MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD
City Council Chambers
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541
Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 8:00 p.m.

MEETING

The Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Sweeney at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council/RA Member Ward.

ROLL CALL

Present: COUNCIL MEMBERS Rodriquez, Quirk, Halliday, Ward, Dowling, Henson
MAYOR Sweeney
Absent: COUNCIL MEMBERS None

PRESENTATION

Business Recognition Award

The September 2006 Business Recognition Award was presented to Graybar Electric. Graybar procures warehouses, and delivers electrical or communications and data products, components, or related service to its customers. Graybar was founded in 1869 by Elisha Gray, an inventor, and Enos Barton, an entrepreneur. They now have 250 locations throughout the United States and have been 100% employee owned since 1926. For the contribution Graybar has made by moving their operation to Hayward, being an employee owned company, and contributing to the overall economic well being of the City, the City of Hayward presented Graybar with the Business Recognition Award for September 2006. Mr. Jon Umene, Branch Manager Communications/Data and Mr. Eric Ortega, Branch Manager, accepted the award and thanked Council for this honor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marlene Teel-Heim spoke regarding the Alice Pappas Memorial that is being planned. There is a reception being planned to present a bench and a planting in the patio at the Weekes Branch Library. She noted that the proposal will be presented to the Library Commission for approval prior to requesting the Council to re-dedicate the John Pappas Room at Weekes Branch Library as the Alice and John Pappas Room. She requested this be placed on a Council agenda in time for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner and that the event would occur on October 30, which would have been Alice's 94th birthday.

Council Member Halliday asked about placing this on the next agenda. Staff will respond.

CONSENT

Consent Item 4 was removed for separate vote.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Special Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting of July 25, 2006

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It was moved by Council/RA Member Henson, seconded by Council/RA Member Ward, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting of July 25, 2006.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of July 27, 2006

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of July 27, 2006.

3. Resignations of Albert Hui and Juan Vera from the Human Services Commission

> Staff report submitted by City Clerk Reyes, dated September 12, 2006, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following:

> Resolution 06-107, "Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Albert Hui and Juan Vera from the Human Services Commission"

4. Bicycle Master Plan Update – Authorization for Professional Services Agreement with Alta Planning + Design

> Staff report submitted by Deputy Director of Public Works Fakhrai, dated September 12, 2006, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Halliday, seconded by Council Member Dowling, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following:

> Resolution 06-109, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Alta Planning + Design for Professional Services Agreement for the Bicycle Master Plan Update Project, Project No. 5163"
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> Resolution 06-110, "Resolution Amending Resolution 06-081, as Amended, the Capital Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006-07, Relating to an Appropriation of Funds form the Measure B Tax Pedestrian and Bike Fund, Fund 212 for the Bicycle Master Plan Update Project, Project No. 5163"

5. Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

> Staff report submitted by Traffic Bureau Sergeant Quinn, dated September 12, 2006, was filed.

It was moved by Council Member Henson, seconded by Council Member Ward, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following:

Resolution 06-108, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Office of Traffic Safety to Accept Funding for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for Local Enforcement Agencies"

HEARING

6. General Plan Amendment No. PL-2006-0139 and Zone Change PL-2006-0068 – Hossien Mehrizi (Applicant) – Request to Amend the General Plan from Limited Medium-Density Residential to Medium-Density Residential and Change the Zoning from Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 Square Feet Required Per Unit to Medium-Density Residential – The Project is Located at 24039 through 24175 Silva Avenue and 568 through 574 Ramos Avenue

Staff report submitted by Associate Planner Pearson, dated September 12, 2006, was filed.

Interim Planning Manager Patenaude made the report, noting the projects non-conformance to the City's Jackson Neighborhood Plan designation

Mayor Sweeney noted the high density across the street from this project. Council Members expressed their concerns, including that the project size on this property did not look feasible. There was concern of reviewing the current designs with owner participation.

Mayor Sweeney opened the public hearing at 8:56 p.m.

Hossiem Mehrizi informed the Council about his intentions of improving the units. He stated that he intends to improve the interior as well as exterior of the dwelling units. He responded to Council Member Dowling, who asked for clarification on his intentions and was informed that two of the units would be completely remodeled. He noted that most of the units were built in the early 1920's. Council Member Quirk asked how many units were intended and was informed by Mr. Mehrizi that he has submitted an application for five units with the required parking, but is anticipating six units.

Council Member Ward commented that most of his questions were answered related to the intent of the site. He was anxious to see the final proposal in regards to the layout and the landscape in relation to the number of units. He offered a motion to continue this item until some future date based on what the applicant intends to do with this entire parcel most likely, according to the applicant, in about 30 days. Council Member Dowling seconded the motion, stating that this area definitely needs development and serious investment. His recommendation would be to deconstruct the units and build new ones, which could encourage neighboring property owners.

Ms Halliday asked for clarification of the motion. She expressed concern that there are several

property owners, but Council Member Ward, the maker of the motion, noted that his motion only applied to the property owned by the applicant. She expressed concern regarding the applicant having to pay for another hearing and was informed that the motion streamlines the process for him as the review will be simultaneous. She did not want to imposition the applicant as he has already been before the Planning Commission.

Council Member Quirk expressed his concerns on whether there would be a future review of the project and the final number of units on the other parcel. It was noted that there would be review at the Planning Commission level.

Council Member Henson encouraged the applicant to review his intentions and reiterated his concern with the units being too close to the street, which is a rather crowded area.

Mayor Sweeney agreed that the entire block needs to be reviewed by staff to determine the mechanisms that could apply to future parcel development.

Mayor Sweeney closed the public hearing at 9:29 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Dowling, and unanimously carried to continue this hearing to a date when the applicant is certain on what he intends to do with his parcels.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Halliday reported on her recent attendance at the League of California Cities conference in San Diego and served as the City's voting delegate. She enjoyed networking with other colleagues from other cities. She attended sessions related to developing ordinances dealing with the confiscation of automobiles as a result of "side showing." She also attended sessions on public art and healthy living. Another session discussed solutions for day labor issues and another on immigration. Lastly, she spoke on Proposition 90 and if it passes could impact cities, noting that the League is opposing this proposition.

Council Member Dowling also spoke on his attendance at the session dealing with day laborers issues that involved workers' rights and social concerns. He attended a session on sexual offenders and the State will be providing a 90 day notification.

Council Member Henson reported on his attendance on a National League of Cities committee meeting dealing with interoperability and the use of Spectrum. He noted that it has not progressed much. He also attended the League of California Cities and enjoyed a session on green buildings as well as toured San Diego's traffic design innovations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m., in memory of William Burnside, a neighborhood activist, who served on the Library Commission. Mayor Sweeney recommended a tree be planted in his memory. Council Members Quirk, Rodriquez and Henson spoke on his friendship, his family and his academic advocacy, in particular, in support of our libraries.

APPROVED:

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Michael Sweeney, Mayor, City of Hayward
Chair, Redevelopment Agency

ATTEST:

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Angelina Reyes, City Clerk, City of Hayward
Secretary, Redevelopment Agency