

MAYOR ELMER MARTÍNEZ SABALLOS
VICE MAYOR KAIA EAKIN
COUNCIL MEMBER ISABELLA CHU
COUNCIL MEMBER JEFF GEE
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE HOWARD
COUNCIL MEMBER MARCELLA PADILLA
COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS STURKEN

APPROVED MINUTES

1017 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
REDWOOD CITY, CA

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 12, 2025 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Martínez Saballos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Council Members Chu, Gee, Howard, Padilla, Sturken, Vice Mayor Eakin and Mayor Martínez Saballos.

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Council Member Gee led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** - None
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST AND ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Ingrid Falk
- Anne Cano
- Raymond Goins
- Nancy Goodban
- Bill Newell
- Phillip Luna
- Aaron Susman
- Redwood City homeowners
- Mariela Cuevas
- Kevin & Diana Dolezal
- Becca Kieler

- Beverly Morgan
- Beth von Emster
- Ron Susek
- Rob Verluis
- Beverly Spiker
- Clara Jaeckel

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Sturken pulled item 6B for further discussion.

Motion and second, Howard and Gee, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, except item 6B, passed unanimously by electronic vote.

Motion and second, Howard and Chu, to approve item 6B, passed 6-1 by electronic vote, with Council Member Sturken opposed.

6.A. **Payment for Gas and Electric Extension Agreement Invoice with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) (304)**

Recommendation:

By motion, approve and authorize the City to provide payment for an invoice to a Gas and Electric Extension Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for electrical service to the Bradford Storm Drainage Pump Station Improvement Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$210,884.

CEQA:

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

6.B. **Agreement for Services with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to upgrade current Taser X2 devices with the Taser 10 devices, along with related support, training and software solutions that integrate with the existing Axon proprietary digital evidence software management system (304)**

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 services and that the contract may be awarded without a competitive bidding process. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a 10-year agreement for services not to exceed \$1,586,205 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase and upgrade from Axon's Taser X2 to Taser 10 devices, along with related support, training, and software solutions that

integrate with the existing Axon proprietary digital evidence software management system used by the Police Department (requires 5/7 vote).

CEQA:

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

- 6.C. Waive second reading and adopt an ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City of Redwood City and El Camino Real Holdings JV (901 El Camino Real Project) (301) Ord. 2545**

Recommendation:

Waive second reading and adopt an ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City of Redwood City and El Camino Real Holdings JV (901 El Camino Real).

CEQA:

Project Consistent with General Plan or Zoning (Section 15183)

- 6.D. Waive second reading and adopt an ordinance amending Section 2.114 (Police Advisory Committee) of Chapter 2, Article IX of the Redwood City Municipal Code to reduce the number of seats, modify the manner in which members are appointed, and update membership criteria for the Police Advisory Committee, as recommended by the Governance Sub-Committee (301) Ord. 2546**

Recommendation:

Waive second reading and adopt an ordinance amending Section 2.114 (Police Advisory Committee) of Chapter 2, Article IX of the Redwood City Municipal Code to reduce the number of seats, modify the manner in which members are appointed, and update membership criteria for the Police Advisory Committee, as recommended by the Governance Sub-Committee.

CEQA:

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

- 6.E. Approve April 28, 2025 City Council Minutes (301)**

- 6.F. Approve claims and checks from May 12, 2025 to May 19, 2025 and the usual and necessary payments through May 19, 2025 (303)**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.A. Introduce an ordinance retitling and amending Redwood City Municipal Code Section 12.7.1 to designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones for local responsibility areas as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (301)

Fire Chief Baraka Carter introduced the item, and Fire Marshal Janice Cheung gave a presentation.

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Ingrid Falk

Recommendation:

Waive first reading and introduce an ordinance retitling and amending Redwood City Municipal Code Section 12.7.1 regarding Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

CEQA:

This activity is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

Motion and second, Gee and Sturken, to waive first reading and introduce an ordinance retitling and amending Redwood City Municipal Code Section 12.7.1 regarding Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones, passed unanimously by electronic vote.

9. STUDY SESSIONS

9.A. Study Session on Master Planning for City water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater utilities (800)

Engineering and Transportation Director Tanisha Werner gave a presentation regarding the City's water utilities.

There was no public comment.

Engineering and Transportation Director Tanisha Werner gave a presentation regarding the City's sanitary system.

There was no public comment.

Engineering and Transportation Director Tanisha Werner gave a presentation regarding the City's stormwater utilities.

There was no public comment.

Recommendation:

Receive an update on the infrastructure master plans related to the City's potable water, recycled water, sanitary sewer and stormwater utilities. This is a study session and no action is required of the City Council.

CEQA:

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

A Study Session was held. No formal action was taken by the City Council.

10. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

10.A. City Council Member Report of Meetings/Conferences Attended

A. City Council Report of Meetings/Conferences Attendance

Mayor Martínez Saballos, Vice Mayor Eakin, Council Member Sturken, and Council Member Padilla reported on the May 2-4, 2025, Chamber San Mateo County's 56th annual Progress Seminar.

Council Member Howard reported on the May 10 Dia de las Madres celebration at Casa Circulo Cultural, and May 11 screening of *Sundown to Eleven*, directed by Redwood City resident George Retelas and produced by Joel McDonell.

Vice Mayor Eakin reported on the following:

- March 27 San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority Board meeting
- April 16 City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) Resource Management and Climate Protection (RCMP) Committee
- April 17 Greater Downtown Area Plan (GDAP) workshop
- April 30 UA Local 467 Joint Apprenticeship Program tour
- May 7 HIP Housing networking reception
- May 9 San Francisco Peninsula annual tourism luncheon

10.B. City Council Committee Reports

A. Homelessness Ad Hoc Sub-Committee - Council Member Chu gave an update.

10.C. City Manager (Oral) Update - City Manager Melissa Stevenson Diaz provided the following updates:

- Senior Affairs Commission seeking input on senior transportation needs through online survey open until July
- Library events happening this month related to Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month

11. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Martínez Saballos adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Yessika Castro, City Clerk, CMC, CPMC

Approved at the City Council meeting on May 19, 2025.