

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

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2005
7:00 P.M.

****A reception in honor of the newly elected Council Members Alicia C. Aguirre, Jim Hartnett, Diane Howard, and Jeff Ira was held in the City Hall foyer after the close of the Regular City Council meeting.**

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Bolanos, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Fire Chief Kohlmann, PRCS Director Centeno, Human Resources Director Bell, CDS Director Patterson, Volunteer Balsamo

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jeff Ira, Mayor

4. INVOCATION - Pastor Dennis Logie, Sequoia Christian Church

A surprise proclamation was presented to recently retired Pastor Logie by Mayor Ira.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- A. Recognition of Outstanding Commitment to the PAL/Fire Department Toy and Book Drive

Honorees: Mitch Amaya, Joe Ira, and Darlene Woodson

Fire Chief Kohlmann stated that the Firefighters were recognizing folks who displayed extraordinary commitment to the toy and book drive. Firefighter/Paramedic Fournier explained the program and presented plaques to the honorees.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Elizabeth Travers spoke of an an article in the newspaper about a negative mailing sent to Redwood City residents from the Citizens for Better Government organization. She stated that she found out from workers at the address that Dick Claire was the resident at Alameda de las Pulgas. After viewing documents at the City Clerk's office, she found that the only officer listed was Claire as President. She further stated that this group speaking on behalf of responsible Redwood City residents is a misrepresentation. In the Daily News and the documents themselves, the donors were outside Redwood City developers and Building Trades representatives as well as P.G. & E. and the printing company in Burlingame which donated \$1,000.00 in October of 2005. She stated that since Claire was directly involved in this developer sponsored opposition to the two candidates who supported No on Q, she urged City Council to ask Claire for his resignation. She asked that the Planning Commission should be more representative of the community rather than a public "yes" body for large developers.

Ralph Nobles, representing the Friends of Redwood City, stated that the organization recognizes, acknowledges and accepts the will of the voters of Redwood City. He offered sincere congratulations to the re-elected Council and pledged that the organization would work to the best of its ability, constructively and positively with the Council on matters for progress and the betterment of the people of Redwood City.

7. CITY COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION

A. Results of November 8, 2005 Consolidated Special and General Municipal Election

City Clerk Howe gave the background on the topic and the results of the election.

Recommendation:

M/S Hartnett/Bain to:

1. Adopt a resolution declaring Canvass of Returns and Results of Special and General Municipal Election

RESOLUTION 14676 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, RECITING THE FACTS OF THE CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2005 DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

2. Direct the City Clerk to submit the amended ratified sections of the City Charter to the Secretary of State and file a copy with the County Recorder, pursuant to Government Code 34459, 34460 and Elections Code Section 9269

**The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote by those present. (307)
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8. ADJOURNMENT

- A. M/S Howard/Bain to adjourn sine die. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

9. INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, CONDUCTED BY CITY CLERK

- A. Administration of Oath of Office, and presentation of Certificates of Election to newly elected Council Members;

Council Members Aguirre, Hartnett, Howard and Ira were administered the Oath of Office and Certificate of Election.

B. Comments from newly installed Council Members

Council Member Hartnett expressed thanks to those involved in his campaign and who voted for him stating that the trust and confidence placed in him is not taken lightly. He thanked the role models in his family that have served the City of Redwood City. He stated his pride in serving with the other 6 members of the Council who are great colleagues and public servants. He further stated his pride in serving the community and working with a City staff that truly believes in community service.

Council Member Howard thanked the people of Redwood City for re-electing her to the Council and that it is an honor to serve with her colleagues. She stated that it is a strong affirmation that the community is pleased with the direction the city is going. She stated that she looks forward to the next 4 years of challenging herself, the City Council and staff, as well as the people to work together and make Redwood City the real gem of the peninsula. She thanked her friends, families and volunteers for their support and work over the past several months.

Council Member Aguirre stated that over the past 10 months she has realized the wonderful job that her colleagues have been doing and the great amount of respect she has for people who have served. She thanked her volunteers and all others who worked so hard on her campaign. She further thanked her family who without their support she could not have been a stronger person to help her be a better Council Member. She stated that this is a wonderful opportunity and working for the community has been a privilege, it is humbling and that she has a great amount of respect for the position.

