

Fairfax Town Council Minutes
Adjourned Regular/Special Meeting
Fairfax Women's Club
January 8, 2007

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Bragman
Susan Brandborg
Lew Tremaine
David Weinsoff

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Ann Maggiore

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Kelly, Town Manager
Ann Welsh, Planning Director
Ian Roth, Finance Director
Debra S. Johnson, Public Works Director
Mark Lockaby, Building Official
Judy Anderson, Town Clerk

Mayor Bragman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

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

AYES: All

Announcements/Introductions

Mayor Bragman announced that new members were welcome on the General Plan Advisory Committee and on the Fairfax Youth Commission; that the next Strategic Planning Workshop/Economic Development Committee Meeting of the Town Council would be held Saturday, January 13, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at the Women's Club; that there was a vacancy on the Open Space Committee; that a new suggestion box had been added to the Town's Website and any comments made would be read by the Mayor and the Town Manager; that the Town Manager would be holding office hours in the community; and that the Town was co-sponsoring a blood drive at the Fairfax Library on Saturday, January 27th.

Open Time For Public Expression

Stan Schriebman, 51 Hickory Rd., stated that he was hard of hearing and requested that the Council members speak into the microphones to be heard.

Joe Wahnsiedler, 2170 Sir Francis Drake owner, stated that he was interested in working with the Town to provide affordable housing on his property, the site of the former Chinese restaurant at Olema and Sir Francis Drake.

Discussion/Consideration of enactment of parking restrictions on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard near the five homes in the 2300 block for bicyclists' safety, Bragman

Mayor Bragman opened the discussion with an overview of the item and noted that the width of

the roadway at the 2300 block of Sir Francis Drake was 33.5 feet and didn't allow enough space for bike lanes, parking, sidewalk and traffic and that the options for use of the space were limited.

He proposed that the Council adopt a five-foot bike lane on one side and a 6.5 foot bike lane on the residential side of Sir Francis Drake to give the property owners more room to access their property and to allow the property owners to increase the width of their driveway curb cuts.

Mayor Bragman opened the discussion to the public.

The following residents spoke against the removal of parking in the 2300 block of Sir Francis Drake Blvd.:

Lee Arnold, San Miguel Court; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Murphy, 2304 Sir Francis Drake; Bill Parker, 235 Olema Rd.; John Greenfield, San Miguel Court; Steve Leland, 2300 Sir Francis Drake; Stan Schriebman, 51 Hickory Rd.; Rich Carlson, 19 San Miguel Ct.; Willy Vermaas, 24 San Miguel Ct.; Lou Vaccaro, 21 Olema Rd.

The following residents spoke in support of retention of the bike lanes and the elimination of the parking in front of the residences in the 2300 block of Sir Francis Drake:

Andy Peri, 10 Cypress Drive; Conrad Oho, 141 Lansdale Ave.; Rachel Payledge, Cascade Drive; Diane, 10 Floribel, San Anselmo; John Reed, 36 Manor Rd.; Darlene Blackman, 195 Bothin; Peter Warville, 72 Sequoia; Jenny Schmidt, 36 Iron Springs Rd.; Deb Hubsmith, 367 Forrest Ave., Joe Breeze, 18 Meadow Way; Sierra Salin, 206 Cascade Drive; Delano Arthur, 60 Canyon Rd.

M/S, Bragman/Tremaine, Motion to direct staff to stripe a 5-foot bike lane on the library side of Sir Francis Drake Blvd., two traffic lanes of 10.5 feet each with the remaining width of the roadway to be striped as wide as possible to provide a place to have vehicles stand as well as to provide more visibility to the homeowners getting in and out and to provide as many alternative parking spaces as possible nearby.

Roll Call Vote:

Brandborg: NO; Tremaine: AYE; Weinsoff: AYE; Bragman: AYE; Maggiore: Absent

Mayor Bragman adjourned the meeting for a break from 9:55 to 10:10 p.m.

