



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING OF
THE CITY OF HAYWARD
City Council Chambers
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541
Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 8:00 p.m.**

MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Present: COUNCIL/RA MEMBERS Rodriguez, Quirk, Halliday, Ward, Dowling,
Henson
MAYOR/Chair Sweeney
Absent: COUNCIL/RA MEMBER None

PROCLAMATION 2-1-1 Day – Presented to Barbara Bernstein, Eden I&R

Mayor Sweeney read the proclamation declaring February 19, 2008 as 2-1-1 Day. Ms. Barbara Bernstein, Eden I&R Director accepted the proclamation and thanked Council for financially supporting this program. She also introduced Robert Macias, a member of the Eden I & R Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wynn Greich, a resident of Union City, displayed a news article on the power plant proposed for Hayward. She spoke on power plant emissions that could impact the health of children. She spoke on unsafe sewer lines in cities that are detrimental to health and commented on the recent water board meeting of BAWSCA and urged Council's representative, Council Member Quirk to take a stand against measures that could impact Hayward residents and urge needed improvements to the system.

Doug Ligibel spoke on his experience with the Neighborhood Watch program. He expressed his concern on the City's proposed six percent budget costs that will impact the neighborhoods if the police department staff is cut. He expressed his concern on the recent increase of gang graffiti evidenced throughout Hayward. He invited each of the Council Members to participate in the Neighborhood Watch meetings and noted that Mayor Sweeney attends and a few others. Additionally, he announced that weather permitting, there will be a neighborhood clean-up at the vicinity of Tennyson and Hesperian this Saturday.

Andrew Wilson expressed his concerns for public safety related to recent fires in vacant buildings along Mission Boulevard, most recently, the vacated La Vista Skating Rink. He urged that the City work with the property owners to secure and patrol the buildings for the safety of this community.

Mayor Sweeney asked staff to comment on the status of the Holiday Bowl facility. City Manager Jones reported that there has been a change in that property ownership. Council Member Dowling

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reported that he uses the cleaners located adjacent to that facility and was informed that there is 24 hour surveillance and the property owner effectively clears any graffiti on that building.

Council Member Halliday reported on AB 1909, introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi, which will prohibit the CEC from siting a second power plant in a locality unless the local government agrees to it. She recommended that this be placed on a future agenda for endorsement by the Council.

Gary Steinberger recommended that Council consider allowing the posting of candidates' statements on the City's website, whether they choose to print one in the voter pamphlet or not as the cost of \$1,300 is for printing and translating the statement. He urged implementation of this policy for this current municipal election.

Mayor Sweeney asked that the City Clerk, the City Attorney and the City Manager review this request and present any issues or concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Item 5 was removed for further discussion.

1. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 22, 2008
It was moved by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Henson, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 22, 2008.
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of January 29, 2008
It was moved by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Henson, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting of January 29, 2008.
3. Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10 of the Hayward Municipal Code by adding Article 20, a Civic Bay-Friendly Landscaping Ordinance

Staff report submitted by City Clerk Reyes, dated February 19, 2008, was filed.

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

Ordinance 08-03, "Ordinance Adding Article 20 to Chapter 10 of the Hayward Municipal Code Relating to Bay-Friendly Landscaping"

4. Adoption of Salary and Benefits Resolution for City Clerk

Staff report submitted by Human Resources Director Brock-Cohn, dated February 19, 2008, was filed.



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

Resolution 08-020, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hayward Relating to the Salary and Benefits of the City Clerk"

5. Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant

Staff report submitted by Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Fakhrai, dated February 19, 2008, was filed.

Council Member Rodriquez agreed that this type of grant is good for the community, but expressed her concerns on the dangers of walking to school. She noted that in the past, parents and older children were available to walk their children to school. This is a different time and we must accept the fact that parents are more fearful with many concerns for their children's safety. Parents prefer to drive their children to work. Some schools, such as Stonebrae, are too steep for walking. Moreover, the school district is considering closing some schools, such as the John Muir Elementary School, where children may need to cross Jackson Street. She noted Hesperian Boulevard as another busy street that children may need to cross should there be schools closed in that vicinity. She urged staff to assist in the guarantee of safety for our walking students and moved to approve the grant.

Council Member Henson asked a question on the delineation of funding for this program. He asked whether this was part of the planning and funding by the Congestion Management Agency (CMA). Public Works Director Bauman responded that the CMA funding is identified as future funding for low income areas. This is a planning grant and is a separate program to encourage walking and bicycling and will assist the school district.

Council Member Henson spoke about a "Safe Houses Program" in the early 1990's and asked if such a program is still in effect. This program would provide children a safe place while walking from school. Staff was not aware whether this after school program still exists. Council Member Henson would support this grant, but his preference would be to continue such a program.

Council Member Dowling shared Council Member Rodriquez's concerns on the dangers of walking to and from school, but noted that our schools are old and not originally built for dropping off children. He noted in unincorporated Alameda County there are programs such as the "walking school bus" program where parents assist children who walk and bicycle as a group. He noted a safer community is when we can encourage a pedestrian-bicycle community.

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

Resolution 08-023, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application and Enter Into an Agreement with Caltrans to Administer a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant"

6. Approval of Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Staff report submitted by Director of Finance and Internal Services Auker, dated February 19, 2008, was filed.

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

Resolution 08-021, "Resolution Amending Resolution 07-079 Approving the Budget of the City of Hayward for Fiscal Year 2007-2008; Adopting Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007-2008"

7. Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Maximus Financial Services to Develop a Comprehensive User Fee Study and Appropriate Funds

Staff report submitted by Director of Finance and Internal Services Auker, dated February 19, 2008, was filed.

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

Resolution 08-022, "Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Hayward and Maximus Financial Services to Develop a Comprehensive User Fee Study and Appropriation of Funds"

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Henson, as the City's representative on the AC Waste Authority Board and on the AC Recycling Board, reported on some of the current activities. He indicated that in the future there will be mandatory recycling ordinances and landfill bans in order to address the 75% Alameda County goal for diversion. He indicated that there will be a joint meeting on April 8th offices of stopwaste.org for stakeholders to talk about the potential of this. Such a ruling could ban jurisdictions from placing in land fills products such as wooden pallets, paper, newspaper, cardboard, glass and plastic containers. He noted that it will be modeled after the Seattle Public Utilities Commission. After two years, it is working fairly well in counties requiring this with the participation rate increasing. He noted two other cities that have adopted this as well and phasing in mandatory commercial recycling programs.

Council Member Halliday reported that the entire wall of the building at corner of the Gateway Plaza is covered with graffiti.



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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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