

# CODE

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ing of behalf of 107 Main Street, a residential building that is currently used as the First Adventure Day Care. Mayor Michael Martin reassured them that the day-care business will continue, and they are not being forced out. However, according to City Attorney John Wallace, if the use of the property changes, it is subject to review by the Planning Commission.

Nancy Meyer, local re-

ator, gave her concerns about properties which might have extenuating circumstances, like if a residential property turned down. Wallace clarified that it would have to be re-built as a residential property within one year.

Finally, City Manager John Donley spoke up, explaining to the council that the code, which

has been worked on for four years, with over \$100,000 going into the project, is intended to maximize the use and values of the properties downtown.

Mayor Martin echoed Donley's sentiments, saying the code "provides tremendous opportunity."

At long last, the code was adopted unanimously, with Council members Tom Stone and Harold Anderson absent due to conflicts of interest.

The council also unanimously adopted a policy in support of the Extended Producer Responsibility project, which calls for more responsibility on the part of businesses to recycle their own products, and helping towns with certain kinds of waste. For example, electronic waste can be confusing and difficult to recycle. This item would call on the producers of the

waste to help with its disposal, a resolution many towns and counties have begun to adopt all over the state.

Police Chief Bruce Muramoto spoke to the council about the recent graffiti around the city, addressing some concerns. He said that there is currently a tip line on the city's website and that most graffiti on school grounds are discovered by the maintenance staff, who have the resources to cover up the graffiti.

Donley added that civil action will be brought against juveniles and their parents for graffiti or tagging. He also said that tips from informants are necessary, due to a lack of a school resource officer and extra detectives on the police force.

Another important item on the agenda was the decision to change the starting time of the

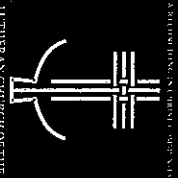
city council meetings, as well as the planning commission meetings, from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in an effort to save the city money on staff overtime. No public comments were heard, and the item was approved unanimously.

A motion to authorize Councilmember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry as primary delegate, and Anderson as secondary delegate to the League of California Cities was unanimously approved, and an annual conference will convene soon, where Aguiar-Curry will have the opportunity to discuss the changing laws on underage drinking on private property, as well as individual cities' choices to divest from banks that fail to cooperate with foreclosure prevention efforts.

The council will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers at City Hall.

The Winters Visitor's Center is located at 11 Main Street. Everyone is welcome to stop by. (Closed on Tuesdays)

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