

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
May 3, 2004
7:00 P.M.

Mayor/Chairperson Ira convened the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee meeting 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**
Commissioners Present: Claire, Cronin, Garcia, Radcliffe, Vice Chairperson Seybert, Chairperson Paulson
Commissioners Absent: Piulle
- **Architectural Review Committee**
Committee Members Present: Frank, Gee, Howard, Vice Chairperson Spotorno, Chairperson Gilman

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, PRCS Director/Assistant City Manager Centeno, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Senior Civil Engineer Lynch, Community Design Director Liedstrand, Community Development Director Patterson, Housing

& Economic Development Manager Moeller, Planning and
Redevelopment Manager Church, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator
Ekas, Public Works Services Director Ingram

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jim Hartnett, Council Member

4. INVOCATION AND SPECIAL ORDERS –

A. Invocation - Pastor Dennis Logie, Sequoia Christian Church

Proclamation – Recognizing San Mateo County History Museum (207)

Jeri Joseph received the proclamation read by Mayor Ira, thanking the Council for the support of the museum and inviting the community to visit the museum on Hamilton Way. She stated that there are adult programs and children's programs.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Hubert J. Morel-Seytoux sought endorsement of Senate Bill 921, the Health Care for all Californians Act, authored by Senator Sheila Kuehl. He gave background information on the current status of health care, stating that under SB 921, all Californians would have health insurance coverage with a comprehensive package of benefits, including prescription drugs, emphasis on preventive care, with one standard of quality care instead of the current two tier system. He further detailed his specific points. He requested that Council place the request for endorsement of SB 921 on a future agenda of the City Council.

Council Member Howard requested and Mayor Ira asked that staff research through the League of California Cities SB 921.

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

5.1 Section - Motions

- A. Approve the Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Minutes of April 26, 2004, as submitted; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-79****

B. Purchase of One (1) Combination Sewer and Storm Drain Cleaning Truck (304)

Recommendation

By Motion approve the purchase of one (1) combination sewer and storm drain cleaning truck in the amount of \$213,848.95 from Municipal Maintenance Equipment of Sacramento, CA under the Cooperative Purchase Agreement of the City of Foster City, Purchase Order #154086. **MINUTE ORDER 04-80**

C. Purchase of Two (2) Altec 35-foot Aerial Trucks; (304)

Recommendation

By Motion approve the purchase of one (2) Altec 35-foot aerial trucks in the amount of \$153,076.32 from the State of California Office of Procurement under the California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) #4-02-23-0013A. **MINUTE ORDER 04-81**

5.2 Section – Warrants

A. Approve warrants dated through May 3, 2004 and usual and necessary payments through May 10, 2004; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-82**

7:15 p.m. – City Council left the dais and joined the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee for the joint study session.

6. STUDY SESSION

A. Courthouse Square Conceptual Designs

Redevelopment Manager Moeller explained that the topic of discussion is the design concepts for the Courthouse Plaza. Over the past several months, there have been three public meetings that have been held and were well attended with the intent of formulating a recommendation on a single design concept. By the end of the third meeting, it was unclear whether there was a clearly defined alternative. The plan was to share a course on plaza making, principles discussed in the public meetings about what it takes to make a plaza that people will want to use and be in, as well as to share the input from the public and the three alternatives as of the close of the third meeting.

Michael Freedman, of Freedman, Tung and Bottomley, explained that the purpose of the study session was to choose a single design from the three being presented, or to be sent back to the drawing board should none of the three be desirable. The presentation reported on the results of the workshops, what was presented and what the community response was. The second charge was to display the three recommended alternatives that came out of the workshop process so far and receive input.

8:45 - 9:15 p.m. - Recess

Comments from the Council, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee members asked questions and gave comment that included focusing on Option "C", incorporating more of a garden effect, deciduous trees for shade, the idea of a restaurant in the museum is good, if pavilions are used they should be placed back toward the courthouse away from Broadway for unobstructed sight line, with some Members not being in favor of the water feature. The desire was to make strong connections to the Fox, utilizing the grid lighting, but not using paving running across Broadway. The plan should allow for shade or sun, consideration for wind, strollers, and exiting out of the Fox. The desire to provide a space to begin with that sets the tone and meets the needs of all demographics was expressed. The desire to have the grand staircase be grounded with pools next to it with some seating around it was mentioned. The suggestion of using pieces of the annex vs. replicating it was made. The idea of playful history with something inviting children to play on was stated as well as the need for a restroom facility. Some expressed discomfort with the orientation toward children and the interactive water focus. Although food is an important element to the success, the plaza should not be dependent upon a successful restaurant in the courthouse. There must be a good view of the courthouse and the plaza must invite people.

Michael Freedman summarized that, it would be very good to find an unobtrusive but elegant way of having freestanding eating, exhibit space outside, Option "C" concept should be kept alive because it instigates activity at the sidewalk level and gives the option of eating in the shade and under the sun. Option "C" could be brought back as a viable alternative, but the structures are too heavy and need to be much more light and compatible or with structures very tied to the design language of the Courthouse building itself. Option "C" is more a small city living room rather than big city grandeur that Option "A" is.

Public Comment:

John Edmonds, representing the County's Historic Resource Advisory Board and the City's Historical Resources Advisory Committee, stated that in both cases the interest was to see the Courthouse restored to its original appearance and in all the renderings that has been accomplished with one exception. He stated that it is very important to both the City and the County that the National Register status not be put in question. He further stated that there should not be an interrupted staircase and that the staircase should be a duplicate of the original.

Paul Shepherd stated that for clarification on the issue of the restaurant in the museum, all the space within the museum structure is planned so that if another use is brought into it, there is a need to relocate the activity being removed and the cost involved. The Museum, however, is delighted with the program and wants to cooperate in every possible way.

John Anagnostou complimented everyone on the great input and attention on the topic. He asked that when looking at option A, to go back to the original plans because now that people are cognizant of the size, option A appears to be a good one. When considering Option C, he asked that the architectural elements of the dome somehow be incorporated in the kiosk. Take the elements of the dome and create it in the pavilions – metal, glass, etc.

Keith Bautista stated his favor of many comments on option C and added other elements. He stated that he is in favor of the historic and purity of the courthouse and favors maintaining the historical aspects of the original staircase. With respect to option C, it provides the opportunity for a variety of spaces that could be used to tell the historic stories of San Mateo County and Redwood City. The addition of plaques and photographs depicting the history of events invites people to pause and dwell in the space, and then draws them to explore further. The food concept in the outdoor kiosk is a good one, water and tossing of coins is a consideration.

Jim Munro, representing the County's Historic Resource Advisory Board, the City's Historical Resources Advisory Committee, Historic Union Cemetery, and Redwood City Archives, referred to the plan that showed greenery and the lawn affect. His suggestion was rather than having the columns and fountains, that one singular fountain in the center with a low ledge is used. Secondly, he suggested that in the curved lawn area, a bust of Simon Mezes might be placed on one side and a logger on the other side. A low fountain with a lower ledge around it with kiosks around the front corners could house an information booth to learn about the programs in the city.

Consensus by the City Council, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee was that after the input received has been incorporated into the concept plans, the plans be brought back for further consideration.

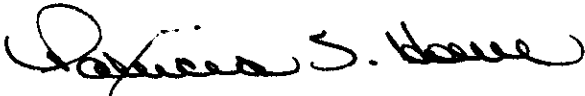
7. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

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. 16-2004. 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 – 10:45 p.m.

M/S Hartnett/Ruskin to adjourn to the next regular City Council meeting of May 10, 2004. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk