
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers Coolidge, Fillmer, and Chair Ritter

Meeting of February 10, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

REGULAR AGENDA

A. REVIEW OF EXISTING CHICO MUNICIPAL CODES RELATED TO BICYCLES

At its meeting of 11/3/15, the Council considered a request from Councilmember Stone to consider banning ghost riding bikes. The Council referred the matter to this Committee to review application of existing ordinances to address crimes involving bicycles. **(Verbal report – Dave Britt, Deputy Chief)**

Deputy Chief Britt reported that there is currently not an ordinance that specifically addresses ghost riding bikes. However, it would be redundant to adopt an ordinance, as the Police can already stop a ghost bike rider based on reasonable suspicion under the California Vehicle Code. He indicated a more useful tool would be to adopt an ordinance addressing bicycle licensing requirements.

Addressing the Committee on this item was Stephanie Taber.

No action was taken on this item.

B. CONSIDERATION OF 24-HOUR PUBLIC RESTROOM OPTIONS

At its meeting of 11/17/15, the Council considered a request from Councilmember Ritter to consider a request to agendaize a discussion regarding not having public restrooms available at all times and the associated health and safety concerns. Council directed staff to bring the topic of providing 24-hour public restrooms to this Committee. Staff has reviewed several options for providing public restrooms after hours, including the associated costs and potential locations, and presented this information for consideration. **(Report – Erik Gustafson, Public Works Director – Operations and Maintenance)**

Public Works Administrative Manager, Linda Herman presented the report outlining several options available for providing 24 hour public restrooms. Manager Herman noted that several problems associated with leaving the City Plaza restrooms open 24 hours are that, due to the poor design, the door can be locked from the inside, which has led to a lot of damage to the facility, vandalism, as well as cleaning crews being harassed when attempting to enter the restrooms. Manager Herman also indicated there is approximately \$25,000 in the existing budget that can be used to address the restrooms in the City Plaza.

Addressing the Committee on this item were Loretta Torres, Michael Medieros, Katie Simmons, and Stephanie Taber.

A motion was made by Coolidge and seconded by Ritter to forward a recommendation to Council to (1) approve placement of a porta potty in the Chico Municipal Center parking lot; and (2) place a trailer containing restrooms at the rear of the Chico Municipal Center parking lot, seven days per week from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., with the trailer being relocated to the Public Works Yard during the non-use hours. The Committee directed Staff to return to the March 9, 2016 Internal Affairs Committee meeting with costs to upgrade existing facilities to include safety measures, installation of stalls, unlockable doors with possible top and bottom openings, removing sinks and mirrors, and providing a washing spigot outside the restroom. In addition, Staff was directed to determine if the restrooms at Cedar Grove, Five Mile and the north side of One Mile in Bidwell Park can be open seven days per week.

The motion carried 3-0.

C. Business from the Floor – None.

D. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** - The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Rm. No. 1.

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It was noted that Councilmember Coolidge was absent.

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A. UPDATE ON TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS ON CUSSICK AVENUE

At its meeting of 9/9/15, the Internal Affairs Committee was provided with information on speeding concerns on Cussick Avenue, between East and Shasta Avenues. Staff provided an update on the status and efforts that have and will be implemented to curtail the issue. **(Report – Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works Director-Engineering)**

Director Ottoboni provided an update to the Committee. At this time, a four-way stop is not warranted. The City has done extensive tree trimming to increase sign visibility, installed additional 25 m.p.h. signs, implemented the use of speed feedback signage, and the Police Department has increased speed enforcement in the area. Two additional speed feedback signs are being purchased that will gather data on traffic volume and speed.

Director Ottoboni added that new Development Impact Fees will be in effect beginning this summer and in approximately two years, there should be enough funds to do full improvements and install traffic calming measures.

Addressing the Committee on this item were Brooke Thorklaksson, Carolyn Norris, Stephanie Taber, Dave Donnan, and Justin Maximore.

The Committee requested a status update in six months.

B. CONSIDERATION OF DIAGONAL 10 HOUR PARKING AND DIAGONAL LOADING ZONE ON HAZEL STREET BETWEEN 4TH AND 5TH STREETS

Staff has received correspondence in regards to safety and parking proximity to Notre Dame School for staff and parents of students attending. **(Report – Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works Director-Engineering)**

Director Ottoboni reviewed the request from Notre Dame School and feels the best option to mitigate the parking concerns of staff is to designate 10-hour parking and convert the parallel parking zone to diagonal parking.

Chair Ritter stated that this is in the area of concern regarding yield versus stop signs and inquired why the City would make this change without a traffic study.

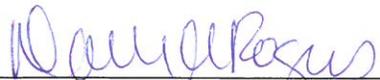
Director Ottoboni stated the City received a specific request from the school and there is other diagonal parking in the surrounding area. If in the future, a traffic study calls for further setbacks, it would be easy to remove a parking space to help further mitigate the matter.

A motion was made by Fillmer and seconded by Ritter to adopt Traffic Regulation Amendment (TRA) 828 authorizing the designation of 10-hour parking on the east side of Hazel Street, between 4th and 5th Streets, and the conversion of parallel parking loading zone to diagonal parking loading zone, between 4th and 5th Streets.

The motion carried 2-0-1, with Coolidge absent.

- C. **Business from the Floor** - Pleasant Valley High School students addressed the Committee regarding downtown parking rate adjustments.
- D. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** - The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Rm. No. 1.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

The Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for
May 11, 2016, has been canceled.

The next meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee is
scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in
Conference Room No. 1, unless otherwise noted.

By: Dani Rogers, Deputy City Clerk
Dated: 5/5/16

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – SPECIAL MEETING
A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers Coolidge, Fillmer, and Chair Ritter
Meeting of July 6, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

REGULAR AGENDA

A. SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ORDINANCE

At its meeting of 5/17/16, the Council referred the discussion regarding a sex trafficking prevention ordinance to the Internal Affairs Committee to look at the effectiveness of a local ordinance in the shadow of State and Federal laws, receive input from the Police Department and the District Attorney regarding prosecution, and to provide business owners an opportunity to respond. *(Verbal Report – Vincent C. Ewing, City Attorney)*

City Attorney Ewing stated the discussion of this issue should be broader, and recommended a comprehensive approach to include other jurisdictions within the County. City Attorney Ewing further recommended starting a conversation with law enforcement agencies throughout the County on this matter. City Attorney Ewing added that the State Penal Codes already address this issue, and also stated the area where the City could have effectiveness is the area of massage parlors because they are where activity associated with this issue is occurring.

Addressing the Committee on this item were Loretta Torres and Stephanie Taber.

In response to suggestions from the public, Ritter asked about requiring the permit number be included in any advertisements. City Attorney Ewing stated that could be included in the ordinance.

Lt. Britt stated it would be difficult to enforce any advertising done on the internet.

Councilmember Fillmer asked the City Attorney if the City would have to adopt its own ordinance or if it could use a county-wide ordinance. City Attorney Ewing responded by stating the City could adopt an ordinance mirroring that of one adopted by the County.

Director Wolfe stated he has seen ordinances related to this issue that can be overreaching or over-regulatory, especially for existing business. Such ordinances could be onerous and put some legitimate operations out of business due to the potential fees necessary for complying with new ordinances. Director Wolfe stated there are simpler, more straight forward ordinances in other cities, such as Santa Rosa, which requires massage parlors to have licensed employees with the licenses being available at the business. Director Wolfe further stated concern about more complex ordinances and their inability to be enforced.

Chair Ritter asked Director Wolfe about the potential to limit hours of operation for business effected by such an ordinance, and if such would be overreaching. Director Wolfe replied that such would not be overreaching, it is common to regulate business hours, and such could easily be enforced.

A motion was made by Fillmer and seconded by Coolidge to move this discussion to the Local Government Committee to look at a County-wide ordinance and either bring the matter back to the Internal Affairs Committee or to the City Council.

Ritter requested a friendly amendment that the Chico Police Department also look at ordinances to determine if it would be more appropriate for a City-specific ordinance or if it would be better to have a county-wide ordinance. Chair Ritter also requested the Police Department to reach out to the California Massage Therapy Council.

Lt. Britt requested the City Attorney to provide broader ordinances related to this issue, specifically that of Santa Rosa.

The motion carried 3-0 with Fillmer stating she would coordinate with the Local Government Committee and City Manager Orme to place this issue on the Local Government Committee Agenda.

B. **Business from the Floor** - None

C. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** - The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Rm. No. 1.

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Eric Kraft, City Clerk Technician