Approval of cash disbursements for December, 2006

Councilmember Brandborg requested that the disbursements report include more information including the accounts charged for the expenses and emphasized the importance of the information presented to the Council in the absence of other financial reports.

There was a discussion of what the report included and how it could be improved. Finance Director Roth stated that the electronic payments would be included in the next report as well as the account numbers and the disbursements for the December dates not included in the report.

M/S, Brandborg/Tremaine, Motion to accept the check register as presented.

AYES: All

Approval of Resolution No. 2468, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax regarding Town position with respect to Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) methodology

Councilmember Brandborg presented an overview of the topic and reported that the Marin County Board of Supervisors had changed their minds and had agreed to the 50-50 split of affordable housing needs allocation established by ABAG.

M/S, Brandborg/Weinsoff, Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2468, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax regarding the Town's position with respect to Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) methodology.

AYES: Bragman, Brandborg, Weinsoff
NOES: Tremaine
ABSENT: Maggiore

Approval of Resolution No. 2469, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax supporting a decrease in military aid to Colombia, Bragman

Mayor Bragman presented background on the resolution including information about the political situation in Columbia and the misuse of the military aid received from the U.S.

Councilmember Weinsoff stated that the Town Council should limit its focus to Fairfax issues, that he would support the resolution as a private citizen but not as a Councilmember; and stated his opinion that the Council shouldn't spend tax money and staff time on international issues.

Mayor Bragman opened the discussion to the public.

Bill Parker, 235 Olema Rd., stated that Fairfax citizens had two senators and a representative in Washington for such requests; that the Council didn't need to speak on issues when he already had elected representatives to do so; that the Town Council should write as individuals on national issues; and asked if the Council was speaking for themselves or for the citizens.

M/S, Bragman/Tremaine, Motion to approve Resolution No. 2469, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax supporting a decrease in military aid to Colombia, with language added to the first sentence of the last paragraph on the first page of the resolution to read, "Now, therefore, the Fairfax Town Council, as a body, **and for those residents who agree**, resolves..."

AYES: Bragman, Tremaine
NOES: Brandborg
ABSTENTION: Weinsoff
ABSENT: Maggiore

Discussion and consideration of Marin Sanitary District #1's management of sanitary sewer line installation on Canyon Road, and Town involvement and/or action, Bragman/Weinsoff

Mayor Bragman described problems with the sewer installation project on Canyon Road that had been reported by residents; stated that he and Councilmember Weinsoff had met with the interim manager Paul Causey of Ross Valley Sanitary about the issues; and that they had agreed to host a neighborhood meeting on the issues raised.

Councilmember Weinsoff requested that the item be continued to the February meeting.

Approval of Resolution No. 2471, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax expanding the Youth Commission to include youth in the Ross Valley, Maggiore

M/S, Brandborg/Tremaine, Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2471, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax expanding the Youth Commission to include youth in the Ross Valley.

AYES: Bragman, Brandborg, Tremaine, Weinsoff
ABSENT: Maggiore

Approval of Resolution No. 2472, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax enacting Town Manager authority with respect to the appointment, removal or demotion of department heads per Ordinance No.718, Tremaine

M/S, Tremaine/Bragman, Motion to continue the item to the next regular Council meeting.

AYES: Bragman, Brandborg, Tremaine, Weinsoff
ABSENT: Maggiore

Correction to motion for January 3, 2007 appointment of Planning Commissioners, regarding dates of commencement of terms

Town Manager Kelly presented the staff report and requested that the Town Council ratify the appointment of the four Planning Commissioners for the appropriate commencement dates for their terms.

M/S, Tremaine/Bragman, Motion to correct the dates of the terms of Commissioners Hamilton and Ketcham to be from January 3, 2007 to December 31, 2010, and the dates of the terms of Commissioners Madsen and Petty to be from February 1, 2007 to January 31, 2011.

Adjournment

M/S, Tremaine/Brandborg, Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Anderson, Town Clerk