



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

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**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 Henson.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PROCLAMATION** Earth Day 2008

Mayor Sweeney asked the following staff members Senior Planner Erik Pearson, Planning Manager David Rizk, Associate Planner Arlyne Camire, Building Management Analyst Liz Sanchez, Solid Waste Manager Vera Dahle-Lacaze and Assistant City Manager Fran David to come forward, as well as Rodney Loche, member of the Sustainability Committee and Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force (KHCG) Members Rob Simpson, DeeDee Ligibel and Chair Chuck Horner as he read the proclamation declaring April 22, 2008 as Earth Day 2008. He also invited all Hayward residents to attend an Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and a presentation of *The Inconvenient Truth* on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall. Mr. Chuck Horner accepted the proclamation, described recent activities, announced the next clean-up day and thanked Council for the honor.

**PRESENTATION** Annual Environmental Achievement Awards

Mayor Sweeney thanked all who participated in the City sponsored recycling program and the businesses, who have shown exemplary efforts to conserve our so natural resources. He then asked Council Member Henson of the Council's Environment Committee to preside in the presentations of the Annual Environmental Achievement Awards and recognitions. He listed and presented the awards to honor residents, property owners, managers of multi-family dwellings, and schools for their participation in the City-sponsored residential recycling program. He acknowledged local businesses.

Council Member Henson thanked Ed Mullins from the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and Craig Ishida from California State University East Bay as well as Hugh Murphy from the Hayward Fire Department for their contributions towards evaluating the nominations. The following schools were recognized: Eldridge, Strobridge Elementary School, Hayward High School, and Tennyson High School. He asked that Mr. Mullins assist in presenting the awards to businesses. Mr. Mullins, representing the Hayward Chamber of Commerce announced the six business awardees for their environmental achievements, who demonstrated recycling efforts,

waste reductions and water conservation. The following businesses received awards, Karen and Carl Bevels of Karen Bevels Catering, Organic Collections, Pacific Home Products, Co-mingled Recyclables Collection, Natural Formulas, Incorporated, Wing Nien Foods and Southland Office Center. Council Member Henson thanked all the participants as well as staff members Vera Dahle-Lacaze and her assistants, Jenny Cutter and Whitney Jacobs. Lastly, he also reminded all to reduce, reuse, recycle, and rock or compost.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ronnie Stewart, Executive Director of the Bay Area Blues Society, noted that the City Of Hayward's recent designation received was at the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame Award Show, as the "Blues Festival Corporate Sponsor Award." He thanked the Mayor and City Council for its forethought and support to enhance the Russell City. He presented the award to Mayor Sweeney as well as a program from that special event. This year the Hayward Blues Festival will have the theme "From the Mississippi Delta to Russell City."

Doug Grandt spoke on Earth Day and acknowledged the proclamation. He noted the history of Earth Day and commented on author Rachel Carson who wrote Silent Spring and Gaylord Nelson, Wisconsin Senator, a founder of Earth Day in 1970. He highlighted several websites such as the [ww2.earthday.net](http://ww2.earthday.net) and noted that he will be presenting a program on climate change.

Rob Simpson, a member of the KHCG, announced a clean-up that will occur at the creek near Casa Sandoval and the Japanese Tea Gardens. He stated that he will be providing trees at the Earth Day celebration in the City Hall Plaza. He also noted that his appeal to the EPA and stated that the judge on this issue affirmed that the permit for Russell City has been suspended.

Mayor Sweeney introduced and welcomed Ron Ace, retired Police Chief of Concord, who will serve as Hayward's Interim Police Chief. Mayor Sweeney enumerated his numerous achievements and accomplishments in law enforcement including community policing.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Item 2 was removed for separate vote.

1. Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 25, 2008  
It was moved by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Dowling, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 25, 2008.

2. A Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project and Wheel Chair Ramps FY 2008: Approval of Plans and Specifications, and Call for Bids

Staff report submitted by Deputy Director of Public Works Fakhrai, dated April 8, 2008, was filed.

Council Member Halliday cited a recent experience with the removal of trees due to the sidewalk rehabilitation that required the cutting of roots. She asked if during sidewalk repair if there has been consideration in working around so that trees could be saved. Public Works Director Bauman



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stated that the sidewalk rehabilitation program is an extensive program including staff review of the tree's condition. On occasion an easement is required to maintain the tree or move a curve out that eliminates a parking space. Staff recently sent out 200 letters to confirm sidewalk repair and is working with residents and property owners to maintain trees and in some instances where there is a diseased tree replace them.

Council Member Henson asked whether any work along the Garin Corridor or El Rancho Verde area will be repaired and cited areas that are in need of repair. Public Works Bauman described staff's methods to assign repairs by street tree district and that area is not included.

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

Resolution 08-039, "Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Wheelchair Ramps FY 2008 Project, Project Nos. 5190 and 5136, and Call For Bids"

3. Appropriation of Funds for Redevelopment Agency Mid-Year Activities: Auto Row Banners and Appraisals of Mission Boulevard Property

Staff report submitted by Redevelopment Director Bartlett, dated April 8, 2008, was filed.

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

RA Resolution 08-02, "Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract Amendment with Smith & Associates to Appraise Property Located on Mission Boulevard"

RA Resolution 08-03, "Resolution Amending Resolution RA 07-16, As Amended, the Redevelopment Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, Relating to an Appropriation of Funds from the Redevelopment Agency's Fund 451, for Redevelopment Agency Mid-Year Activities on Auto Row"

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4. Boards, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces

Staff report submitted by City Attorney Lawson and City Clerk Reyes, dated April 8, 2008, was filed.

City Attorney Lawson and City Clerk Reyes made the report pointing out the Charter provisions for appointing and removing members to various boards, commissions and committees. The appointment of members will occur on the next agenda.

This item was for informational purposes and with no requests to speak, Mayor Sweeney opened and closed the public hearing at 8:49 p.m.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Henson reported on a meeting that he attended this with morning related to recycling and a proposed joint mandatory recycling program to consider certain products banned from landfills.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor/Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

### **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