

MAYOR JEFF IRA  
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  
FEBRUARY 14, 2005  
7:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Council Members Absent:** Mayor Ira

**Staff Present:** City Manager Everett, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Brower, Community Development Director Patterson, Manager of Engineering and Construction Chang, Redevelopment Manager Moeller, Volunteer Balsamo

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Rosanne Foust, Council Member**

**4. INVOCATION - Pastor Dennis Logie, Sequoia Christian Church**

**5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**A. Peninsula Sunrise Rotary – Rotary International Centennial Year**

Vice Mayor Pierce read the proclamation and presented it to Lorianna Kastrop.

**B. American Heart Association – “Go Red for Women Month”**

Vice Mayor Pierce read the proclamation and presented it to a representative of the American Heart Association in place of Tamara Trefz.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR**

M/S Hartnett/Foust 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.**

Romeo Guglielmo, Sr. spoke regarding the City's water closet toilet giveaway program stating that not many needy people showed up for the program. He further stated that there was no offer of an appropriate accommodation for the disabled and that the City should offer people a choice. He also encouraged the program be amended to include documentation that a professional installation occurred.

Irene Arejula stated that in 2004 she heard of a woman's housing plight. She stated that she is forced to find a better living situation for herself and is associated with Mateo Lodge, Inc. She further stated that her share of a four person utility bill is \$82.05 in January 2005. She stated that working with PG&E's estimate, her share should have been approximately \$25.00 according to her calculation of personal use. She stated that her opinion is that there are some shady non-profit organizations working with the City.

Council Member Howard requested staff from the Fair Oaks Community Center contact the speaker to provide resource information.

M/S Hartnett/Foust 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.**

**6.1 Section – Motions**

- A. Approve the Special City Council Budget Strategy Session Minutes of February 5, 2005 and the Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of February 7, 2005 as submitted; (301) **MINUTE ORDER 05-23**

- B. Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Freedman Tung & Bottomley (FTB) for the Design of the Courthouse Square – **Redevelopment Agency (304)**

**Recommendation:**

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Freedman Tung & Bottomley to provide design services for the Courthouse Square Project with a budget of \$15,658 and appropriate funds from Agency's Downtown Funding Plan Contingency
2. Authorize the Redevelopment Manager to execute the amendment to the agreement. The services will include additional public meetings and conceptual design iterations beyond the original scope of work

**RD MINUTE ORDER 05-04**

- C. Agreement with Aligranto Destinations and the City of Redwood City for Family Camp program services

**Recommendation:**

Execute the Amendment between the City of Redwood City and Aligranto Destinations (304)

**MINUTE ORDER 05-24**

**6.2 Section – Claims and Warrants**

- A. Approve warrants dated through February 14, 2005 and usual and necessary payments through February 28, 2005; (303) **MINUTE ORDER 05-25**

**6.3 Section – Resolutions**

- A. Job description and salary range for Water Quality Specialist classification

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council approve the job specifications and salary range for the Water Quality Specialist classification (903)

**RESOLUTION 14629 APPROVING JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST**

- B. Job description and salary range for Water Conservation Specialist classification

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council approve the job specifications and salary range for the Water Conservation Specialist classification (903)

**RESOLUTION 14630 APPROVING JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF WATER CONSERVATION SPECIALIST POSITION**

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

**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. 5-2005. 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. Presentation of Concepts for Improvement of Middlefield Road between Woodside Road and Main Street – Council Member Bain**

Council Member Bain stated that he would be providing some ideas to consider and expects that discussion might occur at a later date. He further stated that he was prepared to receive feedback after the presentation.

Council Member Bain stated that his focus on Middlefield Road is because it is a highly visible gateway to the downtown and was noticeably missing from the Downtown Area Plan. The particular area of Middlefield Road being discussed was between Woodside Road and Main Street. It is an historic neighborhood, cuts right through the heart of the Stambaugh-Heller neighborhood and there are many Victorian homes in these neighborhoods, some going back as early as 1860. The area is within walking distance to the library, City Hall, the new theatre, and the train station making it a potential location for transit oriented development. He stated his belief that there is opportunity for increasing the quantity and quality of housing, improving the esthetics on a major corridor to the downtown, providing equity of services, and restoring the character of an historic neighborhood.

Council Member Bain provided a PowerPoint slide presentation of the area in its current state, displaying power lines, showing homes that are a potential for restoration and preservation of the City's history. A slide depicting the land across the street from Peninsula Christian Center could provide an opportunity

for a public park. A dialogue could occur with the church involving a possible land swap plus cash and a use permit to allow Bethlehem AD to be staged. Subsequent slides showed pictures of what Redwood City could look like using photos of houses from other cities. He suggested creative ways of achieving private and public partnerships, ideally getting private developers interested in that part of the city.

He stated that the purpose was to offer some ideas and at some later date his hope is to have discussion about the concepts. He shared possible next steps such as request that City staff explore the costs and funding for under grounding of utilities; discussion of land use with PCC church; creation of a task force of key stakeholders; research of funding; and development of a precise plan. He stated that he would be giving the same presentation at the General Plan meeting at the library on February 15.

Council Members comments included the desire to have the concepts considered as part of the overall Downtown Plan which is set to return to Council prior to being placed in the General Plan; consider balancing resources and opportunities, and consider the timing related to the land mentioned for potential park use for the downtown. Council Members thanked Council Member Bain for the effort and creativity. Interest in potential funding for both historic preservation and neighborhood improvements was mentioned; a dialogue with the church and the concern that it is very clear to the residents and property owners that it is only a conceptual and early discussion phase. The opportunity to open up and improve other entry ways was mentioned, such as Broadway out toward Arguello.

*Public Comment:*

Maria Diaz Vivian thanked Council Member Bain for his interest and stated that the neighborhood association has participated with the Downtown Task Force. At that point the entry way was focused more toward Veterans and the idea was to return the neighborhood atmosphere back to the Stambaugh-Heller area. She stated that there is a renewed interest by the longtime property owners in the neighborhood. She emphasized the need for housing in close proximity to the downtown and various services.

Nita Spangler thanked Council Member Bain for the presentation, stating here interest in historic preservation noting that it is not necessary to make everything the way it used to be. She asked to consider leaving the character intact with its cottages and encouraged employers' participation with nonprofit corporations to aid the situation for people.

The last neighborhood meeting for the General Plan occurs at 7:00 p.m. on February 15 at the library.

**C. Parks for the Future – Vice Mayor Pierce**

Vice Mayor Pierce stated that a series of meetings with City officials from throughout the County looking at a potential parks district that would include both County parks and a dedicated source of funding for local city parks. She stated that some initial surveying has occurred to gauge support for a sales tax, parcel tax or assessment district tax. The final recommendation was that there might be support for an 8% sales tax. The difficulties are the amount of funding needing to be raised, finding the price tag that voters would support and determining how much benefit would be generated for each of the member agencies. Governance was discussed, the types being directly elected boards, appointed boards, supervision by existing boards and a hybrid type. The concern by agencies is that there be a minimal amount of government as possible and if the funding is raised, it is determined exactly how it is to be spent in each of the jurisdictions. Each Council Member was to poll their respective Councils to determine feasibility of participation and discuss community needs.

Council comments included concern about other jurisdictions' experience with how a sales tax increase might impact location selection for sales centers; the least bureaucratic process is in place; and public policymakers directly involved but not spending much time. The impact on our City parks system is of concern and whether the tax would directly benefit the City's parks.

Vice Mayor Pierce answered questions and stated she would provide additional information for Council Members. She further stated that there is more study to be done, enabling State legislation, support from throughout the County from all cities and the concept is in its initial phases.

*Public Comment:*

Nita Spangler urged consideration on a regional basis and that much of parkland is unbuildable land for the County and is saving us money. She stated that the parks are saving the San Francisco watershed, the hills beyond and the creeks. She further stated that there is great economic advantage to every taxpayer from parks because it adds to the property and living.

- D. Council Member Hartnett** – stated that Council adjourned the last meeting in memory of Frank Guida. He announced that a Celebration of Life for Frank Guida will be held on Saturday, February 26 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue in Redwood City.

**8. ADJOURNMENT -**

M/S Foust/Hartnett to adjourn until the next regular City Council meeting of February 28, 2005 in memory of Shannan Price, native and employee of Redwood City. She was the director of the after school activities program for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. She was one of the best leaders that the Sandpiper Community Center had ever seen and she died February 3 at the age of 25. She was an accomplished athlete, obtaining a softball scholarship to San Francisco State University, patterning herself after Babe Ruth. Her time at Sandpiper serving 90 children earned her an extremely high level of respect.

**The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe  
City Clerk