

MAYOR RICHARD S. CLAIRE
VICE MAYOR JEFF IRA

MINUTES
1017 MIDDLEFIELD RD

COUNCIL MEMBER JIM HARTNETT
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE HOWARD
COUNCIL MEMBER COLLEEN M. JORDAN
COUNCIL MEMBER BARBARA PIERCE
COUNCIL MEMBER IRA RUSKIN

REDWOOD CITY, CA

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2003
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Hartnett, Howard, Pierce, Ruskin, Vice Mayor Ira, Mayor Claire

Council Members Absent: Jordan

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Attorney Yamamoto, Financial Services Director/Assistant City Manager Ponty, City Clerk Howe, Community Development Services Manager Patterson, Senior Civil Engineer Lynch, Senior Civil Engineer Chang, Public Works Services Supervisor Vukelich, Human Resources Director Rivera-Peña, Volunteer Balsamo

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Ira Ruskin, Council Member

4. INVOCATION - Reverend Chip Larrimore, St. Peter's Episcopal Church

5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY –

- **Proclamation: National Historic Preservation Week (207)**

Mayor Claire read and presented the proclamation to Historic Resources Advisory Committee Chairperson Ken Rolandelli. Chairperson Rolandelli outlined activities for the week such as an historic walking tour on Saturday, May 10, a field trip for 7th graders to three downtown building listed on the National Register of Historic Places, open house at 1863 Lathrop House, a tour of the Union Cemetery Historic Site and an architectural treasure hunt. The specific times and detailed information on these events can be found on the City's website at www.redwoodcity.org or by calling (650) 780-7239.

- **Proclamation: National Public Works Week (207)**

Mayor Claire read and presented the proclamation to Senior Civil Engineer Chu Chang and Public Works Services Supervisor Paul Vukelich. Mayor Claire stated his pride in the staff and the work that they do.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rudy Luca spoke on the subject of appointment of City officials or executives. He referred to his experience in PACT and having met the various departments, commended the staff. He stated his disagreement with the Police Chief being assigned as interim Fire Chief. He stated his belief that it would have been better to appoint an interim City fire employee who knows about the department but would like to see some people within the community given an opportunity prior to going to the outside.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the City Council and are enacted by one motion and one vote.

M/S Hartnett/Ruskin to waive reading of the Consent Calendar except the ordinances by title, adopt the resolutions and the ordinances, and approve other items.

7.1 Section – Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through May 5, 2003 and usual and necessary payments through May 12, 2003. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.** (301) MINUTE ORDER 03-98

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Department Head Housing Assistance Program (901)

City Manager Everett explained the proposal and Human Resources Director Rivera-Peña responded to questions from Council pertaining to other cities' policies.

Human Resources Director Rivera-Peña stated that 19 cities within the Bay Area were surveyed, from Colma to Sunnyvale, Brisbane and Berkeley. She summarized the assistance programs of the 10 cities that do have programs in place.

Public Comment:

Rudy Luca asked the names of the 9 cities without a program. He stated that all the people to be on this program earn some high salaries and if anybody can afford the housing here it is them. He stated his concern that other employees not earning these high salaries are not included in the program and it is unfair and discriminatory. He stated that he would like all the employees to be considered for the housing and rental program.

Human Resources Director Rivera-Peña responded that some of the cities are Burlingame, Colma, South San Francisco, Foster City, Hayward, Alameda and Berkeley.

City Manager Everett also stated that there is a program for first time homebuyers that provides \$100,000.00 be granted to them if qualified.

Council discussion ensued pertaining to the rental element of the program.

M/S Hartnett/Howard to approve the Department Head Housing Assistance Program as a temporary program to be applicable to the current Fire Chief recruitment with the elimination of the rental housing assistance component. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

MINUTE ORDER 03-99

B. Woodside Road Widening Update (701)

Manager, Engineering and Construction Patterson explained the background as starting when the Woodside Technology Office Park and Midpoint Technology Park changed the land use in the area and adding considerably to the traffic on that road. At that time, it was recommended that widening of Woodside Road might mitigate the traffic around those two projects. He further explained the alternatives and the recommendation to approve Alternative #4, which is to leave Woodside Road as it is, try to do additional landscaping and improving the Broadway intersection is the best alternative at this time.

Council comments and questions ensued.

M/S Ruskin/Ira to direct staff to look into traffic improvements for the intersection of Broadway and Woodside Road, and provide new landscaping for the remainder of Woodside Road (Alternative #4). **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.** **MINUTE ORDER 03-100**

9. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

- A. Legislation (information only)** - This sub-section involves possible discussion of City Position on Proposed Legislation described in the League of California Cities Priority Focus Bulletin No. 16 -2003. Council may direct staff to act on positions taken by Council. (Copies of League of California Cities Priority Focus available in City Clerk's Department.)
- B. Council Member Hartnett** – referred to the Redwood City Daily News headlines that stated because the City had not obtained a permit from the State for purposes of moving the culvert we are in violation of State regulations or requirements. He asked the City Manager for clarification. City Manager Everett stated that after research, it was determined that the City does not need a permit. After talking with and reading the article to Mr. Dennis Baldwin of the State Department of Fish and Game, Mr. Everett described his tone as incensed with the inaccuracies in the article. Mr. Baldwin stated that he had been quoted completely out of context and had made generic and hypothetical remarks that were not in any way related to the Redwood City project.
- C. Council Member Howard** – stated that on Saturday, May 3, the Pride and Beautification Committee had the Spring Cleaning that focused on the Stambaugh-Heller neighborhood and the sloughs and waterways. She stated that approximately 200 people participated and at least half of the volunteers were youth. The groups represented included Young Latino Leaders, Carlmont students, and the Juventus Soccer Club coaches, parents and players. The Juventus Soccer Club members stated that they were present to thank Redwood City for building fields for their games.
- D. Council Member Pierce** – stated that the last week in April, she attended the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) conference on water and land use with Council Member Ruskin and Tom Passanisi. The focus was on the links between building, land use and water. Representatives from throughout the Bay Area were present with sharing of information from various jurisdictions on conservation and recycled water.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 P.M.

M/S Ira/Hartnett to adjourn until the next City Council meeting of May 12, 2003 in memory of Ronald L. Bonincontri, husband of Economic Development Coordinator Pat

Webb, who passed away on May 4, 2003. He will be remembered for his extraordinary compassion and love for his family, friends and all who came in contact with him.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia S. Howe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patricia S. Howe, CMC
City Clerk