

Giselle Hale, Mayor
Diana Reddy, Vice Mayor
Alicia C. Aguirre, Council Member
Lissette Espinoza-Garnica,
Council Member
Jeff Gee, Council Member
Diane Howard, Council Member
Elmer Martinez Saballos,
Council Member



MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION
CITY OF REDWOOD CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1017 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94063
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Virtual via Zoom:
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JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING Monday, September 12, 2022 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Council Members Aguirre, Espinoza-Garnica, Gee, Martinez Saballos, Vice Mayor Reddy and Mayor Hale were present. Council Member Howard was absent.

Staff present: City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz, City Attorney Veronica Ramirez, City Clerk Pamela Aguilar.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice Mayor Reddy led the pledge of allegiance.
4. **PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**
 - 4.A. **Swearing in of newly appointed District 4 City Council Member Elmer Martinez Saballos**
Elmer Martinez, Sr. administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed District 4 City Council Member Elmer Martinez Saballos.
 - 4.B. **Proclamation recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month**
Verónica Escamez Martínez and Wendy Segovia from Casa Circulo Cultural accepted the proclamation.
 - 4.C. **Proclamation recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month and presentation by StarVista on 988 service**
Zena Andreani from StarVista accepted the proclamation and gave an overview of the 988 service.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST, AND ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public spoke:

- Jodi Paley
- Dylan Finch
- Alison Madden
- Bill Newell
- Jaqueline Rodriguez Luna
- Carmen Moreno
- Lizbeth Estrada
- Erin Chaser
- Ernie Schmidt
- Taylor Pope
- Clara Jaeckel
- Iliana Garcia
- Chris Robell

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Martinez Saballos requested item 6G be pulled for further discussion.

Motion and second, Reddy and Aguirre, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, except for item 6G, passes 6-0-1 with Council Member Howard absent.

Motion and second, Reddy and Aguirre, to approve item 6G, passes 6-0-1 with Council Member Howard absent.

6.A. Amendment No. 1 to agreement with OpenGov, Inc. to enhance public access to City financial information and provide budgeting and planning, organizational performance, and citizen engagement tools (304) MO 22-147

Recommendation:

By motion, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with OpenGov Inc. for budgeting and planning, organizational performance, and citizen engagement tools, covering the time period April 18, 2022 to June 30, 2025 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$240,208, and authorize the City Manager to extend the Agreement for two additional one-year terms, for a total contract amount of \$690.208.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

6.B. Refund Dignity Health for overpayment of utility users' tax (454) MO 22-148

Recommendation:

By motion, approve a refund in the amount of \$172,168 to Dignity Health for overpayment of utility users' tax.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

6.C. Grant application and projects approval for San Mateo County Transportation Authority's Pedestrian and Bicycle Program, Access to Downtown Bikeway Corridors Project, Redwood Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project, Kentucky Street and Massachusetts Avenue Intersection Quick-Build Pedestrian Improvements, and Vision Zero Programmatic Initiatives (505) Reso 16076 (0067) MO 22-149

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a resolution supporting the Redwood Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project, Access to Downtown Bikeway Corridors Project, Kentucky Street/Massachusetts Avenue Intersection Quick-build Pedestrian Improvements Project, and Vision Zero Programmatic Initiatives and Authorizing the Submittal of Four Applications to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Funding; and
2. By motion, authorize the City Manager to execute related grant documents.

CEQA:

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6.D. Resolution declaring a continued state of local emergency and affirming findings on the need for the City Council and other City legislative bodies subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act to hold hybrid or virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 to preserve public health and safety (301) Reso 16077 (0063)

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redwood City declaring a continued state of local emergency and need for the City Council and other City legislative bodies subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act to hold hybrid or virtual meetings in order to ensure the health and safety of the public.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- 6.E. Agreement with Redwood City Police Activities League (PAL) to implement the “Action, Create and Engage” (ACE) Program for Transitional Age Youth; and agreement with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) for grant from Chan Zuckerberg Initiative DAF, an advised fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation to help fund the Action, Create and Engage (ACE) Program for Transitional Age Youth (304) MO 22-150**

Recommendation:

1. By motion, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement for Services with the Redwood City Police Activities League (PAL) in the amount of \$350,000 to manage an “Action, Create and Engage” (ACE) Program for Transitional Age Youth; and
2. By motion, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement between the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) and the City of Redwood City (City) for a \$230,000 grant award to the City to fund the ACE Program.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- 6.F. Amendment No. 2 to agreement with LifeMoves for administration of the rapid rehousing program for participants in the Temporary RV Safe Parking Program (304) MO 22-151**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Services with LifeMoves increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$26,000, for a total of \$389,365 and extending the term until October 31, 2023, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement and make any minor, clarifying and conforming changes approved by the City Attorney, and authorize the City Manager or designee to take all actions necessary to complete this transaction, including execution of any other necessary documents.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- 6.G. Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to provide and support marked patrol vehicle-mounted cameras and related recording, redaction, video management software and cloud storage solutions (504) MO 22-158**

Recommendation:

By motion, determine that due to the unique nature of the goods and services, there is only one reasonable and practicable source for the required goods and service and the contract may be awarded without a competitive bidding process, and approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase

Agreement for Goods, Commodities and Services with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$346,553 for the purchase of vehicle-mounted cameras, associated services, and related recording, redaction, video management software and cloud storage solutions that integrate with the existing Axon proprietary body-worn camera digital evidence software management solutions, and body-worn camera hardware (requires 5/7 vote).

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

6.H. Agreement with the Redwood City School District for 2022-2023 extended day learning services (304) MO 22-152

Recommendation:

By motion, approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Agreement for Service between the Redwood City School District and the City of Redwood City for 2022-2023 extended day learning services.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

6.I. Agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC to conduct a water and sewer utility cost-of-service, rate, and fee study (304) MO 22-153

Recommendation:

By motion, approve, and authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with HF&H Consultants, LLC to conduct a water and sewer utility cost-of-service, rate, and fee study in an amount not to exceed \$180,080.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

6.J. Rescind award and reject all bids for Courthouse Square Fountain Bowl and Lighting Replacement Project (304) MO 22-154

Recommendation:

By motion:

1. Rescind the Courthouse Square Fountain Bowl and Lighting Replacement Project award from VNH Builders of Burlingame, CA;
2. Reject all bids for the Courthouse Square Fountain Bowl and Lighting Replacement Project; and
3. Direct staff to re-bid the Courthouse Square Fountain Bowl and Lighting Replacement Project with a revised scope that requires the site be capable of connecting to the City's recycled water infrastructure.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

6.K. Final acceptance of Red Morton Community Center Structural Reinforcement Project (304) MO 22-155

Recommendation:

By motion, accept the Red Morton Community Center Structural Reinforcement Project, and authorize the release of bonds and retention according to City procedures.

CEQA:

Categorically Exempt - Class 1. Existing Facilities

6.L. Approve Minutes of August 22, 2022 and September 6, 2022 City Council meetings (301) MO 22-156

6.M. Approve claims and checks from September 12, 2022 - October 3, 2022 and the usual and necessary payments through October 3, 2022 (303) MO 22-157

7. INTERVIEWS FOR THE HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE AND PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no public comment.

The City Council interviewed Housing and Human Concerns Committee applicants for appointment to 4 full-term seats that will expire on May 31, 2026, and 2 partial term seats that will expire on May 31, 2024

○ 8 applicants:

- Katie Goetz
- Kate Hiester
- Gerryk Emmanuel Madrigal-Ayala
- Kathy Martell
- Alma Montalvo
- Bill Newell
- Cedric Sanders
- Elan Scheinman

The City Council interviewed Planning Commission applicants for appointment to 1 full-term seat that will expire on June 30, 2026, and 1 partial term seat that will expire on June 30, 2024

○ 7 applicants:

- David Thomas
- Rudy Espinoza
- Kimberly Koch
- John Marini

- Ernie Schmidt
- Steven Tsujisaka
- Brandon Welsh (not present)
- One additional applicant, Adrian Brandt, was interviewed at a Special Meeting of the City Council on June 15, 2022 and will also be considered for appointment.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.A. **Downtown Parking Program update, ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 20 (the "Parking Ordinance") of the Municipal Code of the City of Redwood City to modify the parking program in the Downtown Area, and resolution approving a rate structure and regulations on City owned or controlled parking** (301) MO 22-159 Reso 16078 (0062)

Transportation Manager Jessica Manzi introduced the item, and Parking and Transportation Demand Manager Christian Hammack gave a presentation.

Mayor Hale opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Ernie Schmidt
- Kimberly Koch
- Chris Robell
- Taylor Pope
- Adrian Brandt

Mayor Hale closed the public hearing.

Recommendation:

1. Hold public hearing on proposed Downtown parking policy changes;
2. Waive the first reading and introduce an Ordinance amending Divisions 4 and 10 of Article VII of Chapter 20 (the "Parking Ordinance") of the City Code of the City of Redwood City relating to parking in the Downtown Area; and
3. Adopt a resolution approving modification to the rate structure and regulations for parking on City owned or controlled parking.

CEQA:

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Motion and second, Aguirre and Gee, to:

1. Waive the first reading and introduce an Ordinance amending Divisions 4 and 10 of Article VII of Chapter 20 (the “Parking Ordinance”) of the City Code of the City of Redwood City relating to parking in the Downtown Area; and
2. Adopt a resolution approving modification to the rate structure and regulations for parking on City owned or controlled parking.

The motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member Howard absent.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.A. Informational update on implementation of City minimum wage and input on potential adjustments

Assistant City Manager Alex Khojikian gave a presentation.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Clara Jaeckel

Recommendation:

Receive an update on the implementation of the City of Redwood City local minimum wage ordinance and provide direction on potential adjustments to the City’s ordinance.

CEQA:

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The Council received an update and provided feedback to staff. No formal Council action was taken.

9.B. Amendments to the City’s Classification and Wage and Salary Plan and the Executive Management Summary of Benefits (905) Reso 16079 (0064) Reso 16080 (0065)

Human Resources Director Michelle Katsuyoshi gave a presentation.

There was no public comment.

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of Redwood City amending the City’s classification and salary plan to update salary ranges in executive management, and amending the Executive Management Summary of Benefits; and
2. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of Redwood City appropriating and transferring certain funds for increased salary and benefits costs related to the amended Executive Management Summary of Benefits that begin in Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

CEQA:

This is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Motion and second, Aguirre and Reddy, to:

- 1. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of Redwood City amending the City's classification and salary plan to update salary ranges in executive management, and amending the Executive Management Summary of Benefits; and**
- 2. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of Redwood City appropriating and transferring certain funds for increased salary and benefits costs related to the amended Executive Management Summary of Benefits that begin in Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**

The motion passes 6-0-1 with Council Member Howard absent.

10. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

Mayor Hale made the following announcements:

- Fiestas Patrias will be celebrated on Sunday, September 18 at Courthouse Square
- Oktoberfest will kick off on Saturday, September 24 at Courthouse Square
- There is an open recruitment for the Architectural Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee. Applications will be accepted through October 9

Vice Mayor Reddy reported that she will be presenting a proclamation to the Sequoia Stamp Club on Saturday, September 17 in celebration of their 75th anniversary.

10.A. Mayor's assignments of Council Member Martinez Saballos to City Council committees and regional agencies (301) MO 22-160

Recommendation:

By motion, approve the Mayor's assignments of Council Member Martinez Saballos to City Council committees and regional agencies as identified in the staff report.

CEQA:

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Motion and second, Reddy and Espinoza-Garnica, to approve the Mayor's assignments of Council Member Martinez Saballos to City Council committees and regional agencies as identified in the staff report, passes 6-0-1 with Council Member Howard absent.

10.B. City Council Member Report of Conferences Attended

Council Members Gee and Martinez Saballos reported on the League of California Cities (CalCities) annual conference, which took place in Long Beach on September 7 – 9, 2022.

10.C. City Council Committee Reports

- A. Equity and Social Justice Sub-Committee**
Council Member Espinoza-Garnica gave an update.
- B. Transportation / Mobility Sub-Committee**
Council Member Espinoza-Garnica gave an update.
- C. Utilities Sub-Committee**
Vice Mayor Reddy gave an update.

10.D. City Manager (Oral) Update

City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz gave the following updates:

- The second draft of Housing Element released last week, with revisions based on feedback from the State and Redwood City. Listening sessions will be offered in the coming weeks.
- The SF Chronicle reported a harmful algae bloom in the bay, with additional studies underway. Silicon Valley Clean Water is ensuring that our water is being treated in a safe manner.
- Updated Covid-19 booster are now available with advance appointments beginning September 21.
- Information on the Monkeypox vaccine is available at www.smchealth.org.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk

Approved at the October 3, 2022 meeting.