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COUNCIL MEMBER, IAN BAIN
COUNCIL MEMBER, JIM HARTNETT
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MINUTES

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JOINT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
April 3, 2006
7:00 P.M.

The City Council Meeting and Redevelopment Agency Meeting were called to order simultaneously.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, City Clerk Howe, City Attorney Yamamoto, Community Development Director Services Patterson, Redevelopment Manager Moeller, Downtown Development Coordinator Zack, Analyst Olalla, Manager of Engineering and Construction Chang, Public Works Services Director Ingram, Library Director Genesy, and Volunteer Balsamo

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Diane Howard, Council Member

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

5. SPECIAL ORDERS:

A. Proclamation: National Library Week

1. Announcement by Library Director, Dave Genesy: One Community One Book

Mayor Pierce read the proclamation and introduced Library Director Dave Genesy. Genesy announced the citywide book club, entitled, "Redwood City Reads – One Book, One Community". The community chose "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini and the club is one about sharing a story and talking with neighbors, friends and family about a common story to bring out the stories that build community. There are many events that include a blog, books in English and Spanish, on CD, downloadable and children's books.

B. Proclamation: Paula Uccelli – 2006 Woman of the Year

Mayor Pierce read the proclamation honoring Paula Uccelli having been selected by Senator Joe Simitian as the 11th District Woman of the Year 2006. Ms. "Uccelli thanked her family stating that when receiving such an award, it has not been done alone but that hundreds of people over the years have said, "yes", either with time or resources. She stated that she is sharing the proclamation with the wonderful people of Redwood City and San Mateo County.

Council Member Howard thanked Ms. Uccelli and announced to the community that on Thursday, April 27 at the San Mateo County History Museum between 5 and 7 p.m., Senator Joe Simitian will be honoring Ms. Uccelli for the work she has done in both Redwood City and San Mateo County.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

M/S Howard/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 by those present with Council Member Bain abstaining on item 6.1.A – minutes of March 27, 2006; and Council Member Ira and Vice Mayor Foust absent.

6.1 Section – Motions -

A. Approve the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes of March 13, 2006 and the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting of March 27, 2006, as submitted **MINUTE ORDER 06-64**

B. Award of Contract – 2005-2006 Watermain Replacement Project

Recommendation:

Approve the Contract Documents and award the Contract for the 2005-2006 Watermain Replacement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, West Valley Construction Company, Inc. of Redwood City, California, for their low bid of \$1,255,035.00. **MINUTE ORDER 06-65**

C. Funding agreement for First Community Housing – CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Recommendation:

Approve a funding agreement between First Community Housing, City of Redwood City, and County of San Mateo for construction of Villa Montgomery Housing Development.

MINUTE ORDER 06-66
RD MINUTE ORDER 06-67

6.2 Section – Resolutions

A. City Clerk Compensation Adjustment

Recommendation:

Adjust the salary of the position of City Clerk

RESOLUTION 14700 AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE POSITION OF CITY CLERK

6.3 Section – Ordinances (Second Reading)

A. **ORDINANCE 2297** AMENDING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 21354.5 (2.7% FULL FORMULA) FOR LOCAL MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES (*First Reading March 13, 2006*)

B. Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance Amendment – Reimbursement Related to Deletion of the Three Year Vacancy Limit for Credits

Recommendation:

Approve the recommended amendment to Section 18.249.C of the City Code, which would allow reimbursement of any portion of impact fees paid between March 28, 2006 and May 3, 2006 that would qualify for a credit under the provisions of Section 18.249.C.1 as introduced for amendment on March 27, 2006, which amendment deletes the requirement that existing structures must have been occupied within the past three years to receive a credit for prior use in determining Transportation Impact Fee payment.

ORDINANCE 2298 AMENDING SECTION 18.249 OF ARTICLE XV TO CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT (*First Reading March 27, 2006*)

6.4 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through April 3, 2006 and usual and necessary payments through April 24, 2006. **MINUTE ORDER 06-67**

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Wayfinding and Directional Signage Program

Redevelopment Manager Moeller explained that on February 27, Council directed that staff consult with the Downtown Business Group (DBG) on a preferred option for the wayfinding and signage program. She explained that on March 7, the DBG supported the logo and sign program developed by Keng's Design after receiving presentations by staff and Catalyst, Hellbent Marketing and Keng's Design. She further explained the necessary timeline.

Tom Richman of Catalyst Design gave an overview of the sign program and recommendation. He showed the 11 choices presented to the DBG for the basic downtown identification sign stating that the selection was no. 3 using the skyline logo for both the large and small signs, with a distant second place choice being no. 4, the red with silver halo using the Downtown RWC. Related to blade signs, the DBG preferred the blue parking sign, the CalTrain logo on a gray colored blade for the train signs, and the arrowhead will be on a black field independent of the color field on which the message is presented and no. 2 being the choice. He further stated the Catalyst recommendation to eliminate the custom silver medallion with the RWC embossed logo and the decorative Redwood leaf detail on the base of the pole. He suggested a gold ball cap and painting the gold trim. Regarding districts, the DBG prefers green for the County Center, purple for the theatre district, blue for parking, leaving the two remaining districts open for discussion with Keng's. The preference for typography was expressed as the Helvetica, narrow condensed bold, although it may not accommodate all lettering as presented. This may require shrinking or shortening of messages. He also stated that some of the colors should be adjusted as well.

Council Members thanked staff and the consultants for working with the DBG and asked for clarification on the non-exclusive use. The explanation was that the DBG has been granted permission to use the logo in their marketing promotion efforts. It was stated that use of the silver halo trim feature is not part of Keng's proposed design.

Public Comment:

Mary Mortenson, businessperson and resident, stated that she thinks the logo should be confined to use on banners rather than on directional signs because the logo may not be applicable in 10 years, necessitating changing them.

Janet Borgens asked where the signs will be made since the signs represent Redwood City and announce Redwood City, they should be made here.

Recommendation:

M/S Hartnett/Aguirre to:

1. Adopt the recommendation of the Downtown Business Group to use the "Skyline" logo and sign program details developed by Keng's Design for the Downtown Wayfinding Program, and
2. Accept the non-exclusive royalty-free use of the logo from Keng's Design.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present with Council Member Ira and Vice Mayor Foust absent.

MINUTE ORDER 06-68

B. Agreement for the management of major Downtown parking facilities – CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Downtown Coordinator Zack explained the parking management plan.

Council questions included how the company will coordinate with Police and Fire in an emergency of which Mr. Zack stated meetings have occurred with the Police Department, Century Theatres and the garage operator to work out details. Council comments included requesting a later report as to the arrangement for coordination of security. Questions on the parking fund status came up with the response that a report to Council is forthcoming. The question of how costs for repairs are being planned was posed. The response was that the warranty and the fund will cover approximately two years with the upcoming parking-in-lieu fee planned for the future.

Recommendation:

M/S Howard/Bain to approve an agreement with Ampco Systems parking to manage the Jefferson Avenue Garage, the Marshall Street Garage, and the Middlefield Road Parking Lot not to exceed \$435,000 for the first year. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present with Council Member Ira and Vice Mayor Foust absent.**

MINUTE ORDER 06-69

RD MINUTE ORDER 06-04

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Water Utility Service Rates and Charges

PWS Director Ingram explained the recommendations stating that although not mentioned in the staff report there is an obligation to use the Proposition 218 notification process as part of the annual rate setting. Given this change, the recommendation is to open the public hearing and leave it open until June 5, allowing for mailing and the 45-day period, so that anyone needing to learn more or protest may take advantage of that process. He further explained the Council Utilities committee's recommendation as outlined in the staff report.

Mayor Pierce opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

John Lowe, Treasurer of a homeowners' association on Chelsea Way, stated that there are two rate structures, commercial and residential. He further stated that in his case there are 100 residences supplied by three meters and very quickly escalates to the high use rate of \$4.32. He proposed a third rate that recognizes the number of residences supplied in order to keep the rates more reasonable. The average per household of 2.25 units is within the lifeline, but the entire bill is at top rate with a total of up to 225 units in one billing period.

M/S Howard/Bain to continue the public hearing. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

M/S Bain/Aguirre to:

1. Open the Public Hearing, receive the staff report and presentation, hear public comments, and continue the Hearing until the Council meeting of June 5, 2006;
2. Direct staff to conduct a Proposition 218 notification process to property owners.
3. On June 5, hear any additional public comments, and close the Public Hearing.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present with Council Member Ira and Vice Mayor Foust absent. MINUTE ORDER 06-70

B. Downtown parking in-lieu fee

Downtown Coordinator Zack explained the report.

Recommendation:

M/S Hartnett/Aguirre to adopt the attached Resolution, which establishes a parking in-lieu fee for development in Downtown.

RESOLUTION 14701 ESTABLISHING PARKING IN-LIEU PARKING FEE FOR THE DOWNTOWN PARKING ZONE

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote by those present with Council Member Ira and Vice Mayor Foust absent.

9. 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. 12-2006. 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.)
- B. Council Member Howard** – stated that the Kiwanis started the Farmers' Market on Saturday, April 1 and will be open into the fall.
- C. Council Member Bain** – stated that with the 100th anniversary of the 1906 earthquake coming up, the City is sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Day on April 18 from 11-1:00 p.m. You can order supply kits for home or vehicles and see pictures of great quake and help prepare yourself for the next one.
- D. Mayor Pierce** – announced that on Wednesday, April 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Little Fox, the Forum is a presentation on urban design and one of the City Councilors of Vancouver will be speaking about the work and development in that area.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 p.m.

M/S Howard/Aguirre to adjourn until the next City Council meeting of April 24, 2006. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Howe
City Clerk