

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 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 7, 2006
7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, Assistant City Manager/CDS Director Ingram, City Clerk Howe, Deputy City Clerk Wong, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Aranda, Community Development Services Manager Passanisi, Manager of Engineering and Construction Chang, Traffic Engineer Haygood, Redevelopment Manager Moeller, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Centeno, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Superintendent Hover, Public Works Services Director Barwacz, Library Director Genesy

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Alicia Aguirre, Council Member
4. **INVOCATION** – Pastor Tim Cantwell and Pastor Josh Cantwell, Harvest Christian Center of Redwood City

5. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Proclamation: Kaiser Redwood City Farmers' Market

Mayor Pierce read the proclamation and Marketing Manager for Kaiser Permanente Certified Farmers' Market, Christopher Hanks, thanked Council for the acknowledgement.

City Attorney 5-year Service Award: Mayor Pierce acknowledged the 5-year anniversary of City Attorney Yamamoto.

Council Member Aguirre has participated and passed the certification for the basic Continuing Education Program for Mayors and Council Members through the League of California Cities. The program is voluntary and has three levels: Leadership, Advanced Leadership, and Leadership in Action. Mayor Pierce congratulated and thanked her for attending the program.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL

M/S Foust/Bain 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.**

Cherlene Wright expressed her excitement about the downtown area with the cinema and restaurants opening. She also mentioned a complaint about a fence placed too close to a light post in front of Margarita's at 2098 Broadway stating that it is difficult to maneuver the sidewalk and the umbrella is too low.

6.1 Section – Motions -

A. Disposal of Surplus Property

Recommendation:

By motion, authorize declaring the vehicles and equipment on the attached list surplus, and authorize staff to sell the items per City procedure. **(205)**

MINUTE ORDER 06-159

B. Agreement between the Redwood City School District and the City of Redwood City for 21st Century Funded After School Program Services

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement between the City of Redwood City and the Redwood City School District for 2006/2007. **(304)**

MINUTE ORDER 06-160

- C. Agreement between the City of Redwood City and the Redwood City School District for After School Program Services (State After School Grant Funding – District providing services)

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement between the City of Redwood City and the Redwood City School District for academic support services for After School Programs **(304)** **MINUTE ORDER 06-160**

- D. Agreement with the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools

Recommendation:

Approve by motion and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement between the City of Redwood City and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools. **(304)**

MINUTE ORDER 06-161

- E. Purchase of three 2007 Toyota Prius Hybrid Sedans

Recommendation:

By motion, authorize the purchase of three Toyota Prius Hybrids Sedans in the amount of \$80,901.48 from Toyota 101 of Redwood City, CA. **(304)**

MINUTE ORDER 06-162

- F. Award of Contract – 2005-2006 Slurry Seal Project

Recommendation:

By Motion, approve the Contract Documents, and award the contract for the 2005-2006 Slurry Seal Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Valley Slurry Seal Co. of West Sacramento, California, for their bid of \$633,465.34. **(304)**

MINUTE ORDER 06-163

- G. Award of Contract – Red Morton Community Park Synthetic Turf Field Installation Project

Recommendation:

By motion, approve the Contract Documents and award the contract for the Red Morton Community Park Synthetic Turf Field Installation Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Interstate Grading and Paving, Inc. of South San Francisco, California, for their low bid of \$3,957,280.05. **(304)**

MINUTE ORDER 06-164

6.2 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through August 7, 2006 and usual and necessary payments through August 28, 2006. **(303)** **MINUTE ORDER 06-168**

B. Claim from Evercom Systems, Inc.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the rejection of subject claim. (303) MINUTE ORDER 06-165

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Capital Improvement Program Short Term Spending Limit

Manager, Engineering and Construction Chang explained the program.

Council made comments and asked questions pertaining to the Jardin de Ninos Park/Restroom project and the Senior Center Master Plan.

Recommendation:

M/S Hartnett/Bain reviewed and approved the proposed short term spending limit for the FY 2006-2007 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. (501) MINUTE ORDER 06-167**

B. Transportation Study Session

Community Development Services Director Ingram highlighted some of the information provided in the packet by the work of Consultant Bruce Liedstrand.

1. Downtown and the Transportation Systems that support it

Council Members commented about the Caltrain Board 2025 Plan to take fixed rail two generations forward to an electrified system with a frequency of up to a train every 6 minutes that is more feasible than a possible statewide system. Comments included the need to be involved with Depot Circle and its location, that SamTrans' mission is being studied, that grade separations whether above or underground are necessary, and that a street connection to the train station should be considered.

Public Comment:

Jim Bigelow, Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce, stated that the report was excellent and that San Mateo County Transportation Authority needs to respond to the City on the next step in station area planning. He stated that Redwood City should be successful in obtaining study money considering the heavy CalTrain station use and the SamTrans station. Regarding grade separations, he emphasized community outreach and alternatives. He further stated that the TOD and Precise Plan

are valuable and complement the downtown goals. He explained the benefits of several tracks and a good control system.

Council Members commented that the 2025 Plan will be presented to the Council in the near future, that it is important for Redwood City to have a transportation system that connects with the region and should be urban rather than suburban, that the grade separations should be integrated into the community as an asset, and that Depot Circle should be appropriately placed.

2. State Highway 101 and Route 84 (Woodside Road) interchange – Information Only

Traffic Engineer Haygood provided the background and update.

Council Members expressed surprise that the Transportation Authority is not looking at additional options and that there must be other alternatives available. Pedestrian and bicycle crossing was a concern and the need to widen the area of traffic impact consideration.

Public Comment:

Jim Bigelow, Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce, stated that he is encouraged that the City is working to get the design changed and improved and that the price tag is currently approximately \$49 million. He stated his concern with how pedestrians would get from the west side to the east side through the Woodside interchange. He stated that this is the number one priority of the Chamber.

Richard Napier, Executive Director of C/CAG, stated that they are focused on funding opportunities and solutions and will appropriate program funds in accordance with the priorities set by the Transportation Authority.

3. Uncontrolled Intersections and Policy for Consideration of Stop or Yield Signs

Traffic Engineer Haygood presented the report which was a follow-up from a topic of the May 8, 2006 Council meeting.

Council Members asked various questions. Comments included Council Member Bain expressing disappointment with not having ad hoc committee review or reference to the two petitions submitted and that he would like to see alternatives and does not think the topic has been completely addressed to his satisfaction. Other Council Members expressed that a majority of the Council was not comfortable with a new policy and thought that the ad hoc committee would bring alternatives.

City Attorney Yamamoto responded to an inquiry of liability implications from a potential policy and various other questions from Council Members.

Recess: 9:30-9:40 p.m.

8. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST -

A. Update on General Plan elements – Parks and Open Space Element and Conservation Element.

Vice Mayor Foust stated that the Planning Commission handles the General Plan process and based on the recommendations then presents the elements in its entirety to the City Council. She further explained that the subcommittee would be providing the Council with the updates and an opportunity to generally buy-off in the direction that it is headed. She referred back to the subcommittee inception and the guiding principles being developed and adopted by both the City Council and Planning Commission. Each of the elements will follow one of the guiding principles.

Community Development Services Manager Passanisi explained the process and extensive public review process. He further explained the Parks and Open Space element and the Conservation element.

Planning Commission Chair Seybert re-emphasized that the Planning Commission is committed to a General Plan process that engages the community and is responsive and incorporates the concerns and comments of the people who have taken the time to be involved.

Council Members asked various questions and commented. **(601)**

B. 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. 29-2006 and No. 30-2006. 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.)

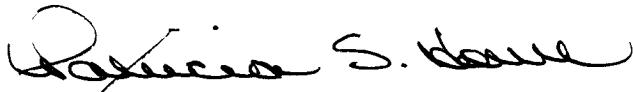
C. City Council Member Report of Conference/Meeting Attendance

Mayor Pierce stated that she and Council Member Aguirre attended the League of California Cities conference. She stated that one of the workshops was useful in the meeting with the Police Chief recruitment firm this evening. The consultant stated the increasingly difficult task of hiring managers throughout the state due to housing costs so that it is important for communities to train leadership from within. **(209)**

9. **ADJOURNMENT** – 10:10 p.m.

M/S Howard/Hartnett until the next City Council meeting of August 28, 2006 in memory of Ellen Pierce, mother-in-law of Mayor Pierce who died at the age of 98. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia S. Howe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk