

MAYOR BARBARA PIERCE
VICE MAYOR ROSANNE FOUST

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBER ALICIA C. AGUIRRE
COUNCIL MEMBER IAN BAIN
COUNCIL MEMBER JIM HARTNETT
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE HOWARD
COUNCIL MEMBER JEFF IRA

1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
REDWOOD CITY, CA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 5, 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, Assistant City Manager/Police
Chief Bolanos, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk
Conly, City Attorney Yamamoto, Fire Chief Kohlmann,
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director
Centeno, Recreation and Community Services
Superintendent Hover, Planning Manager Church,
Principal Planner Jany, City Engineer Lynch, Public
Works Superintendent Rosas, Volunteer Balsamo

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Barbara Pierce, Mayor

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

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR -

Laura Fanucchi, HIP Housing Program Director, presented the Council with the 2006 calendar that resulted from the annual calendar contest for students in grades K-5. Children draw pictures of their homes and what state what their homes mean to them. This year the schools in Redwood City were selected to participate in the contest. Out of approximately 500 participants only 12 winners can be chosen. She read statements of two of the Redwood City winners. She thanked the City Council for all the support throughout the year.

M/S Ira/Aguirre 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 with Council Member Howard abstaining, due to her absence, on approval of the November 14, 2005 minutes.**

5.1 Section – Motions

- A. Approve the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, and Public Financing Authority meeting minutes of November 14, 2005 and the Regular City Council meeting minutes of November 28, 2005, as submitted; **(301)**

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- B. Second amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for Participation in the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force

Recommendation:

Approve the Second Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force **(304)**

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- C. Purchase of Portable Communications Radios through FEMA grant.

Recommendation:

That the City Council, pursuant to RWC 2.76 suspend by motion Article VII of Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code and permit purchase of 35 Motorola Radios through the awarded FEMA grant No. EMW-2003-FG-17279, under the cooperative purchasing agreement of the Western States Contracting Alliance, contract #02702. **(404)**

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D. Asphalt Materials Purchase

Recommendation:

1. By Motion, reject the sole bid from Raisch Products of San Jose, CA for the 2005-2006 Asphalt Materials Purchase
2. By Motion, authorize re-advertising and re-bid the 2005-2006 Asphalt Materials Purchase **(304)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-239**

E. The Holiday Toy and Book Drive and the proposed City of Redwood City sponsorship of this annual event.

Recommendation:

Authorize the City of Redwood City as the sponsor of the annual Holiday Toy and Book Drive and approve the Agreement between the City of Redwood City and the Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University for utilizing their BroadVision building in Redwood City during the event. **(304)**

MINUTE ORDER 05-240

F. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Agreements for San Mateo County Board of Education – Regional Occupational Program & Casa de Redwood Senior Housing

Recommendation:

Approve funding agreements with San Mateo County Board of Education for Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Internship and Job Training, and Casa de Redwood Solar Panel Replacement Project. **(304)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-241**

5.2 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through December 5, 2005 and usual and necessary payments through December 19, 2005 **(303)** **MINUTE ORDER 05-242**

5.3 Section – Resolutions

- A. Results of November 8, 2005 Consolidated Special and General Municipal Election based on County of San Mateo Chief Elections Officer Certificate and Final Official Canvass

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution reciting the facts of the Consolidated Special and General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2005 and declaring the result and such other matters as provided by law. **(307)**

RESOLUTION 14677 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

B. Revocable Permit – Redwood Creek Property

Recommendation:

Approve proposed Revocable Permit and resolution. **(604)**

RESOLUTION 14678 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR REDWOOD CREEK PROPERTY

5.4 Section – Ordinances (Second reading/Adoption)

- A.** Ordinance approving an amendment to extend the Comcast cable television franchise (retroactive to October 31, 2005) for a period not to exceed three months (expiring no later than January 30, 2006) allowing Comcast to continue to operate a cable television system in Redwood City during final franchise renewal negotiations. **(801)**

ORDINANCE 2288 OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF REDWOOD CITY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FRANCHISE BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AND COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA IX, INC. TO EXTEND THE FRANCHISE TERM TO JANUARY 30, 2006, AND RATIFYING ALL PRIOR EXTENSIONS *(First reading on November 14, 2005)*

- B.** Zoning Map Amendment for the nine (9) existing parcels within a 1.49 acre project area (Wegman's Nursery) to change to Commercial – Heavy/Mixed Use and General Commercial – Residential "CG-R", respectively **(603)**

ORDINANCE 1130-335 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AMENDING ARTICLE 60, ZONING MAP NO. 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1130, OF THE REDWOOD CITY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO REZONE PROPERTIES GENERALLY LOCATED AT WOODSIDE ROAD, HESS ROAD AND LUCERNE AVENUE, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE, FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ("CG") DISTRICT OR THE MULTI-FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY ("R-4") DISTRICT TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL ("CG-R") DISTRICT *(First reading on November 14, 2005)*

C. Ordinance Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to Stormwater Control; Reducing Parking Requirements, and Establishing Creek Setback Requirements

Recommendation:

Introduce an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to implement Stormwater Control programs, including but not limited to, reduction of parking rates for multi-family and mixed use development in limited areas; establishing creek setbacks along protected watercourses, and providing for grandfathered facilities in the Industrial Districts. **(602)**

ORDINANCE 1130-336 AMENDING ARTICLES 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11,12,13, 14, 15,16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, 43, 45 AND 46 OF THE REDWOOD CITY ZONING CODE RELATED TO STORMWATER CONTROL, INCLUDING PROVISIONS REDUCING PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-FAMILY AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHING CREEK SETBACK REQUIREMENTS *(First reading on November 14, 2005)*

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Parks for the Future Presentation

PRCS Centeno stated that Council input, questions and concerns are being sought on this topic. She explained the background on countywide efforts seeking to secure stable and ongoing funding for park and recreation activities.

Julia Bott, Executive Director of the County Parks Foundation, explained that *Parks for the Future* is an effort to secure dedicated tax base revenues for parks and recreation in all the communities through a 1/8 cent sales tax. She explained the process to date, the recommendations from the participants, possible timelines and items that still need to be addressed.

Council Members expressed various questions and concerns on items such as development of base budget language, cost of administration, creativity in use of funds, and the need to create a community based campaign committee. Support for utilizing C/CAG for administration was expressed and a standard for flexibility in spending of funds to match the needs of the community while providing public trust.

Recommendation:

No action was recommended at this time. *Parks for the Future* representatives shared information and received feedback from Council and Commission members as well as the public on a potential 1/8 cent sales tax to provide an on-going stable funding source for parks and recreation activities. (708)

B. Initiation of process to establish an Active Community Parkland Standard for Redwood City

Parks and Recreation Commission Member Susan Swope and PRCS Superintendent Hover explained the topic, recommendation and background.

Council questions included what the discussion was based on to arrive at the standard, whether parks outside of the city limits that have been funded for improvements could be included. Comments included that the needs assessment should be completed, the Parks and Recreation Commission should study utilization of large areas of space in public utility easements.

Recommendation:

M/S Foust/Bain to:

1. Council adopt a resolution of intention, directing the Planning Commission to consider an amendment to the 1990 General Plan to establish an Active Community Park Land Standard of 3 acres/1000 residents, and

RESOLUTION 14679 OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TO REFER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY STRATEGIC GENERAL PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY PARK LAND STANDARD OF THREE (3) ACRES PER THOUSAND POPULATION AND DIRECT THAT ANY SUCH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC GENERAL PLAN BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Hartnett/Bain to:

2. By motion direct staff to develop a nexus study for the purpose of considering a Park Development Fee Ordinance in Redwood City. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. (708)**

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C. Consideration of Initiation of a Precise Plan for 439 Fuller Street (“Le Coeur de la Ville,” formerly Tuscan Tower)

Planning Manager Church gave the background on the topic stating that should Council choose to initiate the site specific Precise Plan, the plan will come back to Council for review and final adoption.

Council asked various questions related to the process and timelines involved.

Public Comment:

Peggy Bruggmann stated she had spoken at the Planning Commission meeting and is concerned with the process of the project being considered prior to the Downtown Precise Plan being adopted. She encouraged not moving forward with an individual Precise Plan prior to a comprehensive EIR.

Kurt Anderson stated that Council is being asked to give approval to start to the process to design a project that will conform to the Downtown Precise Plan not to approve a project that has already been designed. He further stated that his client has agreed to pay all of the costs and they are willing to put themselves at risk and invest in the community and time to begin design of a project that will conform to the Downtown Precise Plan.

Kevin Sayar, representing the partnership involved, stated that when the parcel was purchased over a year ago, the fire for a meaningful project has not gone out and approval of density or height parameters are not being sought at this time. He further stated that the partnership is saying it is willing to work within those parameters and can bring forth a design that meets the vision of the Downtown Precise Plan. He stated that the group is sensitive to and shares the concerns of the neighbors.

Robert Gelman, resident and neighbor in the downtown, expressed his excitement about the revitalization and redevelopment of the downtown. He stated that it does not make sense to him that a project would go forward when the Downtown Precise Plan is close to completion and “spot zoning” for a particular project that may eventually go back to the drawing board. He asked that it be done in the proper timeframe and correct way.

Council asked for an explanation of the timeline that Planning Manager Church stated as follows: A scoping session for the Downtown Precise Plan with the Planning Commission for community input to what the EIR contains to be expedited into a 3-4 month process with adoption at approximately mid-year. He confirmed that a similar process would occur for 439 Fuller Street that includes a

public process of comment for both the staff and proponent to gather input as to the content of the Precise Plan; an administrative draft would be presented to the Planning Commission for review and comment before the public; the public would comment; a determination would be made as to the level of environmental review; the Planning Commission would complete a final review of the Precise Plan and make recommendation to the City Council with the City Council receiving further input at a public hearing.

Council comments included that it is a disservice to the community at large to not give an opportunity to conduct the necessary dialogue with the community, neighborhood and City staff to see if the proposal is possible given the need for housing in order to achieve a successful downtown. Clarification was given that while reviewing the General Plan and plans for the downtown there is not a moratorium on applications to build. The need and assurance of proceeding with caution was expressed.

M/S Bain/Hartnett to:

1. Initiate a Precise Plan for this address only.
2. Direct staff to initiate a Precise Plan for this site, staff is directed to ensure in the site specific Precise Plan that the permitted development be consistent with the future Downtown Precise Plan (DPP).
3. Approve the attached contract with MHA Environmental Consulting, Inc., (MHA) who will prepare the Precise Plan, manage the project through the review process, and provide environmental review services.

The motion passed by a majority roll call vote with Council Member Howard voting no. (613)

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Recess: 9:15-9:30 p.m.

D. Water Enterprise – Status report and preview of 2006

Public Works Services Director Ingram explained the purpose to be information only and advised Council on the progress of the three priorities established some time ago on the City's water supply, the status of projects and a snapshot of what is coming in the future (PowerPoint presentation on file). PWS Director Ingram provided binders that included notes and handout materials from the public comment meeting, Appendix A of the Draft Plan that contains notes from the community roundtable meetings conducted in September, stating that those documents give a sense of what the community had to say about what is important to them in relation to water. Additional documents were provided in the binder with more to follow.

Recommendation:

Information only – No Council action requested. **(802)**

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. 44-2005. 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. Mayor Pierce – announced that the Bay Area Central Valley High-speed Rail Train EIR/EIS scoping meeting for the additional program is set to be held in Modesto and Suisun City. The website contains information: www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov. The Metropolitan Transit Commission is conducting a community workshop on December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in San Carlos for receiving input on the regional rail plan.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 10:00 p.m.

M/S Ira/Foust to adjourn until the next City Council meeting of December 19, 2005.
The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk