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COUNCIL MEMBER, IAN BAIN  
COUNCIL MEMBER, JIM HARTNETT  
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## MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL  
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REGULAR MEETING  
January 22, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

**A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF FORMER POLICE CHIEF AND NEW UNDERSHERIFF CARLOS G. BOLANOS WAS HELD IN THE CITY HALL FOYER AT 6:15 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Council Members Absent: Hartnett and Vice Mayor Foust

Staff Present: City Manager Everett, Assistant City Manager/CDS Director Ingram, City Clerk Howe, City Attorney Yamamoto, Assistant City Attorney Aranda, Deputy City Clerk Wong, Fire Chief Kohlmann, Fire Battalion Chief Balton, Human Resources Director Bell, Police Chief Cobarruviaz, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Centeno, Financial Services Director Ponty

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

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

**DRAFT –  
NOT FOR CITATION**

## 5. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Proclamation: Honoring former Police Chief Carlos Bolanos

Mayor Pierce read the proclamation and Council Members made comments thanking former Chief Bolanos for his numerous achievements and outstanding service to the community. Bolanos thanked the City Council and City Manager for their confidence and support throughout his tenure. He further stated his pride in serving the community. Council Members comments included compliments on Bolanos' honesty, competence, concern for other City departments, his response to the community, his strength as a role model, and serving as a trusted Council ally.

Introduction: Police Chief Louis Cobarruviaz

City Manager Everett introduced Police Chief Cobarruviaz highlighting his professional background and experience that he brings to Redwood City. He emphasized the reasons for his selection being that of the richness and the diversity of his experience coupled with the commitment and focus in community partnerships; working with other agencies and groups; and the vision of additional possibilities for the department and community. His strong reputation and extensive experience in training and inspiring other officers and employees to reach their potential is a key component.

Police Chief Cobarruviaz commented on the many reasons Redwood City's Police Department and community reputations are held in high regard. He stated that the professionalism of the Police Department, the manner in which it has been trained, and the results in terms of low crime rate is what attracted Police Chiefs throughout the country to Redwood City. He further stated that he looks forward to being a part of the community and doing everything he can to maintain the quality of life and to control crime. He thanked the City Council, the selection board, and the community for the warm welcome.

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

M/S Bain/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 Hartnett and Vice Mayor Foust absent.**

### 6.1 Section – Motions -

A. Approve the Joint City Council meeting minutes of January 8, 2007 as submitted.

**MINUTE ORDER 07-015**

**6.2 Section - Resolutions**

- A. Resolution amending the City of Redwood City's classification plan and Fiscal year 06/07 budget.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution to change job descriptions and create new positions in the departments of Public Works Services and Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 14761 APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATIONS AND AMENDING CLASSIFICATION PLAN TO ADD SPECIFIED POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- B. Water Connection and Service – 1512 Edgewood Road – Unincorporated San Mateo County

**Recommendation:**

By resolution, request Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) approval for extension of water service outside jurisdictional boundaries pursuant to Government Code Section 56133

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 14762 OF APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY REQUESTING THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56133**

**6.3 Section – Claims and Warrants**

- A. Approve warrants dated through January 22, 2007 and usual and necessary payments through February 5, 2007. **MINUTE ORDER 07-016**

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**7. Staff Reports**

- A. Update on Climate Change Activities by the City of Redwood City

City Manager Everett gave the update stating that the City with the guidance of the Council has been quite active on the topic for some time. He cited back in 2000 the reduction of 11% in kilowatt hours usage. He credited the Water Task Force for modifying some of the City's water conservation suggestions, pushing harder for

water conservation, resulting in 815 acre feet that will be saved by the year 2009. A fleet of hybrid engines and sedans has been developed with 83% of the fleet, excluding police cars, are now hybrids. The City Council has developed Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update, one of which is sustainability. The development of a Precise Plan encourages transit oriented development and last year, 59 of the 69 approved residential units, were considered "green" or LEED certified. A City team was composed to determine what has been done and what more can be done to save on electrical and reduce our carbon footprint as it relates to building codes and vehicle use. The second part is, as a city, how we begin to engage the community if we are serious about reducing our carbon footprint. The two next steps are: 1) to bring the cool cities initiative to Council for consideration, and 2) to provide a DVD of "An Inconvenient Truth" by Al Gore for Council Members' viewing.

Council comments included thanking staff for the work and bringing it forward stating that it is up to the local cities to support. Council Member Howard submitted a report from former Menlo Park Mayor Gail Slocum who now works in Government Relations for P.G.& E.. The report outlines some efforts she is requesting of Menlo Park to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; also included is a report of Palo Alto's activities. She stated her interested in the co-existence of solar panels and trees within the community; and thanked Assemblymember Ruskin for his involvement in this effort and providing the information.

**Public Comment:**

Rick Nordensten, stated that he is a Redwood City resident, PACT graduate and member of the Community Builders program. He is currently in a volunteer position with the Sierra Club to be the Cool Cities lead for Redwood City. The goal is to work with cities to implement smart energy and other technologies to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He explained various steps to becoming a Cool City. He expressed his support for the City's efforts and his hope that at the City Council's Priority Session in February, that climate change can be identified as a key priority.

Bob Gellman lives and works in Redwood City, considers himself a friend of Redwood City and commended the staff and Council for considering the Cool Cities Initiative and potentially signing on to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection agreement. He stated that there are critical decisions facing us all as to the climate crisis. He expects that the City can receive support from many groups within and outside our borders to support the decision to become a Cool City.

Jane Taylor, involved resident since 1992, represented Cool Families. She expressed appreciation of the efforts the City is embarking on in addressing the climate change issues. Cool Families is a recently formed grassroots group of parents based out of Redwood City with the mission of raising awareness about global warming and climate change. The goal is to inspire people to action to reduce energy consumption, recycle, and live in a more sustainable lifestyle doing all possible to ensure our children inherit a livable earth. Adjusting the climate

change crisis will take involvement on every level from individuals, local organizations, local, State and Federal Government and collaboration on a global level. Cool Families plans to partner with organizations such as the City, the Sierra Club, City Trees and other groups looking for support on this issue.

Marianna Raymond, 11 year Redwood City resident, urged the Council to pursue this topic as soon and vigorously as possible. Expertise can be pulled from various sources and she mentioned an article in the newspaper citing the meeting of five East Bay Mayors with an expert from London, England. Starting with a small town in the outskirts of London, they succeeded in cutting greenhouse emissions by 77%. They went on to implement a variety of measures in London itself and she is hoping that the City will network with these other Mayors and experts.

Cynthia Denny stated that she would address the issue of green building and that the green building resolution that is part of the sustainable land use development criteria for anywhere in the Loma Prieta Chapter area. She explained that green building is widely accepted to mean designed, constructed, and operated to be very energy efficient. Green building merges sound, responsible practices into one discipline that looks at the environmental, economic, and social affects of a building or built projects as a whole. She encouraged Council to consider that as a large part of the effort in the climate change issues and she commended the City on its tree planting program.

Mayor Pierce stated that she had the opportunity to serve on an energy task force through the Congestion Management and Air Quality Committee (CMAQ) to develop an energy strategy for the County of San Mateo. During that research the link between climate protection and energy use became apparent. As a result, the committee will be going back to CMAQ and present to the City and County Association of Governments (C/CAG), not only a plan for an energy strategy for the County but also with ideas that can facilitate policies and programs for all of the cities. She stated her pride in the City staff taking the initiative and forming a subcommittee resulting in Redwood City being one of three San Mateo County cities in the ABAG Energy Watch group. This involvement has also resulted in the City being recognized within the task force and ABAG as a community that is taking the issue seriously and is headed in the right direction. The Priority Setting Session will be an opportunity to look at what else could be done and some of those items will fund.

Mayor Pierce also showed a picture drawn by Karla Servin showing her concern that we will soon have water over our heads.

**Recommendation:**

No action is requested at this time. The purpose of this report is informational only.

## 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 Priority Focus Bulletin No. 1-2007 and 2-2007. 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. Redwood City Ferry Service - Status Report

This item was continued to a future Council meeting.

C. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Presentation

Council Member Bain stated that this is a citizen lead initiative supported by the Fire Department. After September 11 and Hurricane Katrina people have recognized that our Federal and State, and in some cases local systems, are really not really prepared in the event of an emergency. What is apparent is that the people responding first are friends and neighbors living within a couple of hundred feet of each other. The CERT program not only prepares individuals who do not know a lot about such things as first aid, CPR, and triage, but it also helps build community.

Battalion Chief Balton, program manager for CERT, introduced the team members: Fire Chief Gerry Kohlmann, program coordinator Captain Ernie Gomez, Bonnie Miller, Janet Borgens, and Sandy Paoli. CERT members in the audience were also asked to stand and be acknowledged. He further explained the NERT program that began years ago and the current CERT program. He showed a video from the recently completed CERT program and described the work done by the CERT team members, introducing Sandy Paoli. Battalion Chief Balton also acknowledged the partnership with the San Mateo County Area Office of Homeland Security that has assisted throughout the program. He further stated that the Office of Emergency Services is working with CERT and that the Fire Department is able to work with all groups to bring them under one collaborative program.

Sandy Paoli reminded Council and the community that the next CERT program begins in March on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there are expectations of the members to assist neighbors after securing their own residences and families. Nine of the 11 neighborhood associations have teams set up, have selected team leaders and emergency meeting locations in the event of an emergency. She further thanked all staff members for supporting the program.

Pamela Kurtzman, HeartSafe Program Coordinator, explained that the program aims to develop and support programs that specifically improve the health and wellness of community members. She stated that sudden cardiac arrest is responsible for 350,000 deaths each year in the U.S. and most often results after

physical exertion or times of stress, both of which are likely occurrences at the time of a disaster. Defibrillation of potentially life saving shock is the only effective treatment of sudden cardiac arrest, however, CPR will keep the victim minimally oxygenated until a defibrillator is available. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a small portable device that analyzes heart rhythms, provides voice prompted instructions and if determined necessary, can deliver a potentially life saving shock to a sudden cardiac arrest victim. Other areas the organization will assist in can be found at the website: [www.sequoiahealthcaredistrict.org](http://www.sequoiahealthcaredistrict.org).

Janet Borgens stated that the program would not have progressed at this pace without the diligence of Sandy Paoli while thanking Fire Chief Kohlmann and Battalion Chief Balton. She handed out information in both English and Spanish.

Mayor Pierce thanked the Sequoia Healthcare District for the donation of AED's for the 4 CERT trailers.

**D. Council Member Howard** – stated that on Wednesday, January 24, at the Community Activities Building, KGO was hosting a community night from 7-9 p.m. asking the community what stories should be told and shared.

**E. Mayor Pierce** – stated that in February there will be two days that residents can dispose of e-waste such as televisions, computers, components, etc.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT –

M/S Howard/Ira to adjourn until the next City Council meeting of February 5, 2007 in memory of Vice Mayor Foust's aunt, Lorraine Axom, who passed away on January 18, 2007 in Derby, Connecticut. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote by those present.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Howe  
City Clerk