Mayor Ira thanked the people of Redwood City for their confidence and trust, stating that he will do all he can to prove that trust. He stated that while precinct walking the topics of interest and concern expressed by residents are those that will be worked on by the Council. The topics repeatedly mentioned were the need for safe neighborhoods and that meetings have occurred for meeting the needs in the downtown. He also heard that, although not directly involved with the schools, education is a primary concern for all children and that Council work toward a great education for them. He further stated that spending money wisely is a priority and that it is for the Council as well. He thanked all volunteers that worked on his campaign.

C. Nominations and selection of Mayor for a two-year term, conducted by City Clerk;

Vice Mayor Pierce thanked Mayor Ira for his time and effort during the past two years and as a sign of respect she presented him two gifts from the Council.

Mayor Ira thanked Vice Mayor Pierce stating she had been supportive, going to meetings and as a friend. He stated it is his honor to nominate her for Mayor and

that it has been a great balance as a Mayor and Vice Mayor. He thanked the Council for making it easy for him and truly working as a team, working with each others' styles and remaining flexible. He thanked the City Clerk's office for supporting him for the last two years and the City Manager's office as well. He thanked his family stating that their support and allowing him to be Mayor for the past two years provides the foundation that makes it all work. He stated that during his time as Mayor there have been tough times and very exciting times. He further stated gratitude for all of work done during the budget process and that staff has done a great job of determining how to make the cuts without affecting service and staffing levels. He cited the downtown rejuvenation that includes the theatre, and downtown plaza as very positive indicators. He stated that the topic he is most proud of is the Recycled Water Community Task Force that is the perfect example of how government is supposed to run and resulted in compromise that worked. He further stated that community building is so important and the PACT program and Community Builders program are designed to involve the community members to help in making real change in the future.

M/S Ira/Foust to nominate Vice Mayor Pierce to serve as Mayor.

M/S Foust/Hartnett to close the nomination for Mayor. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Mayor Ira recalled the defeat of Measure B and his consoling Vice Mayor Pierce during that difficult time, and that one of the highest points was her re-election two years ago. He stated that both those examples exemplify how much Vice Mayor Pierce cares about the community and that she has a true, warm and caring heart. He stated that she is always thinking about how to put the community first, having a great passion to solve issues and engaging people in conversation to understand and bring them to consensus. He further stated that she strives to form partnerships and seek volunteers in the community. He stated that she is a wonderful person, will make a great Mayor and guide the community with care and love.

Vice Mayor Pierce was voted unanimously by roll call vote to serve as Mayor for the next two years. **MINUTE ORDER 05-234**

10. CALL TO ORDER BY THE NEWLY SELECTED MAYOR

- A. Nominations and selection of Vice Mayor for a two-year term, conducted by the Mayor;**

Mayor Pierce opened the nominations for Vice Mayor.

M/S Howard/Ira nominated Council Member Foust as the next Vice Mayor of Redwood City .

M/S Howard/Hartnett to close the nominations. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Council Member Howard stated that she considers it an honor to nominate Council Member Foust citing her professional and personal accomplishments. She is Executive Vice President of Alsace Development International, past Chair for the Redwood City/San Mateo Chamber of Commerce, past President and current board member of the Redwood Shores Community Association, and serving her first term on the Council. She further serves on many volunteer boards on the community such as the Redwood City Library Foundation, Sequoia Awards, Advisory Board for School Force in Redwood Shores, Redwood City Rotary, Sandpiper School PTA, and the San Mateo County History Museum. In 2002, the San Mateo County/Redwood City Chamber of Commerce and Bay Area Bank named her the Athena Businesswoman of the Year. She expressed admiration for the dedication and passion she brings to everything she does stating that on the Council, her intelligence guides her, and what is best for the community always guides her actions and heart. She further gave examples of her work and accomplishments in the community.

Council Member Foust was unanimously selected to serve as Vice Mayor for the next two years.

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B. Comments by Council Members, newly selected Vice Mayor, and Mayor;

Vice Mayor Foust stated that when first elected to City Council there is a very strong learning curve and it was an honor and privilege to work with the former Mayor and Vice Mayor. She stated that with the other four Council Members they form a great team and they would not be on the Council without the community. She further stated that whether one voted for them or not, the Council is working for all of the community and is committed to doing its best to carry on the City business in a way that exemplifies integrity. The city value of integrity is, "to do the right thing, not the easy thing." She stated that it would not be possible to do the job without the support of the entire City staff. She expressed a tremendous amount of respect for Mayor Pierce and her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor. She is incredible, thoughtful, kind, she cares and there is nobody to be found that is more committed. Vice Mayor Foust especially thanked her daughters, Lydia and Julia, for putting things in perspective and stated her pride in being their mom.

Council Member Hartnett stated that it was a pleasure to serve on the Council under the leadership of Mayor Ira and Vice Mayor Pierce. He further stated that they were a tremendous team, serving as the eyes and ears of the Council and

community which enabled the Council to get more done than otherwise would have in a way that showed the greatest amount of integrity and effectiveness.

Mayor Pierce thanked Mayor Ira and her colleagues in assisting her in learning over the past 6 years crediting them with her understanding of things. She stated her belief that the Council comes up with good solutions, works very hard and in years ahead the Council and staff will be poised to work together with community members. She stated that she is very honored and grateful to be chosen as Mayor. She stated the importance of acknowledging that anyone achieving anything really does that as a result of the investment of other people thanking her mom, dad, family, husband and daughters for the investment and believing her. For Redwood City, she is committed to be sure that the community grows by flourishing, looking beyond the problems to causes and to help create solutions for the community's continued success. There are challenges in the near future ranging from financial to employment of the residents. The emotional aspect of the community, its safety, caring for community members, children in the educational system or the physical infrastructure, they all must be attended to. We must prepare for the future by more fully engaging community members in planning and planning for growth in a way that helps to solve some of the issues ahead, such as transportation, water and the environment. We must also strengthen relationships within our diverse community because it is our future to learn to work together better. She stated that she especially looks forward to additional ways to connect with youth to create a positive alternative to gangs and the effect on all of us. As a community we need to do more to prevent, intervene and suppress the violence of street gangs. In having successful and well educated children, we will have a successful community for all residents. She stated that she looks forward to working with the community, Council and staff to ensure that the next two years under their watch will continue in the direction they all desire/

C. Public Comment

Adrian Brandt thanked the Council and citizens of Redwood City during his City Council campaign. Although unable to meet everyone and unsuccessful in his City Council bid he stated his belief that there good people on the Council and he looks forward to working with them and supporting them in any way possible to make Redwood City the best it can be. He sincerely thanked all of those who worked on his campaign.

11. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

Mayor Pierce – stated that Saturday, December 5 Hometown Holidays will be held. It is an all day event featuring a snow field, activities at the museum with fireworks at 5:30 p.m. For more information, the Downtown Business Group website contains information.

12. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 P.M.

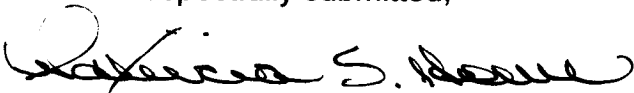
M/S Bain/Foust to adjourn to a reception in honor of newly elected Council Members and newly selected Mayor and Vice Mayor until the next Council meeting of December 5, 2005.

Council Member Bain requested adjournment in memory of David Crevelt who died in a traffic accident on Thanksgiving Day at the age of 47. He was born and raised in Redwood City being one of eight children, graduated from Woodside High School in 1976, then to Canada College and Fresno State University earning a degree in Business Administration. He entered the insurance field, ran an unsuccessful campaign for Congress while in Fresno, in 1987 returned to Redwood City where he coached AYSL soccer afterward joining the coaching staff at Woodside High serving as boys soccer coach for 17 years. He and his family moved to Livermore, was exalted ruler of Redwood City Elk Lodge, and active in other community organization. He leaves his wife and children ages 10, 6 and 3.

Council Member Hartnett requested adjournment in memory of Madeline Wallace who recently died at the age of 90 of which she lived 87 years in Redwood City. She was involved in numerous committees, commissions and volunteer activities, a graduate of Sequoia High School and held virtually every position in the Native Daughters of the Golden West over 68 years. She received the Redwood City Pride Award, the Unsung Hero honor, Woman of the Year in San Mateo County and numerous other awards.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk