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VICE MAYOR BARBARA PIERCE

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBER ALICIA C. AGUIRRE
COUNCIL MEMBER IAN BAIN
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSANNE FOUST
COUNCIL MEMBER JIM HARTNETT
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE HOWARD

1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
REDWOOD CITY, CA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF REDWOOD CITY

FEBRUARY 5, 2005
8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
MAIN LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
1044 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
FACILITATOR: DR. CECIL REEVES

BUDGET STRATEGY SESSION

**ON FEBRUARY 5, 2005, THE CITY COUNCIL OF REDWOOD CITY CONDUCTED A
BUDGET STRATEGY SESSION TO SET POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

*** REFRESHMENTS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 8:35 a.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Aguirre, Bain, Foust, Hartnett, Howard, Vice Mayor
Pierce and Mayor Ira

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, Assistant City Manager González, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Brower, Financial Services Director Ponty, Financial Services Manager Freeman, Financial Services Senior Accountant Khin, Community Development Director Patterson, Planning Manager Church, Redevelopment Manager Moeller, Fire Chief Kohlmann, Acting Human Resources Director Alvarez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Centeno, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor Beth, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Superintendent Hover, Police Chief Bolanos, Public Works Services Director Ingram, Library Director Genesy

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NO. 4 AND NO. 5

Rudy Luca thanked Council for the done on the budget and expressed interest in saving jobs, specifically, safety jobs because of their important service to the community. He also asked for an explanation of the acronym ERAF (Education Revenue Augmentation Fund).

4. INTRODUCTION

- A. Review Council's direction as stated at the January 2004 budget session
- B. Review of last-year service level cuts
- C. Review of 04/05 priority categories

5. FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

- A. Summary of Revenues Committee
- B. Policy direction regarding use of reserves
- C. Direction on Format/Data needed for June Budget Hearings
- D. Approval of budget timeline

Council consensus was to use 75% from reserves for FY 2005/2006; give projections of next 2 years using option C and D in June 2005; and consult with Revenue Committee to consider increase to business license tax and Coro Foundation development fees study results. Further Council direction was to balance expenses and revenues three years out (by end of FY 2007/2008); no proposals for across the board reductions for all departments; departments to state both long and short term impacts of any new reductions; departments to state how past reductions have impacted service levels; staff to provide recommended budget with options.

Council approved setting of budget study sessions for June 20, 27 and 29 (if necessary), 2005.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEM NO. 7

7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

A. Discussion

Council overarching guidelines:

- I. Community Building
- II. Communication
- III. Creating Pedestrian-Friendly Places
- IV. Quality of Life
- V. Aesthetics

Council discussion resulted in the following Council agenda topics to follow at a later date: Redwood City joining Housing Endowment and Trust of San Mateo County (HEAT-SMC); availability of water to support future housing; joint study session with Planning Commission regarding various considerations pertaining to the General Plan; discussion and update of the high speed rail; Council communication of its downtown vision to residents; neighborhood traffic issues; shuttles; and future City revenues.

B. Prioritization

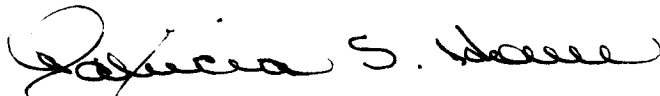
Council ranking of priorities resulted in the following order:

1. Infrastructure
2. Downtown
3. Youth and Education
4. Transportation/Traffic
5. Housing
6. Water Supply
7. Doing Business Efficiently/Effectively
8. Cultural

8. ADJOURNMENT - 12:30 p.m.

Adjourned into the special closed session City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of February 5, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk