

MAYOR JEFF GEE
VICE MAYOR LISSETTE ESPINOZA-GARNICA
COUNCIL MEMBER ALICIA C. AGUIRRE
COUNCIL MEMBER KAIA EAKIN
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE HOWARD
COUNCIL MEMBER ELMER MARTINEZ SABALLOS
COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS STURKEN

MINUTES

1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
REDWOOD CITY, CA

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gee called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - All Council Members were present. Mayor Gee, Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica and Council Member Sturken attended virtually.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Council Member Sturken.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Howard stated she would recuse herself from Closed Session item 4.A.1.

The City Council convened a Closed Session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss the following:

**4.A. 1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d)
of California Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 Case**

Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(2): “[a] point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.”

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Closed session regarding labor negotiations pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6:

**City's Negotiators: Kelly Tuffo, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Michelle Katsuyoshi, Human Resources Director
Melissa Stevenson Diaz, City Manager**

Employee Organization: San Mateo County Firefighters (International Association of Firefighters-IAFF), Local 2400

The meeting reconvened into open session at approximately 7:15 p.m. No action was taken.

5. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.A. Proclamation Honoring Black History Month

Mayor Gee read excerpts from the Proclamation in honor of Black History Month. He invited Ms. Lisa Tealer, Executive Director, Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC), to accept the Proclamation virtually. Ms. Tealer thanked the Council for the Proclamation and discussed how the BACHAC has assisted the greater Redwood City community.

5.B. Proclamation - World Day of Social Justice

Mayor Gee issued a Proclamation honoring February 20, 2023 as the World Day of Social Justice and read excerpts from the Proclamation.

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

The following members of the public spoke:

- Johanna Altofer
- Warren Dale
- Michael Flynn
- Romi Bauer
- Barbara Valley
- Jeannie Plato
- Rona Gundrum
- Mike Schrader

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion and second, Aguirre and Howard, to approve Consent Calendar items A through I. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- 7.A. Authorize by resolutions, two grant applications to be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to fund the replacement of two four million-gallon drinking water tanks at Sequoia Water Station and expansion of the recycled water distribution pipeline with associated storage and booster pump facilities, under the DWR 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program (505) Reso 16021, (0012) Reso 16022, (0013) MO-23-018**

Recommendation:

1. Adopt resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and submission of any documents, and reports required, for the replacement of two four million-gallon drinking water tanks at Sequoia Water Station, under the DWR 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program.
2. Adopt resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and submission of any documents, and reports required, for the expansion of the recycled water distribution pipeline with associated storage and booster pump facilities, under the DWR 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program.
3. By motion, authorize the City Manager, or designees, to accept the grants, execute the funding agreements with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and commit funds to complete the projects, submit invoices and reports if grant funding is awarded.

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

- 7.B. Final acceptance of construction improvements for the development at 120 El Camino Real and release of associated bonds (402) MO-23-019**

Recommendation:

By motion, accept the construction improvements for the development at 120 El Camino Real and authorize release of the bonds in accordance with the Subdivision Improvement Agreement.

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

**7.C. Agreement between the City of Redwood City and The Social Changery to provide youth cannabis education and prevention programming (304)
MO-23-020**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year Agreement for Services with The Social Changery to provide youth cannabis education and prevention programming in an amount not to exceed \$70,500, including City Manager authority to extend the Agreement for two additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 per extension period, for a total three-year Agreement not-to-exceed \$210,500.

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

7.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 16023 (0006)

Recommendation:

Adopt a 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.

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

7.E. Waive first reading and introduce an ordinance amending Article IX of Chapter 2 (Administration), Section 25.4.02 of Chapter 25 (Parks and Recreation Areas), and Section 40.4.1 of Chapter 40 (Historic Preservation) of the Redwood City Municipal Code to modify membership criteria for city boards, commissions, and committees to reduce barriers to participation and related administrative updates (301) MO-23-021

Recommendation:

Waive first reading and introduce an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redwood City amending Article IX of Chapter 2 (Administration), Section 25.4.02 of Chapter 25 (Parks and Recreation Areas), and Section 40.4.1 of Chapter 40 (Historic Preservation) of the Redwood City Municipal Code to modify membership criteria for city boards, commissions, and committees to reduce barriers to participation and related administrative updates.

