

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

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 9, 2005
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, City Attorney Yamamoto,
Assistant City Attorney Brower, Police Chief Bolanos, Administrative Sergeant
Harper, Public Works Superintendent Rosas, Information Technology Manager
Gelpman, Community Development Services Manager Passanisi, Project Planner
Kelly, Housing Coordinator Jones-Thomas, Recreation and Community Services
Manager Chin, Volunteer Balsamo

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Alicia Aguirre, Council Member

4. INVOCATION - Pastor Dennis Logie, Sequoia Christian Church

5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Award

- **FBI Presentation to the Redwood City Police Department**

Randy Cook, representing the Director of the FBI stated that Police Chief
Bolanos and the Redwood City Police Department had assisted the FBI

Recommendation:

Approve agreement with The Covello Group, for providing construction scheduling and other related support services for the Route 101/Ralston Avenue Interchange Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$68,000. (304)

MINUTE ORDER 05-80

6.2 Section – Acceptance of Improvements

- A. Acceptance of Improvements – Blomquist Street/East Bayshore Road Realignment – Pacific Shores Center

Recommendation:

Accept the improvements for the Blomquist Street/East Bayshore Road Realignment Project, and return the Performance and Labor & Materials Bonds, upon filing of the one-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$136,500. per paragraph 8 of the Improvement Agreement. (304)

MINUTE ORDER 05-81

- B. Final Acceptance – 2003 Watermain Replacement Project

Recommendation:

Accept the 2003 Watermain Replacement Project, and authorize the release of bonds and retention. (304)

MINUTE ORDER 05-82

- C. Final Acceptance – 2003/2004 Storm Drain Improvements Project

Recommendation:

Accept the 2003/2004 Storm Drain Improvements Project, and authorize the release of retention. (304)

MINUTE ORDER 05-83

6.3 Section – Resolutions

- A. Four-way Stop Signs on Shearwater Parkway at Canvasback Way/St. Lucia Drive

Council Member Foust pointed out that this has been an area of concern for residents in Redwood Shores for approximately 18 months. She thanked Traffic Engineer Haygood and Manager of Construction and Engineering Chang for working with the community on this topic.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the installation of 4-way stop signs on Shearwater Parkway at its intersections with Canvasback Way/St. Lucia Drive (301)

RESOLUTION 14640 ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING ALL ENTRANCES TO THE INTERSECTION OF SHEARWATER PARKWAY WITH CANVASBACK WAY AND ST. LUCIA DRIVE TO BE STOP ENTRANCES

6.4 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through April 25, 2005 and usual and necessary payments through May 9, 2005; **(303)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-84**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consolidated Plan

1. Adoption of the Consolidated Plan for 2005-2010

Housing Coordinator Jones-Thomas stated that a new Consolidated Plan strategy is presented to Council every five years. She stated that the process was one of community building where members of the community identified a vision of their own neighborhood. There is participation in a process to measure how those needs get met over the five year period and a performance measurement system used to determine the effectiveness of that plan. She further explained the community involved process and the components of her presentation of the topic.

Mayor Ira opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

Kitty Lopez, Executive Director of Samaritan House, thanked the Housing and Human Concerns Committee (HHCC) for its work and Council for its support of Safe Harbor. She stated that it truly is a safe harbor emergency shelter for those very vulnerable who have no other place to go.

John Dempsey stated that the five year plan is the basis by which the agencies apply for funds and the HHCC will be monitoring the Council's priorities in relation to expenditures of those funds. He further stated that the Plan is more than the funds, but the Plan of the city.

Laura Fanucchi of HIP Housing thanked the HHCC and Council for the recommendation of support of the Home Sharing Program. She stated that the funding enables the serving of over 200 low income Redwood City residents by providing them with housing and community resources. The program enables placement into low rent or no rent shared housing arrangements and supports various other services.

Jeri Orozco stated that she is a Redwood City single mother of a 7-year old son and a member of the HIP Housing program. She stated that the program has afforded her the opportunity to finish college and pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. She stated that this is possible because she has affordable rent, informational workshops about tax information and financial planning which she expects will help her become self reliant and a productive member of society.

Denise Brousseau, first year member of HHCC, expressed her appreciation to Council Members who encouraged her to become involved in the community. She stated that it is a privilege to encourage the work in the community although it is difficult to decide the funding recommendations. She thanked the members of the HHCC and staff members.

Janet Borgens commended HHCC Member Brousseau for her abilities and thanked Council for the staff work involved. She stated that it has been a community building process and that there are many more needs than money. She further stated that the basic need seen in the community is affordable housing and that all successes revolve around it. She thanked Council for receiving the document and affirmed that the HHCC would continue to bring this information forward so that the community gets the best representation for its needs.

M/S Foust/Hartnett to close the public hearing. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Council Members acknowledged the HHCC and staff for all its work in the process stating that outstanding outreach into the community is reflected in the document that reflects the community's values. This money is an investment in the basic quality of life in the community to which the HHCC sets up a process to hold people accountable for the objectives set out. Council also expressed sadness at how the problems are growing and that it is tied to the economics of this area and the cost of housing. Council also suggested that it would be great to take the process on the road as an example to other communities throughout California.

Recommendation:

M/S Howard/Bain to approve the resolution which:

1. Adopts the Consolidated Plan Strategy for 2005-2010
2. Adopts the Housing and Human Concerns Committee's Funding Recommendations for 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan; and

3. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all required documents for the submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (404)

RESOLUTION 14641 APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2005-2010) AND APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS); CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY HAS FOLLOWED ITS ADOPTED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND FILING OF ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING THERETO (FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006).

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Housing and Human Concerns Committee 2005/2006 Funding Recommendations for the Human Services Financial Assistance (HSFA) Program.

Human Services Manager Chin stated this is an integral part of the overall needs and strategies and Priority #2 of the Consolidated Plan. She explained that the HHCC has prioritized HSFA funding to support non-housing basic human needs with CDBG funds. She further explained the process that included workshops for potential applicants, review of preliminary applications to provide feedback for the final application.

Council Members comments included that the HSFA program is city funded and has been in place for several years and the desire for staff to report on the County task force with the plan to end homelessness and how funding might assist the City. Pride was expressed for the work done in both the basic needs as well as other needs such as victims of abuse.

Recommendation:

No action required at this time. This report was provided to set the larger context for the Council review of the Proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan in connection with the receipt of federal funding. Council will review the Housing and Human Concerns Committee recommendations for HSFA for FY 05-06 at budget study sessions in June. (404)

8. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Time Extension Hearing for Termination of Non-Conforming Use (Secrets Adult Boutique) at 739 El Camino Real.

Principal Planner Passanisi explained the background on the topic. He stated that a time extension of the use must be granted if the City can make certain findings. He further outlined those findings. He stated that the applicant is

seeking a one-time 6-month extension to avoid penalties for early termination of the lease and to have more time to find a suitable location.

Council Members asked questions of Assistant City Attorney Brower.

Public Comment:

Ed Levigne, representing Sequoia High School District, spoke against granting of the extension, realizing that the ordinance requires the three findings. He questioned how a 6-month extension to the previous 5 years will allow the applicant to find a suitable location when the open business space has been available and is now tightening.

Adam Borison, a local businessperson and public school parent, stated that he drives by the location nearly each day. He stated his observation that the findings citing investments are not true. In terms of balancing interests, he urges favoring the children rather than the business owners.

Don Gibson, High School Board Member, stated that he has been asked on numerous occasions when the store will go away.

Morgan Marchbanks, Principal of Sequoia High School, represented the student body of Sequoia High School who attend, go to and walk from a school in the neighborhood which has the rarely found neighbor of an adult store. She stated that a special permit was required for this business to operate this close to their place of learning not only academics but socially appropriate behavior. Further concerns were that Sequoia will be operating all summer long, 8th graders will be attending and some students, under age or still dependent on their parents, have accessed the store. She urged the Council to not extend the permit.

Raymond Denardi, property owner of 739 El Camino Real, stated that there is 6 months left on the lease and his question is who will pay for it. He stated that the business has been there for 30 years and that all of the merchandise in the store can be purchased on the internet.

Frank Romero thanked the Council and staff stated that he is the supervisor of the book store. He stated that in the 5 years he has had the responsibility to pursue alternate locations that the company had paid for an extensive study to determine possible locations and he had investigated those sites. He stated that Bay Management has been responsible at the store for 20 years, that there are strict requirements that do not allow minor entry, and security systems to ensure safety.

Council questions ensued about the responsible party should the lease be broken and clarification of the findings requirement. An explanation of the improvements to the property was requested.

In making the motion, Council Member Hartnett stated that he does not wish the use there any longer. However, by not granting the extension, there would be litigation, the use would exist during that period of time and it would place the City in a more difficult situation come the expiration of the lease and the amortization period to defend our actions.

Recommendation:

M/S Hartnett/Foust to adopt the attached resolution granting a six-month extension to continue the non-conforming use at 739 El Camino Real (Secrets Adult Boutique) until January 12, 2006. For clarification, the resolution will include a revision to Page 2, Section 2, first sentence: "...this Council hereby approves a **one-time** extension...". (605)

RESOLUTION 14642 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY MAKING, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 27 OF THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE, THE REQUIRED FINDINGS AND APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR TERMINATION OF A NONCONFORMING USE LOCATED AT 739 EL CAMINO REAL, REDWOOD CITY

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Recess: 8:48 – 9:00 p.m.

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. 16-2005 and No. 17-2005. 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. Appointments to City Council-appointed Boards, Committees, and Commissions

1. Planning Commission (*Two three-year terms, expiring June 30, 2008*)

City Clerk Howe conducted a roll call vote with Council Members naming up to two applicants. The following is the tally of results:

- Bruce Coddling – *Council Members Bain, Foust, Hartnett, Howard, Vice Mayor Pierce and Mayor Ira*
- Robert Dickenson
- Jeffrey Gee – *Council Members Aguirre, Foust, Hartnett, Howard, Vice Mayor Pierce and Mayor Ira*
- Cliff Keith

- Marc Manuel – *Council Member Bain*
- Lynne McGhee
- Juan Prado – *Council Member Aguirre*
- Ernesto Schmidt
- David Semenero
- Naomi St. Louis

The successful applicants are Bruce Coddington and Jeffrey Gee; appointed to three-year terms expiring on June 30, 2008. (209)

MINUTE ORDER 05-85

2. Library Board (*Two three-year terms, expiring June 30, 2008*)

City Clerk Howe conducted a roll call vote with Council Members naming up to two applicants. The following is the tally of results:

- Reina Barragan – *Council Members Aguirre, Bain, Foust, Hartnett and Mayor Ira*
- Sanborn Hodgkins – *Council Member Howard*
- Billy James – *Council Members Aguirre, Bain, Foust, Hartnett, Howard, Vice Mayor Pierce and Mayor Ira*
- Pedro Robles
- Ruth Wilkins – *Vice Mayor Pierce*

The successful applicants are Reina Barragan and Billy James; appointed to three-year terms expiring on June 30, 2008. (209)

MINUTE ORDER 05-86

Council Members encouraged all applicants to remain involved and to seek other opportunities to participate, announcing that there is vacancy on the Housing and Human Concerns Committee. The application period for that vacancy ends on May 27 with applications available on the City website and at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or by calling 780-7220.

- B. Council Member Foust** – thanked community member Janet Borgens, owner of a beauty salon, *"The Beauty Wheel"*, conducted a fundraiser along with Mary Mortensen, of *"Flirts"*. The fundraiser involved cutting hair with the proceeds going to a young woman from the community who is suffering from Leukemia.
- C. Council Member Aguirre** – asked if staff would be responding to a citizen's letter regarding a traffic issue. Mayor Ira responded that staff would be sending a detailed letter on the topic.
- D. Mayor Ira** – announced that May 19 is "Bike to Work Day" and he encouraged participation stating that there is a workshop through the County and those interested may go to the website and pledge. The event is sponsored by the

Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance and the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition. There will be refreshment stops all around the area with one located near the Redwood City Caltrain station. The website for information is www.511.org

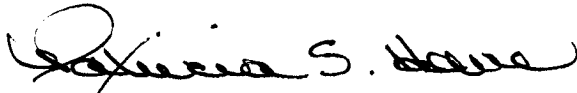
E. Vice Mayor Pierce – stated that last Tuesday evening, May 3, was a very sad time for schools in Redwood City when Measure “V” was defeated. It was a parcel tax that required a two-thirds vote of support to pass, and while receiving 61% was much better than past parcel tax measures in Redwood City, was not sufficient to achieve the collecting of \$3 million to assist the schools in the future. She further stated that the City Council has long believed and still believes, that schools are the heart of the community and what we do to provide for our children enables our community to be successful. She cited such implications as in the K-3 grades, instead of having 20 children there will be 30 children per class. Libraries will be closed at least half of the time, there will be no music programs rather than the current support of grades 2-8, and the special assistance in math and reading will not be available. She stated that over the last 9 years the Redwood City Education Foundation with the Civic Cultural Commission and the Redwood City School District has been very involved in raising funds for music programs. She stated that those wishing to get involved are encouraged to attend a meeting scheduled for May 24 at 7:00 p.m., Redwood City School District, 750 Bradford Street.

Mayor Ira stated that the schools have endured substantial cuts over the years and have reorganized and revamped to accommodate but that the current cuts will be staggering. He stated that the schools have shown a dramatic increase in test scores but cuts have already been determined and will be implemented in August leading to a negative impact. The City Council will reach out and maintain the partnerships but it will take community involvement and now is the time to come to the aid of those hurting in the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT- 9:20 p.m.

M/S Hartnett/Howard to adjourn until the next regular City Council meeting of May 23, 2005. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk