

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
JOINT STUDY SESSION with PLANNING COMMISSION
and ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
AUGUST 8, 2005
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

- **City Council Members Present:** Aguirre, Bain, Foust, Hartnett, Howard, Vice Mayor Pierce and Mayor Ira
- **Planning Commissioners Present:** Claire, Coddling, Gee, Radcliffe, Secretary Cronin and Chairperson Paulson
Planning Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairperson Seybert
- **Architectural Review Committee Members Present:** Drotos, Howard, Raymundo, Vice Chair Spotorno and Chairperson Gilman

Staff Present:

City Manager Everett, Police Captain Matuszak, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Community Development Director Patterson, Principal Planner Jany, Redevelopment Manager Moeller, Downtown Development Coordinator Zack, Community Design Director Liedstrand, Volunteer Balsamo

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Jim Hartnett, Council Member
4. **INVOCATION** - Pastor Mike O'berg, Messiah Lutheran Church

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR

Tom Mohr, Interim President of Cañada College, stated that during the intervening months while going through a national search, the District will do everything possible to stay well connected with the City Council. He stated that it is part of the legacy of the college and will continue. He announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the new library and student services center at Cañada College on August 25 at 2:00 p.m. He reaffirmed the great legacy that has been rendered at the college connecting with the community.

Janet Borgens stated that when the City Council, staff and citizens decided to change the 2600 block of Broadway she was not sure but that it is a wonderful transition. When the decision was made to tear down the facade of the courthouse, she was not sure about it but it is fantastic. When the proposal to build the theatre arose she was skeptical. One of the things she has noticed downtown is that there are many restaurants with tables outside, everybody is walking around happy to be there and it is wonderful to watch it happen.

Charlene Wright stated that while house hunting in Redwood City she had the pleasure of interacting with the Planning division and it was fun. The office staff was pleasant, answered all questions and was overall fantastic.

Police Captain Ron Matuszak gave a report on crimes that occurred during the month of July; and gang problems in Redwood City and the Police Department's reaction to handling those. He stated that Police is currently working with the Fire Department, San Mateo County Crime Lab, and both Federal and State law enforcement to solve the crimes. He recognized that there is a legitimate concern with gang activity and that it is a concern that the Police Department has worked with for years and will continue to in the foreseeable future. He stated that the Police Department's approach to gangs is two-fold: Work towards prevention and intervention; and when a serious crime is committed, strict law enforcement. He further stated that there is a substantial effort into helping the youth in the community with a full time juvenile counselor on staff and was retained in spite of reductions to sworn personnel. A juvenile detective works with the youth teaching about gang violence in the middle schools, there are numerous after school activities through PAL with all efforts designed to keep youth out of gangs. Violent crime requires strict law enforcement with the goal being to identify the offender, arrest the person and have them removed from the community. They have joined with the SMC Sheriff's

Office to form a gang unit to address gang crime. He further explained that program. He concluded by assuring the community that they will continue to take the problem very seriously and dedicate the resources available to keep gang activity in check.

Council Members commented that neighborhood associations have discussed activating again to meet and talk about neighborhood surveillance. The Farm Hill neighborhood association was set to meet on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the concerns and how everyone can be more proactive. Further stated was the neighborhood grants programmed to enable neighborhoods to discuss concerns and that information is available online or through the City Manager's office. Telephone numbers to call in an emergency would be "911"; after hours non-emergency warranting an officer, call 369-3331; any information about the arson or other information for Police can be given anonymously at 780-7110. Working with neighbors was encouraged and reaching out to Police when necessary. Donations to PAL were encouraged for both financial and peoples' time for the full range of after school programs for the youth. A volunteer boxing instructor, assistance with a community garden and other sorts of donations are currently being sought.

M/S Bain/Howard 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.**

5.1 Section – Motions

- A. Approve the minutes of the July 25, 2005 Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency as submitted; **(303)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-157**
- B. Execution of Funding Agreements for Human Services Financial Assistance Program (HSFA) 2005/2006

Recommendation:

Authorize City Manager to execute the Human Services Financial Assistance Program agreements in the amounts specified in the 2005/2006 fiscal year approved budget. **(304)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-158**

- C. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and City General Funding Agreements for FY 2005-2006

Recommendation:

Approve operating agreements for public service and related programs to 13 non-profit organizations for FY 2005-2006. **(304)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-159**

5.2 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through July 25, 2005 and usual and necessary payments through August 8, 2005; (303) **MINUTE ORDER 05-160**

5.3 Section – Resolutions

- A. Annexation to the Oak Knoll Sewer Maintenance District

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the sewer annexation of Assessor's Parcel No. 058-040-200 to the Oak Knoll Sewer Maintenance District, subject to the conditions that:

1. A sewer connection fee of \$550.00 per connection is paid to the City; and
2. That the property owner sign an annexation agreement with the City consenting to future annexation of the property to Redwood City. (507)

RESOLUTION 14663 CONDITIONALLY CONSENTING TO ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO OAK KNOLL SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ANNEXATION AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

- B. Submission of a certain specified amendment to the Redwood City Charter to the voters of the City of Redwood City at the consolidated General/Special Municipal Election of November 8, 2005. The proposed amendment amends section 47f (8) of the City Charter and would provide a change in the various threshold amounts for the purchase of materials or supplies to determine when contracts (1) may be awarded without solicitation or advertisement; (2) may be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after solicitation but without advertisement or public bidding; and (3) may be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after public bidding. The amendment would only affect the Port of Redwood City.

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing submission of certain a specified amendment to the Redwood City Charter to the voters of the City of Redwood City at the consolidated General/Special Election of November 8, 2005. (307)

RESOLUTION 14664 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENT AT THE CONSOLIDATED GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

2. Direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis with respect to the proposed Charter amendment.

3. Authorize the Mayor and Vice-Mayor to sign the ballot arguments in favor of the measures. (307) **MINUTE ORDER 05-161**

M/S Foust/Aguirre to adjourn the Redevelopment Agency meeting. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

6. STUDY SESSION – City Council, Planning Commission, and Architectural Review Committee

A. Downtown Precise Plan – Second Joint Study Session

Redevelopment Manager Church stated that the study session would be focused on land use and development standards, street and public spaces, building design and downtown identity. The third meeting scheduled for August 22 will focus on infrastructure, parking, transportation, and transit issues.

Michael Freedman, of FTB, introduced others involved as consultants and firms involved in the project stating that the presentation would involve only land use and development. He stated that discussion would remain at the study session level until such time as the consultants are given enough detailed feedback to determine what the plan should be implementing. He stated that when the study sessions are over, a public review draft plan would be prepared and taken to the public hearing process. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file.)

The Concord Group's market analysis provided was focused within the foreseeable future, on how much and what types of downtown retail the downtown could conceivably support.

Comments and questions from Council, Planning Commission and ARC pertained to open space; banks in the downtown retail core; explanation of zoning; whether government offices are included in the core area; concerns about office on ground floor; sensitivity to Redwood Shores being outside the retail trade area; live work definition; consideration for designated bicycles and pedestrians only; does the study assume a future number of residential units; questions on how the economic analysis was done; need for more downtown housing; ensuring pedestrian connection near the existing post office; reconsideration of regulations for outdoor dining; questions about the arts district; question about the paseo between City Hall and the post office; concern with residents outside downtown core losing services; concern with pedestrian

safety; great plan and preservation of historical buildings and arts district; and the need to be proactive rather than reactive in planning.

Public Comment:

Joe LaClair supported many points of the plan and stated his understanding of the difficulty in providing for open space in the downtown although the plaza will be an addition. If looking at 3,600 housing units in the future, some most likely will include families. He stated that the small plaza adjacent to Sequoia Station has a creek passing through it that is used by high school students and others indicating that youth need such areas. At Veterans Boulevard there is a section of Redwood Creek that comes across and is banked by some green space that could be explored as an opportunity site without sacrificing dense building opportunities downtown.

Adrian Brandt stated that banks should be located on side streets rather than Broadway due to lack of activity on weekends and evenings. He questioned the yellow triangle area where the Mexican restaurant and yogurt shop are located and how it all gets tied together to the downtown.

Recess: 9:35-9:50 p.m.

Michael Freedman introduced the topic of physical design. Marta Borzani of the Concord Group summarized the analysis of identifying the required density so that future residential development does not require City subsidy. (PowerPoint Presentation on file.) Freedman stated that any questions or follow-up items may be directed through City staff so that at study session #3, the discussion would begin with the issues of design and height; and address any questions or concerns. (613)

M/S Bain/Pierce to extend the meeting until 11:15 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

M/S Howard/Hartnett to adjourn the joint study session to the regular Council meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

7. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

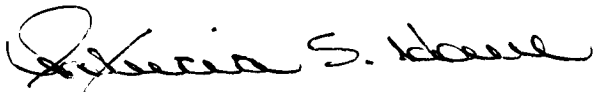
- A. Legislation (information only) –** This sub-section involves possible discussion of City Position on Proposed Legislation described in the League of California Cities Priority Focus Bulletin No. 29-2005 and 30-2005. Council may direct staff to act on positions taken by Council. (Copies of League of California Cities Priority Focus available in City Clerk's Department).

B. Council Member Foust – referred to the July 11, 2005 Council meeting discussion of the zoning and land use designations related to Urban Reserve. She requested that Council consider at a future meeting the policy decision of removing the Urban Reserve for Area H and leaving the zoning designation as Tidal Plain. Her concern is that the Urban Reserve designation is not needed at this time and is confusing.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 11:15 p.m.

M/S Howard/Pierce to adjourn until the next joint City Council meeting (study session with Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee) of August 22, 2005.
The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk