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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

JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

*JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION
AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE*

FEBRUARY 7, 2005
7:00 P.M.

****A reception in honor of newly-appointed Council Member Alicia Aguirre was held in the City Hall foyer directly after the installation ceremony.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Brower, Senior Civil Engineer Lee, Community Development Director Patterson, Community Development Services Manager Passanisi, Supervising Civil Engineer Lynch, Economic Development

6.2 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through February 7, 2005 and usual and necessary payments through February 14, 2005; **(303)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-22**

6.3 Section – Resolutions

- A. By resolution approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Redwood City Management Employees Association for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2009; authorize amendments of the salary and wage plan for classifications represented by the Redwood City Management Employees Association effective with the first full pay period on or after October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, approve a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Redwood City Management Employees Association for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2009. It is also recommended that the City Council, by resolution, approve the amendments of the salary and wage plan for classifications represented by the Redwood City Management Employees Association effective with the first full pay period on or after October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008. **(905)**

RESOLUTION 14627 APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AND THE REDWOOD CITY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; AND AMENDING THE SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR CLASSIFICATIONS REPRESENTED BY RCMEA; AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 14386 AND ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS PERTAINING THERETO (1517)

- B. Disposal of Surplus Property

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution declaring the fire hose inventory referenced herein (Exhibit "A") surplus and convey same to the Fire Science Program at the College of San Mateo in San Mateo. **(609)**

RESOLUTION 14628 DECLARING CERTAIN DESCRIBED CITY-OWNED PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE THEREOF (1513)

2.A. ROLL CALL

- Planning Commission Members Present: Claire, Piulle, Radcliffe, Cronin, Vice Chair Seybert and Chairperson Paulson

Planning Commission Members Absent: Garcia

- Architectural Review Committee Members Present: Howard, Raymundo, Vice Chair Spotorno and Chairperson Gilman

Architectural Review Committee Members Absent: Gee (arrived at 8:08 p.m.)

7. STUDY SESSION

A. Courthouse Square Preferred Design (*continued from July 12, 2004*) (402)

Redevelopment Agency Manager Moeller stated the purpose of the session was to consider some design development issues related to the preferred design concept that was selected for the Courthouse Plaza. On July 12, there were questions raised and clarifications requested in terms of the design and those issues were most appropriately addressed in the design development stage. Michael Freedman of Freedman, Tung and Bottomley (FTB) was present to respond to the issues raised, most significantly, the massing of the pavilions, issues related to heat build-up with glass roofs, and the feasibility of an interactive pop-up fountain in the center of the plaza. She stated that the plan is to return in March with a contract for the construction drawings.

Michael Freedman of FTB used a PowerPoint presentation of slides with his explanation.

Planning Commission, Architectural Review Committee and Council Members all made various comments on the proposed changes.

Mr. Freedman summarized the comments as the following: Reduce maintenance costs as much as possible moving thru the design development phase; incorporate anti-pigeon devices; make the inside of the pavilions cooler, not the same as the inside and noticeably cooler; investigate reflecting the rounded columns from the Courthouse portico into the double column corner pieces and see if any more lightness is achieved; no jets in the fountain; bring back pictures at night with the lighting for review of the entire lighting concept.

The need to further explore if additional shade type trees should be used was also noted.

Public Comment:

Keith Bautista stated that there is a tremendous lighting program for the Courthouse itself and one of the elements not totally coordinated was the lighting of the Courthouse from below up in correlation with the plaza design as there was no plaza design at the time. He stated his belief that a budget exists for some up lighting around the plaza next to the Courthouse and there should be some coordination with the architects about that point. He stated his concern that due to the size, space and number of palm trees we may block the view of the Courthouse. He further pointed to the maintenance of the palm fronds in order to mitigate liability and expressed concern about pigeons and potential for obtrusive mechanisms to control a pigeon problem. He stated that water features are not appropriate for this project. He asked about any flagpole and restrooms planned for the project.

Ken Rolandelli stated that Redwood City is about to recapture a highly significant part of its past both in terms of uncovering the beautiful old county Courthouse as well as rediscovering an important and vital piece of open space that fronts it. As a member of the Historic Courthouse Restoration Committee and the City's Historic Resources Advisory Committee he has been involved with the project for four years. He stated his contentment up until two weeks ago when he thoroughly read the Courthouse Facade Reconstruction and Plaza Project EIR. He submitted his letter dated February 7, 2005 which outlines his concerns and comments.

Alan Bygdnes stated that it's not about the structure, columns, fountains but the concern is the unique walking feature designed to get across to the Fox Theatre. He stated that there should not be a pedestrian crosswalk right in the center of the block and that people are accustomed to having stop signs that assist in protecting the pedestrians. He further stated his concern that there will be a major catastrophe at that location.

Nita Spangler stated that her view is tempered by the fact that in 1944 she was a reporter in that building and has a different feel for the plaza area. She stated that if there is not a budget to spend on the maintenance it will look shabby. She suggested using solar energy; that she would be happy with one pavilion that is open for a breeze to come through, less palm trees and emphasized the operating costs. She asked about location of garbage cans and restrooms. She stated that it is inappropriate to name anything in the project for anyone other

than the Arguello or Mezes families. Another name she mentioned was Horace Haas.

Jeri Joseph, Parks and Recreation Commissioner and San Mateo County History Museum employee, stated that she agrees with the concern with providing restrooms. Another concern she mentioned was where the pedestrian or school drop off will be located as it will have a great impact on the museum.

Mayor Ira requested a response to the crosswalk concern. Mr. Freedman stated that, typically, unsignalized crosswalks are not used except in very slow moving areas. He further stated that with the amount of activity expected in the downtown center and without stop signs on the corners it would not work. With the plaza and the two front doors in front of it, he stated his certainty that people will not walk to the corner and will cross in the middle of the street no matter what is done. He stated the importance that it not be flush, that there is an actual curb and a visible color change.

Regarding flagpoles, Mr. Freedman stated the assumption that they would go to the left and right of the portico. After the workshops, it seemed that the restrooms would be part of the second phase when the rest of the block is improved and makes sense to be located in the center but not right at the front door.

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

8. 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. 3-2005 and No. 4-2005. 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 Foust – stated that in December, she and Council Member Hartnett were elected to serve on countywide transportation boards. Council Member Foust was elected to the Transportation Authority as the South County representative and Council Member Hartnett was re-elected and selected as Vice Chair of the SamTrans Board. She proposed that once a month or every other month each of them present to Council a brief update report.

C. Vice Mayor Pierce – stated that a Council representative is needed on the 2020 Peninsula Gateway Corridor Study Policy Advisory Committee that meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Former Council Member Ira Ruskin sat on the committee prior to his leaving office.

9. ADJOURNMENT - 10:00 p.m.

M/S Hartnett/Bain to adjourn until the next regular City Council meeting of February 14, 2005 in honor of Frank Guida who died over the previous weekend. Council Member Hartnett referred to the honoring of Mr. Guida in 2003 with a proclamation in recognition of 40 years of service to the city while coaching Pop Warner Football for that entire period of time. Mr. Guida was nationally recognized for his activities, received the bronze star for valor, Purple Heart and P.O.W. medals for service in WWII. He was involved in Little League Baseball, Redwood City boards and committees and never stopped contributing being named Citizen of the Year in 1999. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk