

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
SEPTEMBER 27, 2004
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Bain, Foust, Hartnett (7:20 p.m.), Howard, Ruskin (7:40 p.m.), Vice Mayor Pierce, Mayor Ira

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, Assistant City Manager González, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Financial Services Director Ponty, Financial Services Manager Freeman, Community Development Director Patterson, Planning Manager Church, Community Development Services Manager Passanisi, Traffic Engineer Haygood, Supervising Civil Engineer Lynch, Fire Chief Kohlmann, Human Resources Director Rivera-Peña, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Centeno, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Superintendent Hover, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor Beth, Police Chief Bolanos, Public Works Superintendent Rosas, Public Works Superintendent Mann, Public Works Superintendent Barwacz, Public Works Superintendent Harang, Library Director Genesy, Volunteer Balsamo

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Ian Bain, Council Member

4. INVOCATION - Pastor Stephen H. Converse, Grace Bible Church

5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY –

A. Water Ferry Update: Steve Morrison, Water Transit Authority

Steve Morrison gave the background and provided a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating Redwood City's position in the timeline for implementation of the new ferry service.

Council Member Howard expressed her inspiration in working with the Water Transit Authority. She stated that the authority is supportive of Redwood City bringing water transit to the city. She further stated her hope that Measure A passes to provide further funding to South San Francisco and in the future, benefit Redwood City. She also announced that on October 2, 9 and 23, the Port and the Water Transit Authority with the City of San Francisco are sponsoring a trip to the downtown Ferry Building. The ferry boards and leaves from the Port of Redwood City, for information go to www.watertransit.org to save a seat for the free excursion.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S Bain/Howard to waive reading of the Consent Calendar except the ordinances by title, adopt the resolutions and the ordinances, and approve other items. Council Member Foust requested Item 6.1.E be removed for separate consideration. **The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote by those present with Council Members Hartnett and Ruskin absent.**

6.1 Section – Motions

- A. Approve the Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of September 13, 2004 as submitted; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 04-176**
- B. Agreement with the First 5 Commission of San Mateo County for the Redwood City Early Learning and Family Support Program. (304)

Recommendation:

Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement between the city of Redwood City serving as fiscal agent for Redwood City 2020 (RC 2020), and the First 5 Commission of San Mateo County, for the Redwood City Early Learning and Family Support Program from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007.

MINUTE ORDER 04-177

- C. Agreement with Redwood City School District for the Redwood City Early Learning and Family Support Program (304)

Recommendation:

Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement between the City of Redwood City serving as fiscal agent for Redwood City 2020 (RC 2020), and the Redwood City School District for the Redwood City Early Learning and Family Support Program for the fiscal year 2004/2005. **MINUTE ORDER 04-178**

- D. Amendment to Agreement for Groundwater Contamination Investigation – Vicinity of El Camino Real / Jefferson Avenue (304)

Recommendation:

By motion, approve Amendment No. 1 to professional services agreement with MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. for environmental engineering services relating to alleged groundwater contamination and authorize City Attorney to execute same. **MINUTE ORDER 04-179**

- F. Final Acceptance – Redwood Shores Sewer Pump Stations #1 and #3 Improvement Project (304)

Recommendation:

Accept, by motion, the Redwood Shores Sewer Pump Stations #1 and #3 Improvement Project, and authorize the release of bonds and retention.

MINUTE ORDER 04-180

- G. Redwood City Recycled Water Project – Disinfection, Storage and Pumping Facilities (304)

Recommendation:

By motion approve the pre-purchase of construction steel by SBSA in the amount of \$799,000 for the Redwood City/SBSA Recycled Water Disinfection, Storage and Pumping Facilities and request that the SBSA Commission award the construction steel bid to the low bidder, Skyline Steel LLC of Rancho Cordova, California.

MINUTE ORDER 04-181

- H. Keyser Marston Associates consultant Services Agreement Amendment No. 2 -*City Council and Redevelopment Agency* (405)

Recommendation:

By motion, remove this item from consideration and reschedule for October 11, 2004

MINUTE ORDER 04-182
RD MINUTE ORDER 04-17

6.2 Section – Resolutions

A. Stop Signs Installation on Jeter Street at Harrison Avenue (701)

Recommendation:

Adopt resolution approving and authorizing installation of stop signs on Jeter Street at its intersection with Harrison Avenue.

RESOLUTION 14608 OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING THE JETER STREET ENTRANCES TO THE INTERSECTION OF HARRISON AVENUE AND JETER STREET TO BE STOP ENTRANCES

6.3 Section – Claims and Warrants

A. Approve warrants dated through September 27, 2004 and usual and necessary payments through October 11, 2004; (301) MINUTE ORDER 04-183

6.4 Section – Ordinances (Second Reading and Adoption)

A. Ordinance amending the language for Term of Office for the Civic Cultural Commission, Park and Recreation Commission and the Senior Affairs Commission (209)

ORDINANCE 2273 AMENDING SECTIONS 2.111, 2.131 AND 25.6 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY RELATING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (*First reading on September 13, 2004*)

B. Ordinance approving an amendment to extend the Comcast cable television franchise until October 30, 2005, allowing Comcast to continue to operate a cable television system in Redwood City during franchise renewal negotiations.

ORDINANCE 2274 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FRANCHISE BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AND COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA IX, INC., TO EXTEND THE FRANCHISE TERM TO OCTOBER 30, 2005 AND RATIFYING ALL PRIOR EXTENSIONS (*First reading on September 13, 2004*) (801)

C. Amend RCN Franchise Agreement (801)

ORDINANCE 2275 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FRANCHISE BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AND RCN TELECOM SERVICES, INC., FORMERLY RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF CALIFORNIA, INC. TO CHANGE THE METHOD BY WHICH CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE IS REGULATED AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A MUTI-JURISDICTIONAL FIBER NETWORK WITHIN REDWOOD CITY AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES (*First reading on September 13, 2004*)

7:20 p.m. – Council Member Hartnett arrived

E. Contract renewal with Third Party Administrator (TPA) for workers' compensation Administration services, Claims Management Inc. (CMI) for the period of October 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. (304)

Council Member Foust asked for clarification regarding the Joint Powers Authority's purview and the TPA component. She emphasized that there was a differential and it does not penalize the City within the JPA and that the City remains with CMI.

Human Resources Director Rivera-Pena explained the situation and stated that on October 14 she goes before the JPA board to gain support to allow the City to continue in the JPA under the following conditions: That in April the City will know whether it is proceeding with the JPA's selected TPA or going on a separate path.

Recommendation:

M/S Foust/Howard to authorize staff to extend agreement with Claims Management Inc. (CMI) to act as their party administrator for the City's self-insured workers' compensation program for the period of October 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present with Council Member Ruskin absent. MINUTE ORDER 04-184**

M/S Foust/Howard to adjourn the Redevelopment Agency meeting. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

7:40 p.m. – Council Member Ruskin arrived

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY 2004/05 General Fund Budget (501)

Director of Finance and Financial Planning Ponty stated that during the June 2004 budget study sessions, Council directed staff to return with options to either reduce the expenditures or increase revenues by \$1 million. The package presented of about \$1.1 million was split almost equally between revenues and expenditures. Ponty used a PowerPoint presentation to explain the 2003/04 General Fund financial results, reserve analysis, revenue increases, expenditure reductions and the proposed planning cost recovery program.

Mayor Ira opened the public hearing. There was no public comment.

M/S Howard/Bain to close the public hearing. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Council made comments related to the proposals that included concern that the reductions directly related to customer service and affect those in the community. Questions were asked about some of the areas of reduction such as the neighborhood survey, performance measures, custodial services and library automatic self-check training. Questions were asked about the cost recovery tracking process and the proposed reductions in relation to any future proposed reductions.

Recommendation:

M/S Foust/Hartnett to:

1. Adopt a resolution implementing the Planning Cost Recovery Policy:

ADOPT RESOLUTION 14609 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY ADOPTING A COST RECOVERY POLICY FOR THE PROCESSING OF PLANNING RELATED APPLICATIONS FOR MAJOR PROJECTS; AMENDING RESOLUTIONS 11333 AND 6882; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 11334

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Introduce an ordinance amending the FY 2004/05 general fund budget that reflects staff's recommendation to implement the Planning Cost Recovery Policy and prepayment of the CalPERS Employee Contributions. The ordinance includes the expenditure reduction to the budgets of the City Manager's department in the amount of \$24,000. earmarked for the ICMA Performance Measurement Program (\$5,000.) the Neighborhood Survey (\$17,000.); and \$2,000. from the City Council budget for the Boards, Committees and Commissions recognition event:

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SPECIFIED AMOUNTS FROM DESIGNATED UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCES TO SPECIFIED APPROPRIATIONS, CANCELING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS, AND TRANSFERRING SPECIFIED AMOUNTS FROM DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS TO OTHER SPECIFIED APPROPRIATIONS

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. MINUTE ORDER 04-185

Recess: 9:00 – 9:15 p.m.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Parks, Recreation and Community Services Strategic Plan 2004 (708)

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Centeno stated that the presentation would be conducted jointly and began with the core purpose, values in relation to strategic plan, discussion then proceeded to learning by Commissioner Swope. The focus was then presented by Superintendents Beth and Hover, ending with feedback from Council.

Council commended staff and the commission on the strategic plan that included tackling the issue of park space. Council encouraged utilizing users of the programs in marketing the programs and services and suggested focusing on passive recreation parks in addition to recreational parks.

B. Water Conservation – Toilet Replacement Program (304)

Public Works Superintendent Rosas explained the toilet replacement program as a part of the conservation programs identified in the Urban Water Management Plan. Superintendent Rosas stated that applications would be available the next week and residents are urged to call 780-7436 or visit the Public Works Services website at <http://www.redwoodcity.org/publicworks>.

Council asked various questions.

Recommendation:

Foust/Howard to:

1. By motion, authorize the purchase of 1,000 toilets from Caroma USA, Inc. of South Surrey, Canada in the amount of \$188,000.

2. Waive the bidding requirements of the City of Redwood City Code, Chapter 2, Article 7, Section 2.76 by affirmative vote of at least five members of City Council on the grounds that strict compliance with the bidding requirements would not serve the public interest.

MINUTE ORDER 04-186

9. 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. 36-2004. 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 Bain – brought up two traffic related issues. Both items are designed to direct staff to return to Council with reports at a future time in order to properly notice and place on the Council agenda. The following are the issues:

1. By consensus, direct staff to come back to the Council with a report on the cost and effectiveness of new electronic speed control signs being used by Palo Alto, San Mateo and other Bay Area cities. Included in that report should be thoughts/recommendations as to where the signs might be effective.

Council Member Bain showed some photographs explaining the electronic speed signs he referred to during the budget hearings.

2. By consensus, direct staff to come back to the Council with an estimate for hiring a consultant to take inventory of the City's uncontrolled intersections. He stated that the information will give us a better understanding of signage gaps that will allow us to more effectively target resources.

The second report Council Member Bain requested is regarding the cost involved in hiring a consultant to evaluate all of the uncontrolled intersections in Redwood City and suggest some possible next steps for control. He stated that he would like to consider the broader picture of studying how many uncontrolled intersections are still out there and that one of the issues is that we do not know how many there are or the locations.

Council Member Bain stated that the action he is seeking is to direct staff to come back to Council with reports. The first report would be on the cost and effectiveness of the electronic speed signs that Palo Alto and San Mateo are using. He stated that he obtained an estimate from the Palo Alto traffic division of \$6,500. plus installation costs. He hopes to obtain from staff study whether that is worth the cost, the effectiveness of such electronic speed signs and possible locations where they might be effective.

Council Members comments included that these items might best be discussed at the annual priority session as they are issues of value and money. Some of the items such as calls to Palo Alto and San Mateo to gather data and reproduction of the accident map that might be obtained easily and freely, were encouraged. The suggestion was made that the neighborhood associations might be asked about any maps or studies they have acquired on the subject of uncontrolled intersections.

Council Member Bain stated that one of the goals is building economies of scale and providing a context while exploring the availability of safety grants.

City Manager Everett stated that gathering of data from the two cities regarding the cost and effectiveness of electronic signs, providing an accident map and information on potential safety grants would be possible prior to the priority session in early 2005.

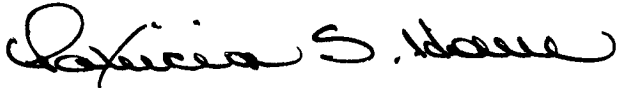
- C. Council Member Howard** – announced the parks clean-up scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 8:30 a.m. that begins with meeting at the Public Works Maintenance Center on Broadway. The event includes cleaning of various park areas, a mulch give away, continental breakfast and lunch donated by San Mateo County Credit Union, bags and supplies provided by both Norcal and Savers.
- D. Vice Mayor Pierce** – announced the second meeting of the “Yellow Ribbon Committee” that has formed to support Redwood City’s adopted military unit in Iraq will be held on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Activities Building. She invited all those in the community interested in supporting the effort that is now exploring relationships with schools for “pen pals”.

E. Council Member Foust – announced that on Sunday, October 3, the second annual “Save the Music” Festival will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with music, canoe races, food, arts and crafts along with community information. Twin Dolphin Drive will be closed off near Sofitel Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:25 p.m. (207)

M/S Hartnett/Howard to adjourn until the next regular City Council meeting of October 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in memory of Timothy Griffith who passed away on September 17, 2004. Tim was a native of Redwood City and graduate of local schools and played sports in the community. His father and stepmother are principals of local schools and active in the community. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk