

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
FEBRUARY 23, 2004
7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Council Members Absent: Howard

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Brower, Economic Development Coordinator Webb, Police Chief Bolanos, Police Captain Warner, Administrative Sergeant Harper, Public Works Superintendent Harang, Volunteer Balsamo

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Ira Ruskin, Council Member

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

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR** – No public comment

M/S Bain/Pierce 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 Howard absent.**

5.1 Section - Motions

- A. Approve the Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency minutes of February 9, 2004, as submitted; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-31**

- B. Sale of retired Police Canine to Police Handler

Recommendation:

That Council authorize execution of sale of retired Police Canine Xento to his handler Officer Karen Neal for \$1. (609) **MINUTE ORDER 04-32**

- C. **Vector (Rodent and Cockroach) Control Program for Sanitary Sewers, Creeks, Municipal Marina, Port of Redwood City, and Corporation Yard for the City of Redwood City (304)**

Recommendation:

By motion, authorize Amendment No. 2 to the original Agreement with Dewey Pest Control of San Francisco, California for Vector (Rodent and Cockroach) Control Services in the City of Redwood City, as follows:

1. Extend the term for one year, ending February 28, 2005;
2. Increase the contract value by \$55,000.00 for the period and
3. Authorize the City Manager to renew the Agreement for three (3) additional one year periods or parts thereof in amounts consistent with the escalation formula contained in the original Agreement

MINUTE ORDER 04-33

5.2 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through February 23, 2004 and usual and necessary payments through March 1, 2004; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-34**

- B. **Leave to Present a Late Claim (303)**

Recommendation:

Staff recommends denial of the application of the Law Offices of Christopher Appleton on behalf of Richard Woods to present a late claim for wrongful termination from employment by the City of Redwood City or employees thereof

MINUTE ORDER 04-35

6. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Parking Management Plan for the Scott Peterson Trial (703)

Police Captain Warner explained the proposed parking management plan stating that the strategy has been to close all but one eastbound lane on Middlefield, between Bradford and Veterans to accommodate the large and medium sized satellite and microwave broadcast trucks. There is also a small overflow parking lot with about 25 spaces on a previously dirt lot about 1-1/2 blocks from the Middlefield site. He explained the estimate of proposed fees. He stated that in planning three issues were in mind: providing safety and security for the citizens of Redwood City and visitors of the downtown which include member of the media, to work cooperatively with the media to accommodate their needs and make their time as convenient and efficient as possible; adoption of a plan for cost recovery because it is fiscally responsible to do so.

Council Members asked various questions related to the specific parking plan and site selection, removal of parking meters and County vs. City responsibilities.

Public Comment:

Rochelle Wilcox, representing the broadcast media – CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, Court TV and Fox News, stated their appreciation for the City's cooperation. She stated that the intent of the letter was to express concerns about the fees which began at very high rate and have gotten much more reasonable and closer to where they think they need to be. The largest part of the bill is the securities fees and she stated that under Supreme Court authority cannot be assessed to these media on this trial because the City would be doing it based on the content. She further stated that although the City may plan appropriate measures, those costs cannot be passed along to the media.

Council Members asked various questions of Ms. Wilcox and made comments.

Recommendation:

M/S Bain/Foust to adopt a resolution temporarily closing to generally westbound traffic on Middlefield Road beginning at approximately one hundred and fifty feet from Veterans Boulevard to Bradford Street; suspending the maximum parking period permitted and rate of parking fees on said street; and authorizing the parking of news media vehicles on said street and the City's parking lot at the corner of Main Street and Bradford Street subject to issuance of revocable vehicle parking licenses and payment of established fees.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 14573 TEMPORARILY CLOSING TO GENERALLY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON MIDDLEFIELD ROAD BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FEET FROM VETERANS BOULEVARD TO BRADFORD STREET, HEREINAFTER THE "MIDDLEFIELD PARKING AREA," AND TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE CUL DE SAC OF FULLER STREET FROM ALLERTON STREET GENERALLY EAST TO WINSLOW STREET, HEREINAFTER, THE "FULLER CUL DE SAC"; SUSPENDING THE MAXIMUM PARKING PERIOD PERMITTED AND RATE OF PARKING FEES FOR THE MIDDLEFIELD PARKING AREA AND FULLER CUL DE SAC;

AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKING OF NEWS MEDIA VEHICLES AT THE MIDDLEFIELD PARKING AREA, THE FULLER CUL DE SAC AND THE CITY PARKING LOT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND BRADFORD STREET SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE OF VEHICLE PARKING LICENSES AND PAYMENT OF FEES

The motion passed by a majority roll call vote with Vice Mayor Pierce voting no and Council Member Howard absent.

7. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

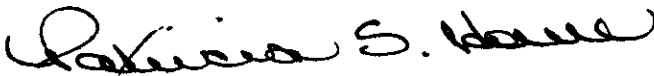
A. Legislation (information only) - This sub-section involves possible discussion of City Position on Proposed Legislation described in the League of California Cities Priority Focus Bulletin No. 5-2004 and No. 6-2004. Council may direct staff to act on positions taken by Council. (Copies of League of California Cities Priority Focus available in City Clerk's Department.)

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m. (206)

Mayor Ira requested adjournment in memory of Dr. Phillip Apffel, father of Vice Mayor Barbara Pierce, who passed away on February 17, 2004 at the age of 87. Dr. Apffel had moved to Redwood City in 2001 after spending his life in New Jersey and was married for 61 years to Claire, who still resides with Vice Mayor Pierce. He served five years in the U.S. Navy as a medical doctor tending sailors during WWII on Naval ships in Okinawa and Hiroshima. Professionally, he was never retired serving as a consultant to juvenile court for various agencies, Director of Mental Health clinics, and private practice for more than 40 years. His passion was for child psychiatry and he was certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology to work with adults as well. In 1992, he was honored with a Golden Merit Award from the Medical Society of New Jersey for 50 years of distinguished service as a practicing physician and he was a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

M/S Hartnett/Pierce to the next Regular City Council meeting of March 1, 2004 in memory of Dr. Phillip Apffel. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk