

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

APPROVED MINUTES  
  
1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD  
REDWOOD CITY, CA

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, October 9, 2023, 6:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Based on the number of public comments received on each of the public hearings, Mayor Gee stated that the public hearings will be heard in the following order: 7A, 7C, 7B.

**2. ROLL CALL** – All Council Members were present.

Staff present: City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz, City Attorney Veronica Ramirez, Interim City Clerk Yessika Castro.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council Member Howard led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**4.A. Proclamation recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day**

San Mateo County Native and Indigenous Peoples Initiative Co-Chair Gloria Gutierrez accepted the proclamation.

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

The following members of the public provided comment:

- Nancy Sheinbaum
- Chris Robell
- Nina Goodale

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion and second, Espinoza-Garnica and Sturken, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**6.A. Amendment No. 11 to the Sanitary Sewage Treatment Capacity Rights and Services (Town of Woodside) Agreement (304) Reso 16180 (0095)**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving Amendment No. 11 to the Sanitary Sewage Treatment Capacity Rights and Services (Town of Woodside) Agreement and authorizing the City Manager to execute said amendment.

CEQA:

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

**6.B. Reject all bids for the 2023 Pavement Overlay Project (Broadway) (304)**

Recommendation:

By motion, reject all bids for the 2023 Pavement Overlay Project (Broadway).

CEQA:

Categorically Exempt - Class 1. Existing Facilities

**6.C. Final acceptance of the Redwood Shores Parkway and Avocet Drive Emergency Sewer Repair Project (304)**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve the City Manager's emergency action and determine repair and replacement of sewer collection system infrastructure near the intersection of Redwood Shores Parkway and Avocet Drive was necessary to respond to the emergency, retroactively authorize the City Manager's execution of a Construction Agreement with Casey Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$40,291, accept the project, and authorize the release of bonds and retention according to City procedures.

CEQA:

Categorically Exempt - Class 2. Replacement or reconstruction

**6.D. Response to San Mateo County Grand Jury Report: “Bike Safety in San Mateo County; Making Bicycling Safer in the County” (302)**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve letter responding to San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report titled “Bike Safety in San Mateo County; Making Bicycling Safer in the County” and authorize the Mayor to execute and transmit the letter.

CEQA:

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

**6.E. Housing and Human Concerns Committee Work Plan for FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 (209)**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve the Housing and Human Concerns Committee Work Plan for FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025.

CEQA:

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

**6.F. Approval of Settlement Agreement between Dan and Dawn Slanker and the City of Redwood City to resolve litigation entitled Fambrough et al. v. City of Redwood City (Case No. 17CIV05387) and Redwood City v. Dan Slanker and Dawn Slanker (Case No. 18UDL00822) (304)**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve Settlement Agreement between (1) Dan and Dawn Slanker and (2) the City of Redwood City.

CEQA:

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

**6.G. Approve October 2, 2023 City Council Minutes (301)**

**6.H. Approve claims and checks from October 9, 2023 to October 23, 2023 and the usual and necessary payments through October 23, 2023 (303)**

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 7.A. Stanford Development Agreement 10-year extension request (304) Reso 16181 (0096)

Mayor Gee stated that due to a conflict of interest with this item, as his parent company has done business with both Stanford Health and Stanford University, he is recusing from participating in the item and turned it over to Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica to preside.

Mayor Gee was placed in a virtual waiting room.

Senior Planner Ryan Kuchenig gave a presentation.

Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Kris Johnson
- John Donahoe
- Jim Gernand

Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica closed the public hearing.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the first 10-year term extension of the Development Agreement between the City of Redwood City, Stanford University and Stanford Health Care for the development of the Stanford in Redwood City Project.

CEQA:

The City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report for the Stanford Precise Plan project and the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in 2013 in connection with the Stanford Precise Plan on September 9, 2013. The 10-year term extension does not propose changes to the project and there are no substantial changes with respect to circumstances under which the project would be undertaken or new information of substantial importance of the kind that would require additional environmental review pursuant to Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Motion and second, Martinez Saballos and Eakin, to adopt a resolution approving the first 10-year term extension of the Development Agreement between the City of Redwood City, Stanford University and Stanford Health Care for the development of the Stanford in Redwood City Project, passed 6-0-1 by roll call vote with Mayor Gee recused.**

Mayor Gee rejoined the meeting virtually.

**7.C. City Council call up of the Planning Commission's approval of Architectural Permit No. AP2022-062 for the demolition of an existing 1,790 sf. ft. single-family dwelling unit and construction of a new two-story 3,811 sq. ft. single-family dwelling unit which exceeds 3,000 square feet and 0.45 floor area ratio at 636 Teredo Drive  
(613) Reso 16182 (0098)**

Assistant Community Development and Transportation Director Sue Exline and Assistant Planner James Dotson gave a presentation.

