comments or written communications.

Interim City Manager Peabody requested item 8 of the agenda be moved under public comment and also open Public Comment for the item.

Recess to closed session:

- a. PUBLIC COMMENT-Pursuant to Government Code Section §54954.3, the public will have an opportunity to directly address the legislative body on the item below prior to the Council convening into closed session. Public comments are generally restricted to three minutes.
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section §54956.9:
Number of cases: 1
Entered into closed session at 7:02 p.m.
Council reconvened into open session at 7:41 p.m.

Announcement of any action taken in closed session:

Mayor Hansen reported no reportable action.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 08, 2019.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Warren /Second: Council Member Flesher
Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented above and the following item(s).
The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Flesher, Domenighini, Mello, Vice Mayor Warren, Mayor Hansen

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Regular Business:

- a. Approve by motion, the published RFP documents for solid waste collection and recycling services.

Interim City Manager gave a brief update of the extension of the current contract made with Waste Management made back on December 11th 2018. He recommended staying under the current RFP and choosing Option 1.

Council Member Domenighini asked if Orland and Willows had the same proposed service.

Interim City Manager responded that there are some similarities. They've taken the current contract and rolled it into the RFP. Willows has a few different things and Orland is a bit unique as well. There are new state laws that will be coming into effect that is a part of our fee process.

Council Member Domenighini then asked about the new laws and what they pertained to.

Public Works Director Dr. Q, gave a brief explanation of the new laws. The one that most are interested in is the 1383, which has to do with organic recycling by commercial business'.

Mayor Hansen asked Dr. Q if the County was exempt until 2025 because of the population.

Dr. Q responded yes, all the counties that are under 50,000 will be exempt as low population, rural counties.

Council member Mello made a comment that he agreed with Option 1.

Dr. Q mentioned that they are to receive the final bids by the 4th and they received an official request to extend the deadline. The County has three interested parties, which include Green Waste, Recology and Waste Management.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Mello /Second: Council Member Domenighini

Approve by motion, the published RFP documents for solid waste collection and recycling services for Option 1.

The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Flesher, Domenighini, Mello, Vice Mayor Warren, Mayor Hansen

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Domenighini commented that he was glad to see that Willows and Orland are on the same page.

Dr. Q wanted to give clarification on Options 1 and Option 2 of the RFP. The primary different between the two options are the legal documents between the City and the franchise provider.

Both Council Member Domenighini and Mayor Hansen agree that Option 1 would be a better choice.

b. By consensus, establish a date and time for the 2018-2019 Mid-Year Budget Review.

Administrative Services Director Sailsbery asked council for a suggestion for a date to schedule the 2018-2019 Mid-Year Budget meeting.

Discussion was made between City Staff and Council Members.

By Consensus, the 2018-2019 Mid-Year Budget Review Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

c. Approve by motion, the composition and selection process for a standing Groundwater Technical Advisory Committee and appoint a representative.

Interim City Manager-This item has been requested by Groundwater board member Gary Hansen. They are requesting that this become more of a standing committee rather than an Ad Hoc. They've requested David Kehn, a Cal Water employee, as the representative for the city.

Mayor Hansen gave a brief overview of the Groundwater meeting held on January 14th regarding this item.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Domenighini /Second: Council Member Flesher

Approve by motion, to appoint David Kehn as the City of Willows Technical Representative for Groundwater Technical Advisory Committee.

The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Flesher, Domenighini, Mello, Vice Mayor Warren, Mayor Hansen

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

d. Approve by motion, to accept the resignation of Walter Michael, and to approve the timeline for publication, interview, and recommendation of appointment; and by consensus nominate two Councilmembers to serve as the Ad Hoc Selection Committee to fill the Planning Commission Vacancy.

Administrative Services Director requested council to appoint two members to serve as a Selection Committee to fill the Planning Commission vacancy. It was pointed out there is a correction to the time line for February 26, 2019, that there will only be "one" applicant to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Domenighini/Second: Vice Mayor Warren

Approve by motion, to accept the resignation of Walter Michael, and to approve the timeline for publication, interview, and recommendation of appointment.

The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Flesher, Domenighini, Mello, Vice Mayor Warren, Mayor Hansen

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Vice Mayor Warren and Council Member Domenighini agreed to serve as the Ad Hoc Selection Committee.

e. Discuss and consider entering into engagement agreement to retain Cole Huber, LLP to advise and represent the City in code enforcement action(s).

City Attorney Robert Hunt is aware that there have been a number of citizen complaints regarding the 249 N. Humboldt Avenue property, with it being one of the entry ways into the City of Willows. Mr. Hunt suggested we consider hiring Cole Huber LLP, due to it being a challenge and above his knowledge. Cole Huber specializes in representing municipalities and complex code enforcement matters.

Mr. Hunt recommends by motion, consider and approve, retaining the law firm Cole Huber to represent the City of Willows in regards to enforcement matters and public nuisance properties within the City.

Council all agreed that this was the right thing to do and we need to move forward.

Mayor Hansen asked Interim City Manager how long it's been since the fire.

Interim City Manager responded that it's been 2 years in July, but have been working on this for almost 3 years.

Action:

Motion: Council Member Domenighini/Second: Council Member Flesher

Move by motion, that we enter in to an agreement to retain Cole Huber, LLP to advise and represent the City in code enforcement actions(s).

The motion passed unanimously 5/0 carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Flesher, Domenighini, Mello, Vice Mayor Warren, Mayor Hansen

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

City Attorney Hunt wanted to add that he was hoping someone from Cole Huber, LLP would be willing to step into his shoes and that he has some self interest in finding a good firm for the City.

Vince Holvik was an attendance and approached the podium and asked if there were any activities that are taking place for all the other commercial/residence that need code enforcement in the City. He and his wife are wanting to follow this through to better our community. He hopes that this is the first step in bettering our community and appreciates the city and staff.

Council/Staff Reports/Comments:

a. Staff Reports/Comments:

- City Manager reported he was gone most of last week between Economic Development meetings and also the meeting in Sacramento. The Public Works and Fire Department did a great job in maintaining the streets and keeping the water flowing. As a reminder, as the water comes up and down, please stay out of the water.

b. City Council Reports/Comments:

Mayor Hansen:

- January 11th hosted a "Roadshow" with Brian Witherell down at the Willows Museum.
- January 14th attended the Glenn County Groundwater Authority meeting.
- January 18th attended the AB1234 Ethics training.
- January 19th attended the Willows Fireman Installation Dinner. Wanted to say thank you to Chief Peabody and it was an honor for serving as the Master of Ceremonies. The food was fantastic. Wanted to congratulate Mr. Parisio and Chief Peabody on putting on a great dinner.

Vice Mayor Warren:

- Was recently appointed to the Environmental Quality Committee for the California League of Cities. Attended her first meeting on January 17th.

Council Member Flesher:

- January 16th, 17th, and 18th attended the League of Cities, New Mayor's and Council Members Academy.

Council Member Mello:

- Wanted to say that Mr. Michael has been an asset to the City and hopes to see him down the road in the future.
- Wanted to say that he agrees with Mr. Holvik
- Pointed out that the County of Glenn is 113 square miles larger than the State of Rhode Island.

City Attorney wanted to make a comment on Council Member Mello's comment to Walter Michael. Mr. Michael had been in contact prior to resigning. He had recently accepted a position on the Glenn County Board of Education, and in doing so, it invoked the doctrine of incompatible offices and was no longer able to serve on the Planning Commission.

Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Dated: January 29, 2019

Tara Rustenhoven, City Clerk