

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING of the ROSS TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

1. 8:00 A.M. Commencement.

Present: Council Member Carla Small (Chairperson) and Rick Strauss

Staff: Mel Jarjoura, Director of Public Works, Town Engineer John Moe, Superintendent Robert Maccario, Police Chief Jim Reis, Fire Chief Tom Valley.

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings.

Minutes from August 3, 2010 and September 7, 2010 were approved. Richard Strauss abstained. It was agreed that the format of the minutes will be discussed at the November's council meeting.

3. Open time.

Phil Cecchettini acknowledged the efforts of Public Works staff on all the projects going on in Town and he also congratulated Sergeant Nelson for his participation.

4. Public Works Committee discussion /action on the following Town projects and items:

John Moe, our Town Engineer gave us reports on the following projects:

a) Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Pedestrian Pathway update:

John Benward Company, prime contractor, has completed the driveway and pathway paving and the installation of the asphalt berms. The pathway painting, tree planting and final cleanup have not been completed. This work has been postponed until the completion of the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Resurfacing project. This work should resume near the end of October. Carla Small wanted more control of work activities and a more coordinated approach.

b) Sir Francis Drake Resurfacing Project

- Monday, October 11, 2010, grinding operations started at Ross Terrace. Ghilotti Bros will continue northerly towards Bolinas Avenue and hope to complete grinding in the northbound lane Monday the 18th. When the northbound lane is completed they will begin grinding from the median just south of Bolinas Avenue in the southbound direction.
- Grinding operations are scheduled for two days but may extend into the third day to complete the work.

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- Dig outs and AC leveling course will follow the grinding operations (two days scheduled).
- The final AC surface course should be completed by the end of the week (based on the submitted schedule).
- The week of October 18, should include raising utility covers and striping.

c) Lagunitas Bridge Replacement Project Update

Sanjay Mishra, from the Hanna Group, reported on the Bridge Project.

- R.M. Harris is progressing with the construction of the bridge deck and the deck slab is expected to be poured on October 13, 2010.
- The sidewalk portion of the slab may get poured on Thursday the 14th.
- Construction of the sidewalk would start on October 18, 2010 from the Ross Common side.
- R.M. Harris recovered some of the lost time by working on Saturdays and we are only a few days (2 days) behind schedule.

All the work is expected to be completed by mid to third week of November.

d) Frederick Allen Park Improvement Project Update

Saviano Company, Inc., Mountain View was awarded the contract on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, for the contract lump sum amount of \$40,000. The work includes resurfacing of two tennis courts with Plexipave slip-sheet system and is scheduled to begin Tuesday, October 12. The contract allows 20 working days, so weather permitting, the project should be completed by Monday, November 8, 2010.

e) Discussion of current/pending public works projects and items.

No other items were discussed.

5. **Consideration of the appeal of Richard Hannum, 23 Baywood Avenue. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Council on the applicant's appeal of construction completion penalties.**

Chairperson, Carla Small, stated that this was a full council decision. Additional information was provided by Mr. Hannum. Mr. Hannum also proposed a "walkthrough". He reviewed the staff report and disagreed with the reasons for the delays. He presented a computer formatted diagram that itemized the delays.

1. Discovery of foundation problem. That he had to take out a large area of footings. He realized that he had to reconfigure the whole project.
2. Engineers had a large backlog of work and it was very difficult to find an engineer that was available.
3. There was a code change and the adoption of the 2007 Building Code.
4. There were also some staging problems (debris box falling off the roadway into a neighboring property).
5. Mr. Hannum claimed that there was a five to six month delay.
6. There was also a three-month delay caused by the stop work order caused by the height issue.
7. The project had to be re-engineered.

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Town Senior Planner, Elise Semonian, stated that she had problems understanding the length of the delays. She noted that other projects around town experienced similar situations without similar delays. She agreed with the previous Public Works Committee that the project was substantially completed by August 2008. Council Member, Strauss, said that it was a council decision and that he did not feel comfortable discussing the issue because of the Brown Act. And had reviewed and discussed the item with Chris Martin at a prior PW meeting. Carla Small, Chair, and Council Member, Bill Cahill requested documentation of attempts to retain a Structural Engineer. Mr. Hannum expressed that he had “strong professional issues with accusations regarding delays. Neighbor, John Delassio, 25 Crest Road, stated the project created significant disruption to neighbors. Phil Cecchettini questioned that no hillside issues were discussed when the project went from “remodel” to “full new construction”. Elise responded that at that time, the hillside lot concerns were not an issue. The Public Works Committee agreed on the final date of the project (August 15, 2008) but no recommendation was made and the Council will handle the matter on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.