RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of us, the undersigned citizens, churches, civic and social organizations of Stockton that:

The late LUCIUS MEADOWS was arrested on the morning of December 8, 1954 by Stockton City Officers RICHARD STUART and DONALD DELANEY; that at the time of his arrest and until his death 19 hours later LUCIUS MEADOWS was unconscious; that the arresting officers standing on the ground threw Mr. MEADOWS into the patrol wagon where he landed on his face; that the officers dragged him by his heels from the patrol wagon, causing his head to strike the steps of the van and the cement pavement; that he was dragged into the jail where he remained unconscious for 16 hours before he was taken to the hospital where he died as the result of head injuries.

WHEREAS: Chief of Police O'Keefe has publicly stated he will do nothing.

WHEREAS: This tragedy may have been avoided if proper medical attention had been afforded.

WHEREAS: The County Jail has been for years past overcrowded, understaffed, unsafe, unsanitary and far beneath minimum jail standards.

WHEREAS, Several prisoners have died in past months and others have suffered serious disability after incarceration and neglect.

WHEREAS, Two-thirds of the total number of prisoners in the county jail are city prisoners.

WHEREAS, There is no physician in constant attendance at the County Jail nor in the Emergency Hospital next door to the County Jail.

WHEREAS: The place for the examination and treatment of prisoners unacceptable to the Sheriff by reason of physical disability is the Emergency Hospital.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council instruct Chief of Police O'Keefe to dismiss officers RICHARD STUART and DONALD Delaney for their brutal conduct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Council immediately provide a physician or physicians to be on duty at the Emergency Hospital at all times.

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That the City Council instruct the proper officials that henceforth city prisoners who are unconscious, or otherwise disabled be given immediate medical attention at the Emergency Hospital.

That the City Council take immediate steps to see that the city prisoners are adequately cared for and humanely treated.

Done by us the undersigned this 20th. day of December, 1954.
INDORSERS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
ILWU - Local # 54
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GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. A.E. Williams, Pastor
SAN JOAQUIN COLORED WOMEN'S CLUB - Mrs. Marie Lloyd, President
INDEPENDENT CLUB - Mrs. Mary Berry, President
LITTLE FLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. W. M. Hunter, Pastor
DISCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CLUB - Mrs. Mary Masterson, President
CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH - Lewis Stallworth, Pastor
EXCELSIOR CIVIC CLUB - Mrs. Hazel Smith, President
UNITED WOMEN’S CIVIC CLUB - Mrs. Sureatha Williams, President
TOP HATTERS SOCIAL CLUB - Otis E. Edmondson, President
SAN JOAQUIN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB - Q. V. Murdock, President
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Rev. Wilburn, Pastor
SHALIMAR CIVIC CLUB - Zera L. Dockery, President
TWELVE CLASSICITES SOCIETY - Mrs. Orlea Burton, President
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. J.S. Sutton, Pastor
FRIENDLIER CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Rev. J. C. Williams, Pastor
CLEMENT CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. E.K. Hunter, Pastor
GREATER FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Moses Rivers, Pastor
SAINT MATTHEW METHODIST CHURCH - Rev. S.J. Strong, Pastor
HAMILTON TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Rev. S. Hamilton, Pastor
EKNESER A. H. E. Church - Rev. Everett T. Williams, Pastor
INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERS ALLIANCE - Rev. Austin Williams, President

Paul Bell Post 7572 VFW - WM H Boylen Jr. Commander
PROPERTY LYING NORTH OF THE CALAVERAS RIVER, WEST OF PACIFIC AVENUE AND SOUTH OF MAYFAIR (WEST PETITION), was filed.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19,324 (STOCKTON DAILY RECORD) ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF MARIPOSA ROAD, STRADDLING 8TH STREET (SANGUINETTI PETITION), was filed.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19,325 (STOCKTON DAILY RECORD) ANNEXATION OF PORTION OF SPERRY TRACT LYING NORTH OF FULTON STREET AND WEST OF ALVARADO AVENUE, was filed.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19,326 (LODI NEWS-SENTINEL) ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LYING NORTH OF THE CALAVERAS RIVER, WEST OF PACIFIC AVENUE AND SOUTH OF MAYFAIR (WEST PETITION), was filed.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING NOTICES TO PAY ASSESSMENTS -- IN A PORTION OF BURKEITT VILLAS IN THE CITY OF STOCKTON AND ALSO IN THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, CALIFORNIA, LOTS NUMBERED 334 TO 346 (INCLUSIVE) SANITARY SEwers, PROJECT NO. 54-2, was filed with Exhibit A attached.

CITY ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE OF RECORDATION -- IN A PORTION OF BURKEITT VILLAS IN THE CITY OF STOCKTON AND ALSO IN THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, CALIFORNIA, LOTS NUMBERED 334 TO 346 (INCLUSIVE) SANITARY SEwers, PROJECT NO. 54-2, was filed.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION -- PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1955 AS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY, was filed.

At this time, 8:55 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

Mr. Charles James, Attorney and Co-Chairman of the National Association of Colored People, appeared, charging negligence and brutality on the part of authorities in the case of the arrest and death of Lucius Meadows.

Mr. James presented a Resolution endorsed by the following groups and organizations:

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requesting that the following steps be taken:

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Persons appearing in support of the Resolution were:

Mrs. Marie Lloyd, 2060 E. Washington St., President of the San Joaquin Colored Women's Club.
Mr. W. H. Boyden, 225 W. Anderson St.
Rev. Everett F. Williams, Pastor of the Ebenezer Church
Mr. Hal Harrington, 426 W. 6th St., representing International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Shipbuilders and Blacksmiths of America.

City Manager Lilly reported that his investigation of the Meadows case disclosed that there was no evidence of brutality and stated that a meeting between City and County officials has been called for Wednesday, December 29th, at 10:30 a.m. regarding the handling of injured and unconscious prisoners.

City Attorney Wm. Biddick announced that the District Attorney will be requested to place the matter before the Grand Jury.

The Council Adjourmed
Attest: B. L. TRAMER, City Clerk

By (Signature)
Deputy Clerk

President of the City Council
On page 7 paragraph "j" which relates to parks in new subdivisions in raw land, it is proposed to substitute as follows:


Following policies generally accepted by other communities, we recommend that as a part of the new subdivision ordinance amendment we include the following: One acre of land shall be conveyed to the City for community facilities, park and recreation for each 100 single-family residential lots or for any parcel of land intended for the location of 100 families. In lieu of such conveyance the subdivider shall contribute to the city the equivalent value thereof to be used for the acquisition of land for community facilities, park and recreation. Land dedicated for community facilities should conform to the City's Master Plan as related to location and development plans.

On page 8 paragraph "e" which relates to sanitary sewers in annexed areas already inhabited it is proposed to substitute as follows:

(5) Sanitary Sewers: An Assessment District should be required to finance the cost of collection systems and appurtenances as is the policy in new subdivisions.

On page 8, in annexed areas already inhabited it is proposed to add the following paragraph as paragraph "i":

(6) Community Areas: The same general policy applying to new subdivisions should apply at such time as a coordinated community facility plan is worked out and accepted by the City Planning Commission.

That the City Council instruct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare for their consideration an ordinance detailing the policies generally stated in subject report.

Yours very truly,

s/ HARVEY M. STULL
COUNCILMAN HARVEY M. STULL
s/ ESTHER BENNETT
COUNCILWOMAN ESTHER BENNETT
s/ ROBERT W. SCHMIDT
COUNCILMAN ROBERT SCHMIDT

as read and ordered filed.

A motion by Councilman Henson, seconded by Councilman Schmidt, that the recommendation of the Committee on Policies on Apportionment of Subdivision Improvement Costs be accepted, was carried by the following vote:
Ayes---Councilmen Bennett, Dassler, Fedler, Gleason, Henson, Kelly, Schmidt, Stull and Mayor DeCarli.
Noes---None.
Absent--None.

The following subdivider appeared and were heard:

/s/ Mr. Max Stone, 1158 W. Monterey Avenue, who protested the policy being made retroactive.

/s/ Mr. J. J. Manguisto, who requested a copy of the Policy for study.

City Manager Lilly was instructed to have a copy of the Policy sent to Mr. Manguisto.

Mr. Albert White, Editor of Stockton News, appeared and requested action by the City Council on the resolution presented a week ago by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, relating to the Lucius Meadows case.

Mayor DeCarli informed Mr. White that the matter is being studied by the Council and that no official action will be taken until the report of the Grand Jury is available.

The Council Adjourned

Attest:  L. TRAHEN, City Clerk

President of the City Council

Deputy Clerk
NEWS RELEASE

January 3, 1955

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I made a personal tour through the West End, through the Emergency Hospital, the County Jail, the Honor Farm and the County Hospital. -- And I must say that I came away with the distinct impression that for the most part the persons in positions of responsibility in our City and County offices are doing as fine a job as we can expect considering the magnitude of the problem with which they are dealing and the limited facilities at their disposal.

I found no evidence of apathy. If anything, community leaders seemed more acutely aware of the need for action than the community. But, as City Manager John Lilly has said, I am more concerned with what is wrong than I am with who is wrong. I am concerned with solutions to our general problem of widespread alcoholism and its corollary evils of crime, sickness, poverty and human loss. I don't think we know the answers. The factors are too complex. We need to make an intensive study. The questions which
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What are the effects of a large labor force of homeless, rootless, anonymous
persons among us? Is the sale of alcohol being properly regulated? Do we
need a general urban redevelopment program? What about a wholesome recreation
center for agricultural workers?

These questions and others can be answered intelligently only after
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with something to offer. I therefore respectfully urge that the Mayor, either
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what we do now. We shall write our own verdict.

Respectfully submitted,

FORD LEWIS, MINISTER
First Unitarian Church
A motion by Councilman Schmidt, seconded by Councilman Stull, that the Report of the City Manager on the Knight's Addition Assessment District, be made the recommendation of the City Council, was carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Councilmen Bennett, Daseler, Fedler, Gleason, Henson, Kelly, Schmidt, Stull and Mayor DeCarli.

Nees—None.

Absent—None.

At this time, Reverend Ford Lewis of the First Unitarian Church, appeared and read the following statement:

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Acting on the recommendation of Rev. Lewis, Mayor DeCarli stated that a Committee of Citizens to study the general issues involved would be appointed from a list of selectees recommended by City Manager Lilly, the Committee to report to the City Council and the Council to act from there.

City Manager Lilly reporting on the offer of Mr. Chas. H. Learned of a portion of Lot 346, Basket Villas, for right-of-way purposes, stated that Mr. Learned has requested that City negotiate directly with the construction company.

The City Manager asked authorization to write to Mr. Learned indicating the City's willingness to deal with the construction company.

The request of the City Manager was approved.

Mr. R. B. Sage, 1746 S. San Joaquin Street, appeared and urged the Council to consider setting up a crematorium for small animals from funds collected for dog licenses.

Mr. Albert White, Editor of Stockton News, appeared and was heard on the matter of the Grand Jury Report on the Lucius Meadows case. Mr. White was given a copy of the report of Rev. Ford Lewis and was informed that a Committee will be appointed to study the matter.
Thereupon,

It was regularly moved and seconded that the City Manager proceed with negotiations for the Fill and the City Attorney proceed with Mr. Weber to work out the terms of the dedication - all in relation to the Mormon Channel Fill Project, and carried by the following vote:

Ayes---Councilmen Bennett, Baseler, Fedler, Gleason, Henson, Kelly, Schmidt, Stull and Mayor Decarlo.

Noes---None.

Absent--None.

Attorney Chas. James, representing N.A.A.C.P., again appeared and asked that disciplinary action be taken against the two police officers in the Lucas Meadows Case.

After a general discussion, Councilman Stull suggested that the City Manager obtain a copy of the report of the Grand Jury to be placed in the hands of the City Council to be read, studied and thoroughly analyzed.

Mr. Stull also stated that he felt that disciplinary action against any employee of the City of Stockton is purely administrative and not legislative and that the Council should definitely not be required to give an answer to anyone on this matter.

City Attorney Biddick confirmed Councilman Stull's stand and stated that this is the concern of the City Manager and the Civil Service Commission.

The Council Adjourned

Attest: L. L. TRAPPEN, City Clerk

[Signature]

Deputy Clerk

[Signature]