

Our transcription of comments made by Abram Wilson, former mayor of San Ramon, at the Pleasanton City Council meeting on April 17, 2012, during the Public Comment period:

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(Mr. Wilson's comments start at time-stamp 36.12. For clarity, we've included Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's comments before, during, and after Mr. Wilson's comments.)

Mayor Hosterman: For those of you from out-of-town, the Normans [the prior speakers] come down every single meeting, and they're kind enough to read off the names of all of those who have passed, in their involvement in the war, in their service, since the last City Council meeting. And I think it's been just wonderful for our community, just really wonderful. So thank you both, very much. Mayor Wilson, how are you?

Mr. Wilson: I'm fine, thank you. And would like, as a veteran, would like to thank the Normans for doing that. We should never forget those -

Hosterman: Absolutely.

Wilson: those who have given their ultimate to protect our liberties. So I thank them.

Speaking as a resident...oh, Madame Mayor and members of Council and staff, speaking as a resident of the City of San Ramon, over the last, lived in this valley for the last 34, 35 years. In the last 12 years, really as a region, work together, we're unique throughout the United States, these five cities getting together and working as one. And that is quite unique, and that's a testament of those who want to get something done.

I'm here before you this evening to talk about a project that's very near and dear to my heart, that was presented to the City of San Ramon about six or seven months ago. It is the Memorial Park, a cemetery, in Tassajara. And we have an opportunity as a region to come together and to make this as a reality. It is located in the Tassajara Valley and is a half mile between all of the cities. It's approximately 224 acres. We all have a problem in this valley, there is not any cemetery that's not almost filled, and we're constantly looking.

This is an opportunity for all the cities to come together, and to possibly, whether it's a, some sort of, partnership, to actually make this a reality. I would like to propose and work with all five cities to see whether or not this can become a reality. It meets a need that we all have in the cities. So I would like to leave this literature with you,

Hosterman: Sure.

Wilson: to get together with staff and possibly a member with City Council to see whether we can turn this into reality, and -

Hosterman: Sure.

Wilson: and it's a need.

Hosterman: Is this Sid Corrie's property?

Wilson: This is Sid Corrie's property.

Hosterman: Alright.

Wilson: I spoke to Mr. Corrie and he has had varied proposals from people throughout the world.

Hosterman: OK.

Wilson: He wants to have this community to become a part of it.

Hosterman: OK.

Wilson: There's a possibility that we have, whether it's a bond issue, or something like that, this is a turn-key operation. I will leave this with you and hope to get together with everyone. And also, and make this a reality.

Hosterman: That's great. Thanks Abram.

Wilson: Alright. I'll give it to the City Manager. (leaves podium)

Hosterman: That would be fine. Thanks Abram so very much. Alright, we'll see what we can do. Thanks for coming down tonight.