

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
JOINT STUDY SESSION with PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 4, 2005
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

• **City Council**

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

• **Planning Commission**

Planning Commissioners Present: Garcia, Piulle, Radcliffe, Secretary Cronin, Vice Chairperson Seybert and Chairperson Paulson

Planning Commissioners Absent: Claire

Staff Present:

City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, Assistant City Attorney Brower, Public Works Services Director Ingram, Community Development Director Patterson, Planning Manager Church, Community Development Services Manager Passanisi, Manager of Engineering and Construction Chang, Childcare Coordinator Anderson, Volunteer Balsamo

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Ian Bain, Council Member

4. INVOCATION - Pastor Dennis Logie, Sequoia Christian Church

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S Howard/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.**

Jeff Filippi spoke of two items addressed in a letter submitted by Dr. William Amalu. The first item involved the homeless using private property facilities. Dr. Filippi stated that in the past he had experienced people using his business property as a bathroom facility and over the weekend a person had personal items and a sleeping bag set out on the property. He stated that when he called the Police Department at 4:45 Sunday that he was told there was nobody available and that he should remove the items himself. His second topic concerned the renaming of Middlefield Road to Theatre Way requesting that the businesses be notified and involved in a meeting that is scheduled in accordance with the affected businesses.

Jeri Joseph announced to the Council and the community the Pet Parade to be held on Saturday, April 9 at noon at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue.

Nita Spangler mentioned, "*Paradise Lost*", from the University of California Press and the bestseller, "*Collapse*", stating that it will be clear what is happening in California. The Peninsula being between the densely populated areas of San Francisco and San Jose creates tremendous pressure to build more housing. She stated her hope that the City is looking for new ideas and being open to moving ahead with some determination for the betterment of the whole city and not just a few who are pressuring for changing of the rules right now.

5.1 Section – Motions

- A. Approve the Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of March 28, 2005 as submitted; **(301)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-53**

5.2 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through March 28, 2005 and usual and necessary payments through April 4, 2005; **(303)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-54**

5.3 Section – Final Acceptances

A. Final Acceptance – Partnership Courtyards Subdivision

Recommendation:

Accept, by Minute Order, the Partnership Courtyard Subdivision Improvements, and release the bonds following the submission of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$28,540.00 **(304)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-55**

B. Final Acceptance – 2003-2004 Street Overlay Project

Recommendation:

Accept the 2003-2004 Street Overlay Project, and authorize the release of payment bond and retention. **(304)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-56**

6. STUDY SESSION

A. Redwood City Water Supply Plan

Public Works Services Director Ingram stated he would be highlighting the Urban Water Management Plan, stating that this was information requested by the City Council. Input was received from the City Council Utilities Subcommittee and staff was asked to bring the information to the Council. He utilized a PowerPoint presentation. The Plan reflects a two-pronged approach to reach 2010 goal and sustain balance. It shows how the City could absorb up to 7,115 new housing units by 2020. The Plan is not a road map for land use and water supply will not constrain growth.

Mayor Ira explained that this Plan is a tool to be used in the planning process and not to steer the process but a requirement of the State.

Public Comment:

Peggy Bruggman asked for clarification on whether the 1,715 acre feet to be conserved by 2010 through the recycled water conservation means another 1,100 or if it is included in the figure.

Nita Spangler stated that water use is going way up based on consumer patterns and the subject of groundwater has not been mentioned. She stated that at one time she was told there were 500 wells in Redwood City and that there are still people who put in wells and tap the water supply in that way. She further supported the idea of a reserve supply of water

Council Members and Planning Commissioners asked questions and made comments that included concerns with cost benefit and reminding residents to view the City website for information on the various programs. The need to do a better job of analyzing and articulating the information to the community was stated.

Recommendation:

Receive information – No action required. (802)

B. Redwood City General Plan

II. Joint Study Session on the General Plan Vision and Process

Planning Manager Church explained that the meeting is not to make decisions on specific issues but to begin discussion and provide general guidance on what Council and Planning Commissioners do or do not want to see when the document comes back later this summer.

Principal Planner Passanisi highlighted the role of the Downtown Area Plan, the Downtown Study and the status of the General Plan.

Planning Commission Chairperson Paulson and Council Member Foust, Liaison to the General Plan process, detailed the public input process that the Planning Commission has been using over the past 12 months.

Council and Commission comments included the idea of using neighborhood association meetings and going out where the residents already are congregating such as the Farmers' Market rather than create new meetings to fit into busy schedules.

Consultant Bottomley described the major themes that emerged from the neighborhood meetings as stated in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Greg Greenway, Executive Director of Seaport Industrial Association, highlighted that from a General Plan, long range planning point of view, it would benefit the City to take into account the reality that industrial businesses plan to be in the Seaport neighborhood for the long term. He stated that the area also represents an intermodal transportation hub, and that it is an enormous recycling center. His last overarching vision principle was that the Port and the industrial sector is a part of the history, fabric and character of the community and unique to other cities. He further expressed the support for the City's efforts in securing the water supply and that the Bayfront Study comments should be incorporated into the

document. Speaking as the manager for facilities and land use of the Childcare Coordinating Council, his message was to strongly incorporate childcare into the General Plan.

Peggy Bruggman stated that the neighborhood meetings were helpful but were on the City's terms and discussion of topics of larger importance were not up for discussion. So far, the residents have not had the opportunity to think and dream big and if that input is not received, people will feel left out. She suggested honesty about what is at stake in order to get people to participate and give people assurances that things will not go away.

Lynn Trullio stated that she felt constrained at the neighborhood meetings and supported forums. She stated that there should be a vision for the Bayfront that supports environmental protection and restoration as a primary goal.

Clem Molony commented on the theme of developing in the right places. He stated that the visioning study was a good process and his dislike is that the visioning study did not get completed well. He encouraged a complete planning document be developed.

Recess: 9:00-9:10 p.m.

Additional themes brought up by Council and the Planning Commission were promoting economic development, economic diversity, promoting diversity, promoting of youth and seniors, defining and raising of neighborhoods to City standards, and gaining control of problem neighborhoods.

Other points made were using Pasadena's principles in the General Plan, use of the Ahwanee Principles as the basis for structuring the General Plan and use of the RWC 2020 town hall model for meetings. Use of guiding principles, use of Ahwanee principles or looking at San Mateo County's plans, goals and guiding principles was supported.

Public Comment:

Joe LeClaire stated that success in developing a broad vision for the General Plan that represents the greatest possible input involvement from citizenry requires development and implementation of a public process that provides many opportunities for public input. He stated his belief that one or two public discussions of the big picture issues will be necessary to ensure the adequate public solicitation. A mail-in or web based survey may be necessary to achieve a more representative sample. He stated that the Downtown Precise Plan should be incorporated in the General Plan and that the Bayfront Study should not serve

as an informal study and a way to inform decisions. Community involvement and incorporation into the General Plan should occur.

Lynn Trullio supported Council Member Foust's comments and stated that one approach might be to bring the broad themes that have been developed to the public and then have some specific alternative approaches to those themes. She offered conversation with the restoration project folks for ideas if so desired.

Nita Spangler supported the references to the Ahwanee and Pasadena principles. She encouraged open space, the historic aspects and obtaining the history of the city.

Mayor Ira suggested two or three members of Council and the Planning Commission meet with staff to work through the comments and themes, bring back a vision then decide how to go back out to the community. The following members will meet with staff: Council Members Foust, Howard, Vice Mayor Pierce; and Planning Commissioners Cronin, Paulson and Seybert.

- I. Resolution of Intention to direct the Planning Commission to undertake a comprehensive review of the General Plan and provide the City Council with recommended amendments.

Recommendation:

M/S Bain/Pierce to approve the following Resolution of Intention:

RESOLUTION 14635 OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TO DIRECT THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY STRATEGIC GENERAL PLAN AND TO PROVIDE THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC GENERAL PLAN (301)

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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. 12-2005. 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. Vice Mayor Pierce – stated that at a later date the Council will have some of the Poetry Contest winners and that the afternoon of poetry she experienced was

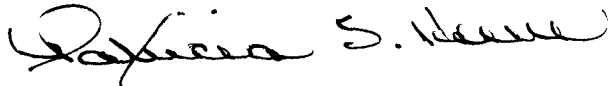
quite impressive. She also announced that on Saturday, April 16 from 8-4 p.m., the Marine Science Institute located near the bay will host an open house.

C. Council Member Foust -- announced to the Redwood Shores community that concern about the work going on at Redwood Shores Parkway and Bridge Parkway was not for an additional stoplight going in. She stated that it really is the foresight of the South Bayside Systems Authority which Mayor Ira is Chair to and the City of Redwood City repairing the sewer lines. Some of the sewer parts are 15 years old and this is preventive maintenance and repair.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 10:40 p.m.

M/S Foust/Howard to adjourn until the next regular City Council meeting of April 11, 2005. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice voted.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk