

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 AGENDA  
Monday, January 8, 2024 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Council Members Eakin, Howard, Martinez Saballos, Sturken, Vice Mayor Espinoza-Garnica and Mayor Gee were present. Council Member Aguirre was absent.

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council Member Martinez Saballos led the pledge of allegiance.
4. **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no public comment.

The City Council convened a Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.A. **Closed session regarding litigation that has been initiated formally pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Litigation has been initiated formally pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9:

Name of Case: *Cedric Sanders v. Redwood City, San Mateo County Superior Court Case No. 21CIV04380*

At 6:42 p.m., the City Council reconvened the regular meeting. There was no reportable action.

**5. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**5.A. Proclamation recognizing Poverty in America Awareness Month**

Alec Raffin, Chief Operating Office of the Samaritan House, accepted the proclamation and shared a few words.

**5.B. Proclamation recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Carolyn Hoskins, Founder of the Domini Hoskins Black History Museum, accepted the proclamation and shared a few words. Carolyn Hoskins announced that in recognition of Black History Month, the Domini Hoskins Black History Museum will hold an exhibit starting February 1 through February 29, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at 890 Jefferson Avenue in Redwood City.

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

City Clerk Yessika Castro stated that approximately 40 emails were received after the last City Council meeting on December 18, 2023, before the publication of the January 8, 2024 agenda. Those comments will be made part of tonight’s final meeting record.

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Ester Adut
- Sarah Adut
- Alan Fisher
- David Ron
- Dena Koren
- Adam Taub
- Rabbi Levi Potash
- Karin Feygenberg
- Eli Fooksman
- Sofie Bershteyn
- Valerie Rutenburg
- Ilana Goldhaber-Gordon
- Sema Shami
- Jennifer Bukchin
- Lesly Vazquez
- Rona Gundrum
- Etai Beck
- Natasha Beilin
- Alisa MacAvoy
- Stefan Meyer
- Lisa Evans
- Emily Greenwald
- Chris Civil

- Eric & Maggie Pearson
- Isabel Marcus
- Alana Ballon
- Natalya Beilin
- Irina Worthey
- Lara Hochstein

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Howard pulled item 7A for clarification.

**Motion and second, Espinoza-Garnica and Howard, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, except for item 7A, passed 6-0-1 by electronic vote, with Aguirre absent.**

**Motion and second, Howard and Sturken, to approve item 7A passed 6-0-1 by electronic vote, with Aguirre absent.**

**7.A. Agreement for Services with Raimi and Associates for Precise Plan, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), community engagement, and economic analysis consulting services for the Redwood Life Project at 800-3400 Bridge Parkway (304)**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for Precise Plan, CEQA, community engagement, and economic analysis consulting services with Raimi & Associates for the Redwood Life project for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,541,468.

CEQA:

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

**7.B. Consideration of a Resolution of Intention to establish a pedestrian mall on the 2000 block of Broadway and on Redwood Creek between the Main Street Parking Lot and Marshall Street Garage and authorize staff to record the Resolution of Intention and to provide notice Reso 16196 (301)**

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of Intention to establish a pedestrian mall on the 2000 block of Broadway and Redwood Creek and authorize staff to record the Resolution of Intention and provide notice.

CEQA:

Project consistent with Previous Plan EIR

- 7.C. Acceptance of FY 2022 FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG) award in the amount of \$1,320,578 and award the Master Purchasing Agreement to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$1,446,572** **Reso 16197 ( 304)**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of Redwood City 1) accepting FY 2022 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Award in the amount of \$1,320,578 and authorizing the City Manager to execute any required grant agreement, subsequent amendments or modifications, and other related documents; 2) approving an appropriation amendment increasing the FY 2022-23 General Fund revenue by \$1,320,578; and 3) approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year Communications Products Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$1,446,572 to purchase communications and related equipment and services.

CEQA:

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

- 7.D. California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 fire department state mandated inspection compliance reporting** **Reso 16198 (205)**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the FY22/23 report of compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 relating to mandatory fire inspections.

CEQA:

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

- 7.E. Review and acceptance of Development Impact Fees report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023** **Reso 16199 (501)**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redwood City accepting the development impact fees report for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and making findings as required by the Mitigation Fee Act.

CEQA:

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

- 7.F. Approve December 18, 2023 City Council Minutes** **(301)**

- 7.G. Approve claims and checks from January 8, 2024 to January 22, 2024 and the usual and necessary payments through January 22, 2024** **(303)**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.A. Adopt Nexus Study, and Impact Fee Project List for Transportation Impact Fees; introduce ordinances updating the City’s transportation impact fee, water capacity and connection fees, wastewater collection capacity and connection fees, and water and wastewater user and penalty fees and related amendments (501)**

City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz introduced the item, and Community Development Director Jeff Schwob and Acting City Engineer James O’Connell gave the presentation.

The following member of the public provided comment:

- Henry Sears

Recommendation:

1. Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance Adopting the Transportation Impact Fee Nexus Study and associated Transportation Fee Project List, amending Article XV (Transportation Impact Fee) of Chapter 18 of the Redwood City Municipal Code and updating the City’s Transportation Impact Fee; and
2. Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Articles III (Connection Fees) and VII (Cross Connection Control), and Chapter 27, Articles IX (Fees and Charges) and X (Sewer Fund), of the Redwood City Municipal Code and updating the City’s water capacity and connection fees, wastewater collection capacity and connection fees, and water and wastewater user and penalty fees.

CEQA:

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

**Motion and second by Espinoza-Garnica and Howard, to:**

- 1. Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance Adopting the Transportation Impact Fee Nexus Study and associated Transportation Fee Project List, amending Article XV (Transportation Impact Fee) of Chapter 18 of the Redwood City Municipal Code and updating the City’s Transportation Impact Fee; and**
- 2. Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Articles III (Connection Fees) and VII (Cross Connection Control), and Chapter 27, Articles IX (Fees and Charges) and X (Sewer Fund), of the Redwood City Municipal Code and updating the City’s water capacity and connection fees, wastewater collection capacity and connection fees, and water and wastewater user and penalty fees.**

**The motion passed 6-0-1 by electronic vote, with Aguirre absent.**

**8.B. Adopt updated Parks Impact Fee Project List for FY 2023-2024 in compliance with Government Code Sections 66016.5 and 66002 Reso 16200 (501)**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Assistant Director Lucas Wilder gave a presentation.

The following member of the public provided comment:

- Carol Liu

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redwood City adopting an updated Parks Impact Fee Project List as the Capital Improvement Plan for the Parks Impact Fee program in compliance with Government Code Sections 66016.5 and 66002.

**Motion and second, Sturken and Martinez Saballos, to adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redwood City adopting an updated Parks Impact Fee Project List as the Capital Improvement Plan for the Parks Impact Fee program in compliance with Government Code Sections 66016.5 and 66002, passed 6-0-1 by electronic vote, with Aguirre absent.**

CEQA:

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

**9. STAFF REPORTS - None**

**10. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST**

**10.A. City Council Member Report of Meetings and Conferences Attended - None**

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

- A. Ad Hoc Committee on 101/84 Project** – Council Member Martinez Saballos gave an update.

**10.C. City Manager (Oral) Update - Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz reported on the following:**

- All Things Kids Community Swap Event at the Downtown Library on January 18, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Gently used clothes/toys for kids from 0 -12 years old
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) disposal event on January 27, 2024 – for more information visit <https://www.smchealth.org/hhw>.
- Bi-annual survey on City services will go out to the community starting January 17, 2024 through January 31, 2024

**11. ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Gee adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC  
City Clerk

Approved at the January 22, 2024 City Council meeting.