Property owner Alan Ting gave a presentation.

Mayor Gee opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public provide comments:

- Kris Johnson
- Rona Gundrum
- Kathleen Bakshi
- Thanaa Makdsi
- Bree-Anna Vail
- Michaela Coan
- Marylu Weisheimer and Craig Farmer
- Janet and Rob Zehnder
- Wende Bitler Bailon
- Zeke Mead
- Joann Casey
- Kirsten McKay
- Terri Mead
- Diane Wakeham
- Elaine Tschorn
- Kathryn Leisses
- Rachel Holt
- Diane Stow
- Francine and Greg Taylor
- Mark Nagel
- Chris Robell
- Jim Gernand
- Nona Boire

Recommendation:

Either:

1. Adopt a resolution approving of Architectural Permit No. AP2022-062 subject to conditions of approval and in accordance with Articles 45 and 48 of the Redwood City Zoning Code; or
2. Adopt a resolution denying Architectural Permit No. AP2022-062 in accordance with Articles 45 and 48 of the Redwood City Zoning Code.

CEQA:

Categorically Exempt - Class 3. New construction or conversion of small structures

**Motion and second, Aguirre and Martinez Saballos, to adopt a resolution approving of Architectural Permit No. AP2022-062 subject to conditions of approval and in accordance with Articles 45 and 48 of the Redwood City Zoning Code, passes 5-2 by roll call vote, with Council Members Howard and Eakin opposed.**

- 7.B. Waive first reading and introduce an ordinance to update and adopt certain fees and charges for the City Manager's Office, Community Development and Transportation, Fire, Library, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Police, Public Works, and Special Events (301)**

Assistant City Manager and Administrative Services Director Michelle Poché Flaherty gave a presentation.

Mayor Gee opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Nevada Merriman

Mayor Gee closed the public hearing.

Recommendation:

1. Hold a public hearing; and
2. Waive first reading and introduce an uncodified ordinance updating and adopting certain fees and charges for the City Manager's Office, Community Development and Transportation, Fire, Library, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Police, Public Works, and Special Events.

CEQA:

Adoption of the ordinance is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15378 and 15061(b)(3) as it has no potential for physical effects on the environment because it involves the adoption or

amendment of certain fees and/or charges imposed by the City, does not commit the City to any specific project, and said fees and/or charges are applicable to future development projects and/or activities, each of which future projects and/or activities will be fully evaluated in full compliance with CEQA when sufficient physical details regarding said projects and/or activities are available to permit meaningful CEQA review (see CEQA Guidelines, Section 15004(b)(1)). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), the creation of government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may cause significant effect on the environment, is not defined as a “project” under CEQA. Therefore, approval of the fees and/or charges is not a “project” for purposes of CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378(b)(4); and, even if considered a “project” under CEQA, is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that approval of the fees and/or charges may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Motion and second, Eakin and Howard, to waive first reading and introduce an uncodified ordinance updating and adopting certain fees and charges for the City Manager's Office, Community Development and Transportation, Fire, Library, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Police, Public Works, and Special Events, passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**8. STAFF REPORTS - None**

**9. STUDY SESSIONS**

**9.A. Study Session on Proposed Two-Year Economic and Workforce Development Plan**

Assistant City Manager Patrick Heisinger gave a presentation.

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Larry Moody
- Bart Pantoja
- Chris Robell

Recommendation:

Hold a Study Session and provide individual City Councilmember feedback regarding the proposed Economic and Workforce Development Plan framework

CEQA:

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

A Study Session was held. No formal action was taken.

**10. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST**

**10.A. City Council Member Report of Conferences Attended**

Council Member Howard reported on the October 7 North Fair Oaks Healthy Community Mural Project celebration.

Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica reported on the September 20-22 Cal Cities annual conference in Sacramento.

**10.B. City Council Committee Reports**

- A. Communications Sub-Committee** – Council Member Martinez Saballos gave an update.
- B. Equity and Social Justice Sub-Committee** – Council Member Howard gave an update.

**10.C. City Manager (Oral) Update** – City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz reported on planned Caltrans roadway closures next week on northbound 101 from Friday night to Monday morning, and upcoming park safety meeting on October 19 from 6-8pm virtually via Zoom.

Mayor Gee thanked the Latino Community Council Redwood City for hosting the annual Fiestas Patrias celebration on September 17.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Gee adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC  
Interim City Clerk

Approved at the October 23, 2023 City Council meeting.