

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  
MARCH 8, 2004  
7:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Council Members Absent: Foust

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, City Attorney Yamamoto,  
Assistant City Attorney Brower, Financial Services Director Ponty, Community  
Development Services Manager Patterson, Revenue Services Manager del Rosario,  
Volunteer Balsamo

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jeff Ira, Mayor**

**4. INVOCATION - Pastor Vern Jones**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Mayor Ira** offered on behalf of the entire Council, heartfelt congratulations to Council Member Ruskin on his victory in the Assembly Primary campaign.

**Pina Truscelli** stated that she has been a resident in Redwood City since 1957, has been the Arbor Day Chairperson for the Native Daughters of the Golden West since 1987 when a tree was planted for Ethel Mears. She thanked Mayor Ira for the proclamation and Council for attendance at the Arbor Day event that honored Former Mayor Daniela Gasparini. She also thanked PWS Superintendent Gordon Mann for removing the two trees on Upton Street near the Key Market that were leaning and about to fall. The trees have been removed and replaced.

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 by those present with Council Member Foust absent.**

### **5.1 Section - Motions**

- A.** Approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 23, 2004, as submitted; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-36**
- B.** Final Acceptance – Redwood City Police Department Lobby Remodel Project

**Recommendation:**

Accept the improvements for the Redwood City Police Department Lobby Remodel Project, and authorize the release of retention and bonds to Coast Side Associates of Half Moon Bay, California. (304) **MINUTE ORDER 04-37**

- C.** Utility Relocation Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company – Ralston Avenue/Marine Parkway/Route 101 Interchange Improvement Project

**Recommendation:**

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute two Utility Relocation Agreements (one for Gas and one for Electric), between the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the City of Redwood City for relocating existing underground utility transmission facilities in the Ralston Avenue/Marine Parkway/Route 101 Interchange Improvement Project area. **MINUTE ORDER 04-38**

### **5.2 Section – Resolutions and Ordinances (904)**

- A.** Resolution of intention to amend the contract between the City of Redwood City and the Public Employees Retirement System and introduction of Ordinance approving and authorizing execution of the amendment to the contract with the Public Employees Retirement System to provide Government Code 21362.2, “3% @ 50 Full Formula” for Redwood City’s Police Officers Association and Redwood City Police Sergeants Association members effective on June 28, 2004.

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council initiate a contract amendment with the Public Employees Retirement System to provide for Government Code, Section 21362.2, 3% at 50 Full Formula for the Redwood City Police Officers Association and Police Sergeants Association members by adopting a resolution of intention, and that the City Council introduce the ordinance approving and authorizing the contract amendment with the Public Employees Retirement System to provide for Government Code, Section 21362.2, 3% at 50 Full Formula for the members of both Associations effective on June 28, 2004. **MINUTE ORDER 04-39**

1. Resolution of intention:

ADOPT **RESOLUTION 14574** OF INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF REDWOOD CITY

2. Introduction of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY

**5.3 Section – Warrants**

- A. Approve warrants dated through March 8, 2004 and usual and necessary payments through March 22, 2004; **(301) MINUTE ORDER 04-40**

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Caltrain Service: Baby Bullet and High Speed Rail

Engineering and Construction Manager Patterson gave the report and introduced staff from the Joint Powers Board to answer questions.

Council questions ensued and responses given.

**Recommendation:**

Information only. There was no recommendation from staff at this time.

B. Agreement for Business License Compliance Services **(304)**

Financial Services Director Ponty explained the background on the report and that the topic was first before the Council on February 9 at which time Council direction was to negotiate options or a more favorable fee arrangement to the original proposal. MMC staff provided several alternatives with the most advantageous being a reduction in their proposed fee from 45% to 40% of the new revenues the City receives as a result of their efforts. The recommendation is that Council approve this recommendation based on the results MMC has obtained for the cities of San Mateo and Belmont.

**Recommendation:**

M/S Hartnett/Bain to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with MBIA MuniServices Company to provide the City of Redwood City with a Business License Tax Compliance Program which consists of Business License Discovery and Audit Services. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present with Council Member Foust absent.** **MINUTE ORDER 04-41**

**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. 7-2004 and No. 8-2004. 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.)
- B. Council Member Howard** – stated that in addition to Council Member Ruskin's victory in the November 4 Statewide Election, Measure 2 had also passed. The measure is the \$1.00 toll increase on state owned bridges with some of the projects to be funded are the Dumbarton Rail electrification, a Trans hub terminal in San Francisco, Water Transit for South San Francisco, an increased number of shuttles and buses along with many other projects.
- C. Vice Mayor Pierce** – announced that the deadline for the Partnership Academy for Community Teamwork (PACT) applications is Friday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be received from the City website and returned to the City Manager or City Clerk Office. She stated that it is a nine week and participants have become excited about what they learn about their city and how they might become involved.
- D. Mayor Ira** – stated that he receives anonymous letters or requests and one he recently received asked why the U.S. and California flags were left up at night. He stated that the City does respond to all correspondence but that it is impossible without a name and address. He explained that a complaint about the City's flag being displayed at night is disrespectful. Mayor Ira stated that as long as the flag is lit at night that it is appropriate to be flow at night.

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:40 p.m.**

M/S Ruskin/Hartnett to adjourn to the next Regular City Council meeting of March 22, 2004. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

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' and a long, sweeping underline.

Patricia S. Howe  
City Clerk