

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

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2007
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, City Attorney
Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Aranda; Planning
Manager Ekas, Community Development Services
Manager Passanisi, Manager of Engineering and
Construction Chang, Redevelopment Manager Moeller,
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director
Centeno, Public Works Services Director Barwacz,
Public Works Superintendent Rosas, Public Works
Superintendent Mann, and Library Director Genesy

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Ian Bain, Council Member

4. **INVOCATION** -

5. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Presentation – Big Read – Library

Library Director Genesy stated that this is the second community One Community – One Book program designed to get people reading and talking about books. Throughout the month of March, an interactive program of activities, discussions, presentations, and fun for all ages will occur as we building a great community together. He explained the reason for choosing Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* as the book for the Big Read and handed out information on the event.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL

Bridget Chen, current Miss Redwood City and Amber Nunn, Redwood City's Outstanding Teen thanked the Council for all its support of the program, the wonderful experience, and the once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Redwood City where the Weather is best by Government Test. They further mentioned the various activities they have participated in during the past year while inviting the Council to attend the crowning of the new Miss Redwood City and Outstanding Teen on March 11 at Sequoia High School.

Janet Borgens announced two events: the annual crab and shrimp feed sponsored by the Optimists Club of Redwood City on March 10 at 6:00 p.m.; and the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Annual Irish Night on March 17 at 5:30 to be held at the Veterans Memorial Center.

Cherlene Wright announced that on Saturday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center there would be an Arbor Day observance honoring Betty Moran.

M/S Hartnett/Foust to waive reading of the Consent Calendar except the ordinances by title, adopt the resolutions and the ordinances, and approve other items. Item 6.1.C was removed for separate consideration due to Council Member Aguirre's Conflict of Interest in serving on the Shelter Network Board. **The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote with Council Member Bain abstaining on Item 6.1.A due to his absence at that meeting.**

6.1 Section – Motions -

- A. Approve the Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes of February 5, 2007 as submitted. **(301)** **MINUTE ORDER 07-027**

B. Dates for Budget Consideration

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the dates for formal action of the budget be approved.
(501) **MINUTE ORDER 07-028**

D. Costco Wholesale – Amendment to Agreement for Professional Environmental Assessment Services

Recommendation:

By motion, approve Amendment #2 to the Agreement with David Evans and Associates. (304) **MINUTE ORDER 07-029**

6.2 Section – Final Acceptance

A. Final Acceptance, Historic Courthouse Reconstruction/Courthouse Square, Phases I and II. CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Recommendation:

By motion, accept the Historic Courthouse Reconstruction and Courthouse Square projects, Phase I and II. (304) **MINUTE ORDER 07-030**

RD MINUTE ORDER 07-03

6.3 Section – Claims and Warrants

A. Approve warrants dated through February 26, 2007 and usual and necessary payments through March 12, 2007. (303) **MINUTE ORDER 07-031**

6.1 Section – Motions (continued) -

Council Member Aguirre left the dais due to a conflict of interest in serving on the Shelter Network Board of Directors

C. Approval and Authorization to Execute Agreement between San Mateo County Human Services Agency Shelter Services and the City of Redwood City for Early Entry Shelter Pilot Program at the Fair Oaks Community Center from March 15 to June 30, 2007

Recommendation:

M/S Foust/Bain to approve and authorize City Manager to sign the Early Entry Shelter Pilot Program agreement. **The motion passed by a majority roll call vote with Council Member Aguirre recusing due to a conflict of interest in serving on the Shelter Network Board of Directors. (304)**

MINUTE ORDER 07-032

Council Member Aguirre returned to the dais.

7. BOARDS, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- A. Housing and Human Concerns Committee (HHCC) Workplan Overview – for information only

Housing and Human Concerns Committee Chairperson Kevin Bondonno gave the presentation (PowerPoint Presentation on file) which explained the mission statement, overall goals, top priorities, answered questions, and received feedback from Council.

8. Staff Report

- A. Water Supply Assessment for the proposed Peninsula Park Project

Public Works Superintendent Rosas explained the Government Code and that the report responds to the answer of whether there is sufficient water to meet the projected demands of the project in addition to the existing customers and any other project mentioned in the Urban water Management Plan.

PWS Superintendent Rosas responded to questions and request for clarification on various processes and the Urban Water Management Plan.

Recommendation:

M/S Foust/Aguirre to approve the Water Supply Assessment for the proposed Peninsula Park Project pursuant to State of California Water Code § 10910(g)(1). **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. (802) MINUTE ORDER 07-033**

9. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Recommendations from Tree Policy Task Force – Next Steps

Public Works Superintendent Mann explained the background and introduced Task Force members present at the meeting. He further explained the six recommendations recommended for implementation in the short term.

Mayor Pierce opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

William Warhurst stated that the important element in planning a program is to think about the future. He stated that what was learned is that the trees are not the problem; it is the lack of planning adequately to provide enough space, and planting the appropriate tree in the appropriate position. His concern is that the recommendation does not set forth a Council policy that trees need to be planted with care for the future.

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

Council asked questions and made comments related to the planting strip and appropriate planting space for trees; the true budget costs; allowing for more diversity in the master tree list; concern with planting existing vacant tree sites before updating policies, ordinances and practices; task force formation questions; support for rubber sidewalks; a tree advisory committee rather than urban forestry board be formed;

PWS Superintendent Mann responded to all questions from Council.

M/S Bain/Foust:

(1) By Motion,

- a. Approve the establishment of a pilot Tree Advisory Board comprised of five appointed members meeting the stated criteria. The appointment will be for a fixed period of eighteen (18) months to meet a stated list of objectives and follow stated operating guidelines.
- b. Adopt the Master Tree List per Section 29.66 of the Redwood City Municipal Code.
- c. Designate the Public Works Services Department as the lead City department accountable for the City's Urban Forestry Program.
- d. Establish a List of "Work Verified Tree Companies" that voluntarily submit to the City the established criteria. Companies that meet the criteria will be included on this list that will be provided for the public.

- e. Revise Item no. 11 to read: "Plant vacant tree sites giving the resident a choice from a Master Tree list."

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

M/S Foust/Howard to:

(2) Introduce an ordinance deleting in its entirety Section 29.69 Planting of Certain Trees Prohibited from the Redwood City Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 29.69 PLANTING OF CERTAIN TREES PROHIBITED, FROM THE REDWOOD CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (209) MINUTE ORDER 07-034

Recess: 8:55-9:10 p.m.

B. Appeal of Final Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Precise Plan

Planning Manager Ekas introduced the topic stating that the Downtown Precise Plan (DTPP) public hearing has been postponed and is scheduled to be considered on March 12, 2007. At that time a full history of the Downtown Precise Plan review process and a comprehensive overview of the Plan will occur. Planning Manager Ekas gave an overview stating the purpose, some information about the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and how it relates to the DTPP and the review process, some aspects of the draft DTPP to provide context for the analysis, an analysis pertaining to the appeal, and finally, recommendations and findings. (PowerPoint presentation on file.)

Gregory Ryken, representing Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carcione, stated that the issues come down to two: 1) Whether or not there is actual shadowing that will occur either on his clients' building or along the rest of Brewster Avenue. 2) Whether or not, in Redwood City, shadowing constitutes a significant environmental effect. He then stated four questions associated with this issue. He continued to detail the basis for the appeal.

Mayor Pierce opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

Peggy Bruggman stated she owns a home on Alden Street in the Mezesville neighborhood, recently designated as an historic district, just north of Brewster Avenue. Her neighborhood would be directly impacted by the appellant's proposal to solving the shadowing problem. She explained the concerns and suggested that the height on the south side of Brewster be limited to three stories and the height on Fuller Street be limited to five stories. This would eliminate the effective shadows the

appellant fears because the buildings south of his property would be reduced from eight to five stories. She further urged Council to reject the alternative proposed in the appeal.

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

Council asked various questions of staff related to shadowing.

Mr. Ryken responded to comments from staff.

Recommendation:

M/S Foust/Aguirre to adopt **Resolution 14765** upholding the Planning Commission's certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, denying the appeal, and making findings to deny the appeal. **(603)**

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

10. 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. 6-2007 and No. 7-2007. 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).

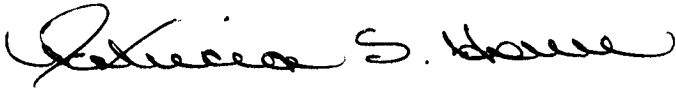
- B.** City Council Member Report of Conference/Meeting Attendance

- C. Vice Mayor Foust** – thanked Council and community for participating in the groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, February 24 for the Redwood Shores library. She stated the excitement around the project and that there is still a need and hope for additional funds. She encouraged visiting redwoodcity.org and the Redwood Shores Community Association website for information about making a donation to the campaign.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 10:50 p.m.

M/S Aguirre/Ira to adjourn until the next regular City Council meeting of March 12, 2007. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia S. Howe".

Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk