

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

CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2004  
7:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Bain, Foust, Hartnett, Howard, Vice Mayor Pierce  
Council Members Absent: Ruskin, Mayor Ira

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Brower, Community Development Services Manager Patterson, Recreation and Community Services Superintendent Hover, Volunteer Balsamo

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jim Hartnett, Council Member**

**4. INVOCATION - Pastor Dennis Logie, Sequoia Christian Church**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR**

Tom Cronin, board member and volunteer of CityTrees, announced that the organization will be awarded the Sustainable San Mateo County award at the dinner and ceremony on February 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Villa Hotel. He thanked the Council and community for all the support.

Mike Giari, speaking on behalf of Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce, announced the Good Morning Redwood City event where Mayor Ira will deliver the "State of the City" address. The event is set to occur at the Sequoia Club 7:30 a.m. on January 23. He also announced the Annual Awards Dinner to be held at the Hotel Sofitel on January 29.

M/S Hartnett/Howard 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 by those present with Council Member Ruskin and Mayor Ira absent.**

## **5.1 Section - Motions**

### **A. Final Acceptance – 2002-2003 Slurry Seal Project (304)**

**Recommendation:**

Accept the 2002-2003 Slurry Seal Project, and authorize the release of Payment Bond and retention to Graham Contractors, Inc. **MINUTE ORDER 04-06**

### **B. Award of Contract – 2003 Watermain Replacement Project, (304) Engineering File No. 806-08**

**Recommendation:**

Award the contract for the 2003 Watermain Replacement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, JMB Construction, Inc. of San Francisco, California, for their low bid of \$1,427,670.00. **MINUTE ORDER 04-07**

### **C. Final Acceptance – Repairs to Elevator -- Fire Station No. 9 (304)**

**Recommendation:**

Accept the improvements for the Repairs to Elevator – Fire Station No. 9, and authorize the release of retention and bonds to San Francisco Elevator of San Francisco, California. **MINUTE ORDER 04-08**

### **D. Approve the City Council and Board of Equalization minutes of December 8, 2003 as submitted; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-09****

## **5.2 Section - Resolutions**

### **A. Authorization of Application to the State of California for Proposition 40 Grant Funds (505)**

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City's application for Proposition 40 funding under the Per Capita Program and a separate resolution authorizing application for Proposition 40 funding under the Roberti-Z-'Berg-Harris Program

**RESOLUTION 14568** OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

**RESOLUTION 14569** OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG-HARRIS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

- B. Resolution granting a four-month extension to Comcast (formerly AT&T Broadband) to operate a cable television system in Redwood City during franchise renewal negotiations (304)

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution granting a four-month extension to Comcast to operate a cable television system in Redwood City during franchise renewal negotiations.

**RESOLUTION 14570** GRANTING COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA IX, INC. A FRANCHISE EXTENSION

**5.3 Section – Claims and Warrants**

- A. Approve warrants dated through January 12, 2004 and usual and necessary payments through January 26, 2004; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-10**

**5.4 Section – Ordinances (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption)**

- A. Zoning Map Amendment – 1025 Lakeview Way (602)

**ORDINANCE 1130-328** AMENDING ARTICLE 60, ZONING MAP NO. 17 (FARM HILL NEIGHBORHOOD), OF ORDINANCE NO. 1130, THE REDWOOD CITY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 1025 LAKEVIEW WAY IN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY FROM THE RESIDENTIAL-HILLSIDE 40,000 SQ.FT. MINIMUM LOT SIZE (RH-40) TO RESIDENTIAL-HILLSIDE 20,000 SQ. FT. MINIMUM LOT SIZE (RH-20) (*Introduced on December 8, 2003*)

**6. 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. 50 -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. Report on Downtown Impacts to street closure (Oral Report only)**

At the City Council meeting of January 5, 2004, under "Matters of Council Interest", Council Member Hartnett expressed concern with the unique impact the retail/cinema project construction has had on Theatre Way (Middlefield Road). Not only has that area been closed, but there is not a sidewalk or street in that area making accessibility problematic. Because a meeting was scheduled on January 6 with the Downtown Business Group, staff recommended a summary be given on any actions taken or to be taken on this issue as a result of that meeting.

Redevelopment Manager Moeller, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, outlined steps that have been undertaken such as flags, A-frame signs, pedestrian access from Winslow; and "Open for Business" advertisements. Future measures consist of an "Open during construction" banner, floor mats, small A-frame signs, "Enter here" sign for Prestige Photos, lit archway, viewing platform and temporary project site signs. She further described the businesses being affected, the task force formation and next steps, the suggestions presented by the DBG by letter and brainstorming ideas presented.

Council Member Hartnett stated his appreciation for both the broader perspective of the entire Downtown as well as the specific efforts being made in connection with the Middlefield businesses. He expressed the hope that those items that can be implemented quickly without a complete plan might be done. He stated that advertisements in the Downtown enticing people to enjoy the retail/cinema project in the future might be a great link. Regarding Middlefield Road, specifically, he stated his appreciation but that he is not satisfied that we should wait for some items because the businesses are being impacted now. He made specific suggestions pertaining to floor mats, the archway and entry area, for the four businesses on the sight an approach to assist with specific marketing efforts, a banner on the Broadway side fencing of the construction update, and communication on the progress of the construction area.

Council Members comments included whether along El Camino Real and at Sequoia Station a banner or sign might be posted. Suggestions also included contacting Comcast for any possibility of advertisement on the construction project and promotion of businesses, possibility of a Downtown Development Office with minimal hours. The banner idea indicating businesses open, and where parking is available was mentioned again.

**Recommendation:**

Information only - no action to be taken

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:44 p.m.

M/S Hartnett/Howard to adjourn until the next City Council meeting of January 26, 2004. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

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