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**WILLITS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010**

Mayor Burton called a regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers. The meeting was preceded by the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Council Members Larry Stranske, Greg Kanne, Holly Madrigal, and Mayor Bruce Burton were present. Council Member Victor Hanson was absent.

Also present were staff Members: Paul Cayler, City Manager; Jim Lance, City Attorney; Tom Mannatt, City Engineer; and Joanne Cavallari, Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Burton read the public communication guidelines. Alan Jamison, retired City employee, wanted the public to realize the achievements and dedication of City staff. Jed Diamond invited the public to the 10,000 step walk event, scheduled for 10/10/10 at 10:10 a.m., also thanking the Rotary Club for donated signs and City Manager Cayler for helping him place the signs along the route. Diana Ford voiced concern about traffic on Center Valley Road, which had become the unofficial bypass.

2A. PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF CITIZEN’S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (C.O.P.S.) PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FRONT LINE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Presented by: Gerry Gonzalez, Chief of Police.

Mayor Burton opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Hearing no comments, Mayor Burton closed the public hearing.

Motion by Madrigal/Second by Stranske and carried (4, with Hanson absent) to approve the request of the Chief of Police; direct the Finance Director to provide required reporting and summaries of the status of allocations from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund and file a public report with the Supplemental Oversight Committee, the City Council, and the Chief of Police; and direct the Finance Director to prepare a consolidated annual report prior to September 1, 2011, of all funds expended through this program for the entirety of the immediately preceding Fiscal Year, as well as annual reports thereafter, should future appropriations by the State Legislature be made.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. City Council Minutes:
 - September 8, 2010 – **Approved**
 - September 15, 2010 (Special Meeting) – **Approved**
- b. Disbursements Journals:
 - Warrant Nos. 16240-16425, Totaling \$32,400.56 – **Approved**
 - Warrant Nos. 16246-16329, Totaling \$303,346.02 – **Approved**
- c. Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between the City of Willits and Paul Cayler for City Manager Services – **Approved**

- d. Amended Marine Life Protection Act Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – **Approved**
- e. Resolution (No. 2010-28) Encouraging the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force and California Fish and Game Commission to Support and Adopt the Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area (MPA) Array Proposal (Unified MPA Array) – **Approved**

Public Comment: Dr. Jeanine Pfeiffer, U.C. Davis, explained the Marine Life Protection Act Memorandum of Agreement to the public.

Motion by Kanne/Second by Stranske and carried (4, with Hanson absent) to approve Consent Calendar items (a-e).

5. RIGHT TO APPEAL – Mayor Burton read the guidelines for appealing Council decisions.

8A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE WILLITS SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION AGREEMENT

Presented by: Paul Cayler, City Manager.

Mayor Burton excused himself from Chambers due to a stated conflict of interest, as he owns property adjacent to the Willits Transfer Station. Council Member Kanne was appointed by Council Members Madrigal and Stranske to chair the discussion.

MAYOR PRO TEM KANNE PRESIDING

Public Comment: Mike Sweeney, General Manager and Contract Administrator for the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority, spoke in favor of the amendment.

Motion by Stranske/Second by Madrigal and carried (3, with Burton and Hanson absent) to approve the proposed Amendment No. 4 to the Willits Solid Waste Transfer Station Agreement between the Cities of Willits and Fort Bragg, the County of Mendocino, and Solid Wastes of Willits, Inc.; and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement amendment, thereby permitting the Willits Solid Waste Transfer Station to receive solid waste from all areas of Mendocino County.

MAYOR BURTON PRESIDING.

8B. OTHER CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Paul Cayler, City Manager, reported on the following:

- Negotiations with the Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) regarding the lease at the Public Works yard;
- Painting of red curbs in various locations within the City;
- Water line repair on Hellums Lane;
- Discussion with a local business, Iron Ridge, regarding a low interest business loan; and
- Possible need for Special City Council Meeting on October 6, 2010, to discuss the Page property.

9. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez advised the public regarding handling transients and trespassing.
- b. City Planner Alan Falleri was absent.
- c. City Attorney Jim Lance is working with the Cities of Ukiah and Fort Bragg on the tax sharing agreement with the County.
- d. City Manager Paul Cayler, who is serving as the Interim Public Works Director, had no further comments.

- e. City Engineer Tom Mannatt provided an update on Commercial Street and the Waste Water Treatment Plant Projects.
- f. Finance Director Joanne Cavallari reported on a Second Quarter increase in sales tax receipts, as well as completion of the auditor's field work.
- g. City Clerk/Human Resources Director Adrienne Moore was absent.

10. CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports were presented for the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG), Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA), Revit-ED Committee, Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority-Joint Powers Authority (MSWMA-JPA), Economic Development and Financing Corporation (EDFC), League of California Cities, Water Resources Committee, Sewer System Committee, Finance Committee, and Caltrans Ad Hoc Committee.

- b. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Council Member Madrigal reported on LAFCO's review of Covelo's and Brooktrails' sphere of influence.

11. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution of the Willits City Council Recommending that MCOG Reallocate State Transportation Improvement Funds to the Railroad Avenue Corridor Project and Other Local Traffic Solutions

Presented by: Council Member Madrigal.

Public Comment: Doug Jones, Design Engineer with Caltrans, reported that Caltrans is continuing to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain the required permits, and also looking for alternative sources of funding. He also stated that Caltrans was again considering the four lane alternative.

Various viewpoints were expressed by Hal Wagenet, also reading a written statement from Phil Dow, Executive Director, MCOG; John Pinches, 3rd District Supervisor; Ellen Drell; Chris Brown, Air Pollution Control Officer, County of Mendocino; Donna Kerr; Ron Ornstein; Madge Strong; Larry Desmond; Ann Vanderhort; Tom Mann; Bear Kamoroff; Pete Swanton, also reading a written statement from Mary Anne Trevey, owner of Mariposa Market; Rosalind Crowder; David Drell; Jennifer Poole; Carlin Diamond; Pam Brown; Jeff Harris; Ike Doolinger; Freddie Long; Mike Persico; Omayya Sisemore; and Dave Benke.

Council Member Stranske stated his opposition to the resolution, as did Mayor Burton.

There was no motion made, and no action taken on the agenda item.

12. ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

13. GOOD & WELFARE

Council Member Madrigal announced her 8th wedding anniversary, and also invited the public to attend the Harvest Dinner at the Grange on Friday, September 24th.

14. CLOSED SESSION NOTICE

- a. ~~Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Existing Litigation: Brooktrails Township Community Services District, a Public Agency vs. City of Willits, a General Law City; and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive; Case No. SCUJ CVG-1056037~~

Jim Lance, City Attorney, noted that there was no need for Closed Session.

Moved by Kanne/seconded by Stranske and carried (4, with Hanson absent) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

BRUCE BURTON, Mayor

ATTEST:

JOANNE CAVALLARI, Deputy City Clerk

Approved