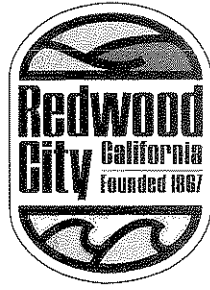


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COUNCIL MEMBER, ALICIA C. AGUIRRE
COUNCIL MEMBER, IAN BAIN
COUNCIL MEMBER, JIM HARTNETT
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CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2009
7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL – All Council Members present**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Diane Howard, Vice Mayor**
4. **INVOCATION – Pastor Jeff Henderson, Believers in Christ Church of God**

Staff present: City Manager Ingram, City Attorney Yamamoto, City Clerk Vonderlinden, Deputy City Clerk Wong, Financial Services Director Ponty, Financial Services Manager Freeman, Public Works Director Barwacz, Acting Community Development Services Director Chang, Fire Chief Skinner, Parks Recreation and Community Services Director Centeno, Parks Recreation and Community Services Superintendent Beth, Acting Engineering and Construction Manager Vorametsanti, Housing and Economic Development Manager Webb, Fire Battalion Balton, Community Development Specialist Balton, Special Events Coordinator Wilder, Librarian Spore-Alhadeh, Community Development Department Secretary Easterbrook, Redevelopment Manager Moeller, Redevelopment Analyst Popovich, and Redevelopment Project Manager Young.

Others present: Housing and Human Concerns Committee (HHCC) Member Bondonno, HHCC Committee Member Wright, Planning Commission Chair Radcliffe, Planning Commissioner Borgens, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair White and Vice Chair Wright.

**DRAFT –
NOT FOR CITATION**

5. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY –

- A. California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) Awards: (1) Excellence for a Marketing Campaign for Downtown, (2) Neighborhood and Community Life for the Teen Events in Courthouse Square, and (3) Economic Development for Downtown Programming – Chris Beth, Superintendent, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

Chris Beth, Parks Recreation and Community Services Superintendent, announced that Redwood City received four awards instead of three. The fourth was a surprise award titled “Creating Community” - Award of Distinction - presented to those agencies that are committed to finding new directions, strategic action planning, and creating new opportunities. He explained that this is the equivalent of “Best Picture” award. Mr. Beth provided an overview of what these awards represent and enumerated the myriad events that take place downtown. He also stated that during 2008 partnerships with community organizations were ubiquitous and he hopes these continue.

- B. Presentation - Downtown Programming Sneak Preview by Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department and Community Development Services Department – Chris Beth, Superintendent, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department and Pat Webb, Housing and Economic Development Manager.

Ms. Webb congratulated the Parks Recreation and Community Services Department on the awards received. Ms. Popovich, Redevelopment Project Manager, elaborated on the 2009 events and partnerships including the Downtown Business Group and the Sing Tao Chinese Newspaper. She also announced a continued partnership with Target for family day events. Ms. Popovich provided an overview of the “2009 New Programming.”

Vice Mayor Howard announced that the Farmers Market will open the first weekend in April. She thanked the Parks Recreation and Community Services Department for the brochures they provide for such event. Council Member Aguirre thanked Mr. Beth and said that the surprise award was an unexpected reward. She was at the award ceremony with Mayor Foust and Council Member Hartnett. Mayor Foust congratulated Superintendent Beth for becoming President of the California Park & Recreation Society. She also thanked Ms. Radcliffe, in the audience, for all her work as President of the Downtown Business Group and her continued collaborations with the city.

Mayor Foust announced that last Saturday a playground was built at Mezes Park thanks to a partnership between Parks Recreation and Community Services Department and KaBoom. She provided details on the ribbon cutting ceremony and how meaningful of an event it was.

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.

Claire Felong thanked the Council for being involved in the Green@Home program. She is one of the auditors and she congratulated Mayor Foust for being one of the first to have an audit. She complimented Council on all it is accomplishing in various areas.

Mayor Foust announced that Vice Mayor Howard has also had her home audited. She added that PG&E has over 85 programs to help consumers assess their energy use.

M/S Hartnett/Aguirre to approve the Consent Calendar with minor edits to three sets of minutes (Oct. 13, Oct. 27 and December 8, 2008) (on file). **Motion carries unanimously by electronic vote.**

6.1 Section - Motions

- A. Approve the Joint City Council/Civic Cultural Commission meeting minutes of October 13, 2008; the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board meeting minutes of October 27, 2008; the Regular City Council meeting minutes of November 10, 2008, the Regular City Council meeting minutes of November 24, 2008; the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board meeting minutes of December 8, 2008; the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board meeting minutes of December 15, 2008; and, the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 23, 2009 as submitted. *(with minor edits on three sets of minutes)*

Minute Order 09-039

- B. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board – San Mateo County Grade Crossing Improvement Project.

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize, by motion, the execution of the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Redwood City and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for their San Mateo County Grade Crossing Improvements Project.

Minute Order 09-040

6.2 Section – Resolution

- A. Redwood City Fire Department Eligibility Renewal Application with the State and Federal Department of General Services.

Recommendation:

Approve by resolution the Fire Department's application for renewal of eligibility with the State and Federal Department of General Services for State and Federal surplus personal property program.

RESOLUTION No. 14924 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES AS CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO ACQUIRE SURPLUS PROPERTY

6.3 Section – Ordinance (First Reading/Introduction)

A. Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Ordinance.

Recommendation:

- 1. Introduce the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Ordinance for first reading on March 9, 2009.

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AND DESIGNATING VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AS DESIGNATED ON THE "REDWOOD CITY - FIRE HAZARD MAP"

- 2. Schedule a public hearing and second reading on the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Ordinance for March 23, 2009.
- 3. Adopt the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Ordinance on March 23, 2009. **Minute Order 09-041**

6.4 Section – Claims and Warrants

- A. Approve warrants dated through March 9, 2009 and usual and necessary payments through March 23, 2009. **Minute Order 09-042**

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7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Affirmation of City Council Direction for preparation of Fiscal Year 2009/10 Budget.

City Manager Ingram reiterated that staff was confirming Council's direction. Mayor Foust asked that Council confirm the 13 items listed on the staff report. Council discussed and concurred with the information captured by staff. In addition, Council wanted these items added:

- 1) Make mention of the current vacancy program established by Department Heads as a cost savings approach for current year (*item 14*)
- 2) Reiterate that there is a basic fiscal assumption that programs and initiatives need to be aligned with resources available (*item 15*)

Council discussed how to sunset certain obsolete programs or initiatives. City Manager Ingram said that he understood the direction to be to come back to Council when and if something is not aligned with current resources and Council's direction. Council also discussed the need to disseminate Council's direction to the various Boards, Commissions and Committees. City Manager Ingram addressed the question by saying that he will rely on Department Heads and Staff Liaisons to disseminate the information. It was mentioned that these bodies should receive a packet with information not only on Council's direction but also Council's Strategic Initiatives.

One Council Member inquired about Port revenues and he asked for a memo on the topic. He also asked for an analysis regarding the number of employees added since the last

budget cuts. City Manager Ingram proposed bringing this back sometime in mid to late April. Mayor Foust announced that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Port Commission requested a meeting with her and Vice Mayor Howard. Such meeting will take place in the coming weeks. Mayor Foust asked for public comment.

Mike Mahoney representing Hudson Baylor Corporation referred to an impending decision on the SBWMA (South Bayside Waste Management Authority) facility operator. He said Hudson Baylor is one of the two in the short list. He wanted to share data regarding that company's environmental record. Mayor Foust intervened asking Mr. Mahoney to save his comments for an upcoming meeting since this was not related to the budget. She acknowledged receiving his letter and welcomed a follow up communication from him.

B. Dates for Budget Consideration.

Recommendation:

Approve the dates for formal action of the budget.

M/S Aguirre/Pierce to approve item **B. Motion carries unanimously by electronic vote.**
Mayor Foust read the dates agreed upon **Minute Order 09-043**

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. 7-2009 and 8-2009. 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 Reports on Committee Meetings Attended.

1. Council Member Aguirre – Announced attending the last Chamber of Commerce Education meeting where a representative from RAFT (Resource Area for Teachers) stated that this company is coming to Redwood City. This company collects recyclables and reuses those to create teaching materials. She also announced that the Sequoia Awards will have its first inductee ceremony at Carrington Hall on March 27th.
2. Council Member Bain – Attended a meeting of C/CAG, and the CPAC group liked the name "Complete Streets Committee" and wanted to rename itself using this new name that the City Council had approved. He thanked Susan Wheeler, with Community Development, for her recent presentation to that body.
3. Council Member Hartnett – Announced that SamTrans had its Budget Study Session and it was quite sobering. He added that SamTrans has a structural imbalance and the financial situation can be a real challenge.
4. Council Member Ira – no comment.
5. Council Member Pierce – Thanked the City Clerk and Finance Departments for support provided with the last League of California Cities Peninsula

Division dinner. The event was well attended and the discussion was about budgetary and economic issues as well as sharing resources. She reported that a board member from CalPers, Peter Oliveira, gave a presentation and she was encouraged by what San Mateo County City Managers Association is doing. She also announced legislative days in April.

6. Vice Mayor Howard – Reported that at the end of March HEART (Housing Endowment and Regional Trust Fund) will be discussing its budget and 09/10 priorities. She will return to Council with an executive summary. If a presentation is needed, she can arrange it through Chris Mohr, Executive Director for that organization.
7. Mayor Foust – Announced the Sequoia Awards event took place last Thursday night and how 145K was given away to scholarship recipients at a ceremony with 400 attendees. It was an evening to remember and the individual award went to Jeff and Penny Richardson and 1-800-Dry-Clean received the business award. Mayor Foust announced that on April 13, 2009 a representative from RAFT will come to the Council Meeting and give a presentation and share materials. Last Friday she was at Silver Springs Network, downtown Redwood City, with various Mayors from the Bay Area to sign the Bay Area Climate Change Collaborative. She also reported that at the last Transportation Authority Board meeting she saw the electrification presentation that is coming to the Council on March 23. She also attended the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) presentation last week at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. She spoke at the event, providing a city perspective on how the Redwood City will handle a possible application for the Cargill site.

9. ADJOURNMENT - M/S Howard/Bain to adjourn the meeting in memory of Sandra Morgan, sister of Susan Moeller, at 8:08 p.m. Vice Mayor Howard shared details about the life of Sandra Morgan. **Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Vonderlinden
Certified Municipal Clerk

Submitted for approval at the Special City Council Meeting of March 16, 2009.