

MAYOR JEFF IRA
VICE MAYOR BARBARA PIERCE

MINUTES

1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
REDWOOD CITY, CA

COUNCIL MEMBER IAN BAIN
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSANNE FOUST
COUNCIL MEMBER JIM HARTNETT
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE HOWARD
COUNCIL MEMBER IRA RUSKIN

JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/
JOINT STUDY SESSION with PLANNING COMMISSION
& ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
JANUARY 5, 2004
7:00 P.M.

The Mayor/Chairman convened the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting and Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee to order concurrently.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

- **City Council:**
Council Members Present: Bain, Foust, Hartnett, Howard, Ruskin, Vice Mayor Pierce, Mayor Ira
- **Planning Commission:**
Commissions Present: Claire, Cronin, Garcia, Piulle, Radcliffe, Seybert, Acting Chairperson Paulson
- **Architectural Review Committee:**
Committee Members Present: Gee, Howard (7:10 p.m.), Vice Chairperson Spotorno
Committee Members Absent: Frank, Chairperson Gilman

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Brower, Interim Community Development Services Director Liedstrand, Community Development Services Manager Patterson, Principal Planner Jany, Redevelopment, Housing & Economic Development Manager Moeller, Community Development Services Manager Passanisi, Senior Civil Engineer Chang, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Superintendent Hover, Volunteer Balsamo

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Diane Howard, Council Member
4. **INVOCATION** - Dennis Logie, Sequoia Christian Church
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR** - None

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. **The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.**

5.1 Section - Motions

- A. Final Acceptance – Spinas Park Play Area Renovation Project (304)

Recommendation:

Accept, by motion, the Spinas Park Play Area Renovation Project, and authorize the release of bonds and retention. **MINUTE ORDER 04-01**

- B. Cooperative Agreement for the Purchase and Maintenance of Mobile Training Simulators (304)

Recommendation:

That Council approve the participation of the Fire Department in the Cooperative Agreement **MINUTE ORDER 04-02**

- C. Approve the City Council and Redevelopment Agency minutes of December 1, 2003 as submitted; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-03**

5.2 Section – Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through January 5, 2004 and usual and necessary payments through January 12, 2004; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-04**

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. 2004 Sea Otter Classic International Cycling Event – **CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Redevelopment Manager Moeller asked that this item be pulled from consideration at this time due to a lack of a guaranteed funding commitment as communicated by the 2004 Sea Otter Classic International Cycling Event organization.

MINUTE ORDER 04-05

7:15 P.M. - ADJOURN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Mayor Ira announced that based on the Fair Political Practices Commission advice that he is able to participate in the retail/cinema project study session without conflict of interest.

7. STUDY SESSION:

Joint Study Session to Review Concept Plans for Streetscape Project

Redevelopment Manager Moeller introduced Michael Freedman to conduct the study session. Mr. Freedman explained the background and that the point of the presentation and discussion would be to obtain direction on the design concept for the Broadway frontage for the retail/cinema project. He proceeded to explain prior decisions made and the current plan at this point, while describing the protected drop off component. Mr. Freedman stated that direction is needed for a decision on whether to use the protected drop off or standard drop off.

City Council, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee members asked questions and made comments.

Public Comment:

Bob Baldwin asked whether the area across from the retail/cinema project might have buildings several stories high as in Palo Alto.

Bob Bryant asked if coming down Theatre way with the island, will the cars turn and go down the island or go down the regular thoroughfare should they not choose to drop off at the theatre.

Consensus was reached to utilize the protected drop off option, shaving a foot off the one lane, putting the extra foot on the sidewalk, and consideration of pulling trees out into the parking zone.

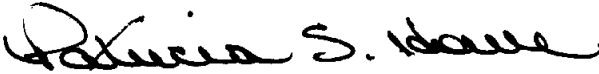
8. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

- 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 Nos. 48-2003 and 49-2003. 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** – stated his concerns with the theatre project and the particular impact on Theatre Way (closed portion of Middlefield Road) that has no street or sidewalk. He stated his belief that the businesses on that street have been let down with the City not having properly planned for the situation. He further stated that we should have and should be doing more to make it more attractive and easier for people to walk in that area, making it more aesthetically inviting. Although a meeting with the Downtown Business Group (DBG) was set for the next evening to discuss overall issues, he asked that specific things be done for that street such as for a period of time grants be given to use to market as they see fit. *Mayor Ira* stated that he would bring this topic up at the DBG meeting and bring an oral report and options back to the Council on January 12.
- C. Council Member Howard** – announced and invited the community to the Measure A workshop presented by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority to be hosted in the Redwood City Council Chamber on Saturday, January 24 from 10-noon. Projects accomplished so far and the re-authorization proposal planned to be on the November 2004 ballot. There are several Redwood City projects to be discussed and voted upon that day with the results to be provided to the Transportation Authority for consideration.
- D. Vice Mayor Pierce** – asked Council if any Member would be able to represent the city on the San Mateo County Sesquicentennial committee. The next meeting is on January 7 at 9:30 a.m.
- E. Vice Mayor Pierce** – asked about “Yes on Measure 2 “ and whether Council had endorsed this as yet. City Manager Everett stated that a report for Council consideration would be presented on January 26.
- F. Mayor Ira** – stated that the Budget Strategy session on January 12 would be for budget planning, reviewing past priorities, and priorities of Council related to potential VLF options.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:25 p.m.

M/S to adjourn to the special Council budget strategy session on January 10, 2004. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe, CMC
City Clerk