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VICE MAYOR ALICIA C. AGUIRRE

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBER IAN BAIN
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSANNE S. FOUST
COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFEREY GEE
COUNCIL MEMBER BARBARA PIERCE
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN SEYBERT

1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
REDWOOD CITY, CA

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING
February 22, 2010
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL – Council Members Bain, Gee, Foust, Pierce, Seybert, Vice Mayor Aguirre, and Mayor Ira.

Staff present: City Manager Ingram, Interim City Attorney Abrams, City Clerk Vonderlinden, Deputy City Manager Gonzalez, Deputy City Clerk Wong, Fire Chief Skinner, Firefighter/Engineers Velasquez and Bernall, Fire Fighters/Engineers/Paramedics Marin and Sherwood, Finance Director Ponty, Financial Services Manager Freeman, Building, Infrastructure, and Transportation Director Chang, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director Beth, Planning, Housing & Economic Development Director Ekas, Public Works Director Barwacz, Public Works Superintendents Ezell, Gibbons and Harang, Police Chief Cobarruviaz, Human Resources Director Bell, Library Director Genesy, Library Division Manager Kramer, Senior Accountant Khin, Fleet Manager Kyaw, Housing and Redevelopment Manager Webb, Redevelopment Project Manager Young, City Engineer Vorametsanti, Human Services Manager Chin, and Library Services Supervisor Meeks.

Others Present: Planning Commissioner Borgens and Housing and Human Concerns Committee Vice Chair Wright.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – **John Seybert**, Council Member

4. INVOCATION – **Dennis Logie**, Chaplain, Redwood City Police Department

5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- A. Presentation:** Firefighters Trip to Colima – Justin Velasquez, Fire Fighter/Engineer, Marc Bernall, Fire Fighter/Engineer, Ernesto Marin, Firefighter/Engineer/Paramedic and Paul Sherwood, Firefighter/Engineer/Paramedic

Vice Mayor Aguirre introduced the item and explained the relationship between these two cities. She thanked the Redwood City International members in the audience who are part of this endeavor of bringing these two communities together. Ernesto Marin addressed the Council and explained how the Colima firefighters are always appreciative of what is given to them (movie on file). They also visited an orphanage and that was a moving experience for one of the firefighters. Three other firefighters gave testimonies of their visit. They also spoke about the bilingual program that the Fire Department runs and how useful this is to the community. Mayor Ira thanked the firefighters and said that this was very inspiring.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Waive reading of the Consent Calendar except the ordinances by title, adopt the resolutions and the ordinances, and approve other items.

David McCallum, representing the Redwood Creek Floating Community Association, spoke about a clean-up that took place in February with about 100 people helping out. This included people from the Port of Redwood City and the Sea Scouts. He said he would like to start a nonprofit and purchase “booms” to help with garbage clean up and asked anyone interested to please contact him.

M/S Foust/Aguirre to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Foust abstaining on the minutes for February 1, 2010 since she was absent. **Motion passes unanimously by electronic vote.**

6.1 Section - Motions

- A.** Approve the Regular/Study Session City Council meeting minutes of February 1, 2010 and the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 8, 2010 as submitted. (301) **Minute Order 10-034**
- B.** Funding Source for the Pending Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund Payment – **Redevelopment Agency Board.**

Recommendation:

Authorize, by motion, the Executive Director to inform the County Auditor that the Redwood City Redevelopment Agency's ("Agency") Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund ("SERAF") payment of \$3,562,576 for FY 2009/10, which if required, will be paid from the Agency's housing and general fund. (404)

RDA Minute Order 10-02

C. Request for Construction Contract Increase –Master Water Replacement Project.

Recommendation:

Authorize, by motion, the City Manager to increase the amount of the contract previously awarded to D&D Pipelines, Inc., up to 15% necessary to complete the construction of the Master Water Meter Replacement Project (Redwood Shores Apartments and Harborside Apartments). (304) **Minute Order 10-035**

D. Professional services agreement for closed-circuit television inspection of selected sanitary sewer mains.

Recommendation:

Approve, by motion, an agreement with Nor-Cal Pipeline Services of Yuba City to provide closed circuit television (“CCTV”) inspection services of Sanitary Sewer Basin Nos. A05 and B06 for an amount not to exceed \$119,560.05 and authorize the City Manager to increase the contract amount up to 10% if necessary. (304)

Minute Order 10-036

E. Redwood City Water Conservation Program – Professional Services Agreement.

Recommendation:

Approve by motion a professional services agreement with KorTech Consulting for Water Use Allocation Program design and development services for Redwood City's Water Conservation Program and authorize the City Manager to sign Agreement. (304) **Minute Order 10-037**

F. Award of Contract - Redwood City Recycled Water Project – Distribution Pump Station Capacity Increase.

Recommendation:

Approve, by motion, the contract documents and award the contract for construction of the Redwood City Recycled Water Project – Distribution Pump Station Capacity Increase project to the lowest responsible bidder, Spiess Construction Co., Inc., of Santa Maria, for their responsive and responsible low bid of \$1,329,446.17 and authorize the City Manager to increase the contract amount up to 10% if necessary. (304) **Minute Order 19-038**

6.2 Resolutions

A. Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Appropriation Revisions – **City Council/Redevelopment Board Agency.**

Recommendation:

Approve, by resolution, appropriation and transfer of certain funds for specified purposes to conform the budgeted amounts to actual expenditures approved for transactions, which have occurred during fiscal year 2009/2010. (501)

RESOLUTION No. 14999 MAKING APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFERS TO THE FY 2009/10 CITY OF REDWOOD CITY BUDGET

RDA RESOLUTION No. 10-01 MAKING APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFERS TO THE FY 2009/10 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET

- B. Amendment to the Environmental Oversight Agreement with the State Department of Toxic and Substance Control for four Agency and City owned parcels on Bradford Street – City Council/Redevelopment Agency.

Recommendation:

Approve the resolution to amend the Environmental Oversight Agreement with the State Department of Toxic and Substance Control Board. (304)

RDA RESOLUTION No. 10-02 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF REDWOOD CITY TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL OVERSIGHT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL TO MARCH 31, 2012 AND TO MAKE FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE REMEDIATION OF THE BRADFORD PARCELS PROPOSED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- C. Association of Bay Area Governments State Energy Program Resolution.

Recommendation:

Adopt Association of Bay Area Governments State Energy Program Grant Application Resolution. (404)

RESOLUTION No. 15000 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GRANTS FROM THE STATE ENERGY PROGRAM

6.3 Ordinance (Introduction/First Reading)

- A. Payment of City Taxes Prior to Seeking Judicial Relief.

Recommendation:

Introduce and then Adopt ordinance to add Article IX to Chapter 32 of the Municipal Code to require that a tax first be paid before litigation regarding its validity can be commenced. (305)

ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 32 OF THE REDWOOD CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT THAT A TAX FIRST MUST BE PAID BEFORE FILING FOR A REFUND OR JUDICIAL RELIEF

Minute Order 10-039

6.4 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through February 22, 2010 and usual and necessary payments through March 8, 2010. **(303)**

Minute Order 10-040

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7. STUDY SESSION

- A. Annual Review of Strategic Initiatives (background information available at the City Clerk's Office) – session facilitated by Dr. Marilyn Manning.

City Manager Ingram made some opening remarks. He then explained the agenda for the evening. Dr. Manning led the session and explained that her job is to facilitate an in-depth discussion about what the Council's views are on different issues related to the annual review of strategic initiatives. She provided some guidelines for the session.

There was Council consensus on the Strategic Initiatives. Then the Council looked at the goals one by one (see presentation on file). Under government operations one Council Member suggested that the last bullet be placed first. There was general concurrence that the community under initiatives is broad and it crosses from local to regional. One Council Member would like to suggest performance measures and objectives. Peter Ingram, City Manager, said that such inputs are welcomed. One Council Member mentioned that infrastructure needs to be included and considered under government operations.

Dr. Manning then explained the results of a survey taken by Council on the issue of core service areas. One Council Member changed his rating on the highly skilled workforce. Council went over each of the areas and the ratings. One Council Member asked that in the future there be some description of each area and another Council Member would like more consistency on the vocabulary used. Mayor Ira asked that more information about public infrastructure be shared with the Council so the community is aware of what the city is up against.

One Council Member spoke about the levy in Redwood Shores and how the Mayor is getting emails on this issue. She explained that the tone of the emails was uncalled for and she thanked the Mayor and the City Manager for their professionalism. Dr. Manning asked for specific direction on core services especially in light of the budget cuts. Council reaffirmed its ratings provided via the survey and how the top rated items are still what is most important to them, especially the first four to five items (Public Safety/Fiscal Stability/Legal and Regulatory Compliance/Public Infrastructure/Policy Governance). Mayor Ira supports the first four items on the list as the top focus for the city, and he

explained that certain things are mandated by law such as the Attorneys and the Clerk's Departments.

It was mentioned that some of the omitted core service areas may fit under others as subsets. Another Council Member agreed that the first five are key core services. One Council Member said it is a new day and we have to find a new way of doing business. This Council Member said that one through four or five are the core services. He said that he is looking for collaborations, partnerships and inter-departmental leveraging. One Council Member is not looking forward to going through budget cuts every six months.

City Manager Ingram explained that re-crafting and collapsing of the core service areas would be a next step. Mayor Ira clarified that he does not need such additional step and that what he would rather see are options. Vice Mayor Aguirre confirmed that the writing is on the wall and she wants to move forward and not dwell on this anymore. Another Council Member concurred that they are accepting what was provided and ready for the next step. One Council Member said that all departments have to shoulder the weight of the cuts. Another Council Member wanted to highlight the fact that the city published an annual report that is posted online. Council welcomed revenue generating ideas including the business license fee. City Manager Ingram highlighted next steps and thanked the Council for its direction.

(The Annual Strategic Initiatives Review took place between 7:25 p.m. and 9:02 p.m. For the full content please watch the web stream at: http://www.redwoodcity.org/government/council/agendas/2010/mov_022210.html and select items 6-7)

8. 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 City Advocate Weekly Issue No. 5-2010 and 6-2010. Council may direct staff to act on positions taken by Council. (Copies of League of California Cities City Advocate Weekly available in the City Clerk's Department).
- B. City Council Member Report of Conference/Meeting Attendance.**
- C. Informational Update - California High Speed Rail.** – Council Member Foust provided a brief update on the fact that the Alternatives Analysis will not be released as scheduled but instead it will be released sometime between March 4 and April. She mentioned that a few cities have asked for a longer review period. The subcommittee of the City Council wants to have staff ponder on what are the questions that need to be asked of the community. Council Member Foust provided details on a tool kit that is being developed and how this interactive tool allows for greater input. Council Member Foust will keep Council and the community apprised and she thanked the other Council Members who serve on this committee (Council Members Gee and Pierce.)

9. **ADJOURN** - M/S Aguirre/Pierce to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. in memory of Neil Call, long time member of the Home Improvement Loan Committee, who passed away on Feb. 8, 2010 after serving for many decades on this body. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Silvia Wunderlinden,
City Clerk

Submitted for approval at the Council Meeting of March 8, 2010.