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

7.F. Approval of amendment to Subdivision Improvement Agreement for the development at 1548 Maple with 1548 Maple, LLC (405) MO-23-022

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute that certain Amendment No. 1 to the Subdivision Improvement Agreement with 1548 Maple, LLC.

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

7.G. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement with LifeMoves for administration of the rapid rehousing program for participants in the Temporary RV Safe Parking Program (304) MO-23-023

Recommendation:

By motion, approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement for Services with LifeMoves increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$44,000, for a total of \$433,365 and extending the term until February 28, 2024.

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

7.H. Approve Minutes of January 23, 2023 City Council meeting (301) MO-23-024

7.I. Approve claims and checks from February 13, 2023 to February 27, 2023 and the usual and necessary payments through February 27, 2023 (301)

MO-23-025

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.A. General Plan Amendments to repeal and replace the Housing Element and Amend the Built Environment, Public Safety, Building Community, and Natural Resources Elements to meet the environmental justice, safety element, and housing state law requirements (601) Reso 16024, (0010) Reso 16025 (0011)

Assistant Community Development & Transportation Director Sue Exline gave a presentation. Ray Pendro, consultant, discussed the Environmental Impact Report aspects of the housing element.

Public Comment

The following members of the public spoke:

- Dylan Finch
- Johanna Altofour

City Attorney Ramirez stated there would be a segmented discussion due to two Council Members having real properties within proximity of the housing sites inventory. Following a quick poll by Mayor Gee, there was no Council interest in discussing the Site Inventory List of the Housing Element.

Motion and second, Martinez Saballos and Espinoza-Garnica, to adopt a Resolution adopting CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Redwood City General Plan Amendments to the Housing, Public Safety, Built Environment, Building Community, and Natural Resources Elements (SCH NO. 2022100449). The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion and second, Howard and Aguirre, to adopt a Resolution Adopting the Focused General Plan Update, which includes a General Plan Amendment to repeal the 2015-2023 Housing Element and Adopt the Housing Element of the General Plan for the Period of 2023-2031, and amendments to the Built Environment, Public Safety, Building Community, and Natural Resources Elements, in compliance with State Law. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation:

1. Discuss Site Inventory List of the Housing Element.
2. Discuss Housing Element as a whole.
3. Adopt Resolution adopting CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Redwood City General Plan Amendments to the Housing, Public Safety, Built Environment, Building Community, and Natural Resources Elements (SCH NO. 2022100449).
4. Adopt Resolution Adopting the Focused General Plan Update, which includes a General Plan Amendment to repeal the 2015-2023 Housing Element and Adopt the Housing Element of the General Plan for the Period of 2023-2031, and amendments to the Built Environment, Public Safety, Building Community, and Natural Resources Elements, in compliance with State Law.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.A. Informational update on implementation of AB 2449 regarding teleconference participation in meetings of Brown Act bodies

City Clerk Pamela Aguilar provided an informational report on the implementation of AB 2449. No action was taken.

Recommendation:

Receive an informational update on the implementation of AB 2449 regarding remote (teleconference) participation in public meetings by members of legislative bodies.

10. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

10.A. City Council Member Report of Conferences Attended

Mayor Gee reported on a special Council meeting held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Cañada College, where the Council discussed effective working relationships, its strategic plan and priorities. No action was taken at the special meeting.

A. Report from Council Member Martinez Saballos - Cal Cities New Council Members Conference

Council Member Martinez Saballos reported on a New Mayors and Council Member conference.

Council Member Eakin reported on a meeting of the SFO Airport Roundtable and Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica reported on a recent HOPE meeting.

10.B. City Council Committee Reports

10.C. City Manager (Oral) Update

City Manager Stevenson Diaz provided several informational updates on city business.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Gee adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. in honor of longtime Redwood City resident, Bob Reed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Aguilar".

Pamela Aguilar, CMC

City Clerk

Approved at the February 27, 2023 meeting.