

**CITY OF PITTSBURG**  
**Redevelopment Agency Minutes**  
**April 2, 2001**

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**CITIZENS REMARKS**

There were no citizens remarks.

**MEMBERS REMARKS**

There were no members remarks.

**CONSENT**

Item b. was removed from the Consent Calendar to be voted on separately.

On Motion by Vice-Chair Aiello, seconded by Chair Quesada, to unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar, with the exception of item b., as follows: **Vote: 5-0**

- a. **MINUTES** Dated: March 19, 2001

The minutes of March 19, 2001 were approved.

- b. **RESOLUTION 01-769** Award of Contract 00-09, Christian Center Drainage Improvements (Contra Costa Canal Milepost 15.31 Pittsburg, California) to Pfister Excavating Inc.

Agency Member Rios inquired about the contingency amount and why it was needed. Engineer Joe Sbranti stated there is always a 15% contingency automatically factored into each project funding as a measure of caution in case there are problems. Staff is asking for an additional \$5,500 from the RDA contingency fund to finish the project if needed.

On Motion by Member Rios, seconded by Vice-Chair Aiello to adopt Resolution 01-769 by the following vote: **VOTE: 5-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 7:33 p.m. to the next meeting set for April 16, 2001.

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**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

**Ron Waite**, Pittsburg, stated that on November 7, 1999 a town hall meeting was held at the Marina Center chaired by then Assistant City Manager Valenzuela. The agenda for the meeting was for the public at large to present their views on how the \$13 million windfall should be spent. He stated dredging the marina was a top priority. Dredging was suggested to begin in February to May of 2000. Dredging could not be held until consultants could determine what to do with mud that was extracted, but no earlier than September 2000. He would like a timely resolution to dredging and determine a start date. City Manager Casey answered that work is in progress; \$1,000,000 has been budgeted for dredging subject to permitting from the Corps of Engineers; and the consultant is on the job right now.

**George Harris**, Pittsburg, residing in the Central Addition, stated he has concerns about carbon or coke from the Koch plant that he has been dealing with in his yard. He brought samples of oranges coated with a black substance. Would like to have this investigated in Central Addition to determine the source of the pollution. He stated that trees and bushes are covered and when it rains it gets on the fruit. He also stated he will be appealing the Planning Commission decision to expand the coke plant.

Vice-Mayor Aiello thanked Mr. Harris, and asked staff to contract LEA representative Laura Wright to talk to the Regional Water Quality Control Board and BAAQMD to test the items to determine what the substance is. It is a potential public health and safety issue and if so corrective measures need to be taken.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Rios stated she attended the Contra Costa Commission for Women Hall of Fame dinner. She stated this was an extremely well attended event. Member Rios stated she attended the League of California Cities and will forward information to staff. The League is working on finding ways to protect local property tax and changing bankruptcy laws, and how cities can work to protect their utility tax and user fee tax. Member Rios stated she attended the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation Plan meeting where appointments of officers was made. Mayor Quesada was elected as the Chair of committee. She attended the Cesar Chavez celebration at LMC, where Congressman George Miller and LMC President presented the awards. The guest speaker was Bob Campbell.

Vice Mayor Aiello stated that on Wednesday he and Member Rios will make another visit to Oakland regarding the Foreign Trade Zone partnership. Vice-Mayor Aiello also stated he has put together a dinner for May 1 at the Buchanan Center for both the boys and girls Varsity basketball teams in recognition of their recent championships. He will also be holding a general assembly for academic achievers to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Mayor Quesada reported he attended the CCTA public action committee regarding future metering of Concord into Kirker Pass to Myrtle Drive plus metering in Pittsburg on Buchanan from Nortonville Road to Meadow View. He stated they are waiting on the action of both Transplan in East County and Transpac in Central County who will make recommendations on metering. Saturday, he attended the opening of baseball season for all three City leagues. The Vice Mayor led the march, and the Mayor threw out the balls. He stated there was an excellent turnout. He thanked Leisure Services and Public Services for putting together the parade and celebration and wanted thanks to go to Ramona and her crew, Brian and Manuel in getting the field ready for play. Mayor Quesada stated Pittsburg hosted the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation meeting here in City Hall. He was concerned that Antioch did not participate, and asked for more regional cooperation. He thanked Member Rios for assisting in the meeting.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Casey reported that the official population of Pittsburg, according to the 2001 census figures is 56,769. He also stated the goal setting for FY 2000-01 workshop scheduled for April 9 has been postponed to May 15. The place and time is to be determined.

1. National Library Week activities

Marian Partridge, Pittsburg Librarian, reported that this was National Library Week and gave a break-down of the week's activities as follows: Monday is Celebrity Pajama Time where community leaders, in their pajamas, read stories to children. Tuesday is Pennies for the Library Program, which started three years ago and involves preschool and daycare children collecting pennies to donate to the library. The Bank of America collects the pennies and the money goes to purchase picture books. They collected \$283 last year. Wednesday is the Shataqua program sponsored by a grant for the Council for Humanities where actors and scholars portray persons from history. This year, Charlie Chin will portray Dr. Yee, an herbal doctor during the gold rush era. Thursday the Friends of the Pittsburg Library, will sponsor a poetry contest for grades 3 through 8 in conjunction with April as National Poetry Month. CCTV will televise the children reading their poetry. Friday is the annual book sale with all proceeds going to the library.

2. A presentation was made by the Mayor to the Fil Am Association in commemoration of the Fall of Bataan. A proclamation will be presented at their dinner on Saturday night. A copy of the proclamation was accepted by members of the Fil Am Association.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Assistant City Attorney Victor clarified that in item f., Resolution 01-9354, wording in the attached agreement in paragraph 2d would be changed from Alicensed area@ to Afacilities@ and recommends voting with that change in mind.

Item b. was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On Motion by Council Member Rios, seconded by Vice-Mayor Aiello, to unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar with the exception of item b, as follows: **VOTE: 5-0**

a. **DISBURSEMENT LIST** Period Ending: March 28, 2001

The disbursement list was approved.

b. **MINUTES** Dated: March 19, 2001

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated in reviewing the minutes, page 13, first paragraph, the motion stated for amendments is not correct. The motion was made to eliminate \$10,000 from the furniture for the Senior Center which was not stated, and the motion did not include the Bedford Center because Council was advised that the Bedford Center could not be inclusive of the motion. After this notification, the motion was re-presented with the Bedford Center eliminated and the \$10,000 for the Senior Center furniture eliminated.

On motion by Vice-Mayor Aiello, seconded by Member Beals to approve the minutes as corrected above. **VOTE: 5-0**

c. **CLAIMS**

#1384 John Briggs

The above claim was denied.

- d. **RESOLUTION 01-9352** Supporting Proposed eBART Rail Service in Eastern Contra Costa County

Resolution 01-9352 was adopted.

- e. **RESOLUTION 01-9353** Award of Contract 00-09, Christian Center Drainage Improvements (Contra Costa Canal Milepost 15.31 Pittsburg, California) to Pfister Excavating Inc.

Resolution 01-9353 was adopted.

- f. **RESOLUTION 01-9354** Approval of License Agreement Between the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation and the City of Pittsburg for Use of Reclamation Land for Construction of Christian Center Drainage Improvements (Contra Costa Canal Milepost 15.31 Pittsburg, California)

Resolution 01-9354 was adopted.

- g. **RESOLUTION 01-9355** Acceptance of State Housing Grant for Code Enforcement Incentive

Resolution 01-9355 was adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **ORDINANCE 01-1180** **Request to Continue Kirker Creek Watershed, Stormwater Management Plan Draining Fee Ordinance (Recommend Continue Hearing to April 16, 2001)**

Assistant City Attorney Victor stated that this matter will come before the Council on April 16. Due to the fact that publishing was done for the Public Hearing to take place on this date, it is requested that the Public Hearing be opened now and continued to April 16, 2001.

Mayor Quesada opened the public hearing. There being no one to speak either for or against, the **public hearing was continued to April 16, 2001.**

2. **RESOLUTION 01-9356** Consideration of Community Development Block Grant Program Preliminary Funding Recommendations and Preliminary Approval of the 2001 Action Plan

Tiffany Ashworth presented the staff report for Resolution 01-9356. During the March 19 Council Meeting, Staff presented CAC funding recommendations for Council Consideration. After slight adjustments, Council approved the preliminary funding recommendations.

The public comment period will conclude on May 1, 2001 for both the action plan and funding recommendations.

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated that as per the needed correction to the minutes, the furniture for the Senior Center is included in this document that was not in the motion. That \$10,000 is open funding and available. Ms. Ashworth stated she believed the original furniture budget was \$20,000 and \$10,000 was removed. Vice-Mayor Aiello stated the entire furniture budget was removed. He asked if the \$10,000 can be moved anywhere under the three categories. Ms. Ashworth stated it must remain in the Other (Public Facility, Housing, Economic) category.

**Council Member Rios stated she would like to see \$10,000 shifted to Public Service for ADA compliance for curb cuts.** Ms. Ashworth asked if Member Rios wanted to take the \$10,000 from the City of Pittsburg Leisure Services and add it to the City of Pittsburg Public Services, which is in the Public Facility eligibility category. **Mayor Quesada seconded that motion.**

Vice-Mayor Aiello asked that the motion maker defer until the public hearing has been conducted. Member Rios and Mayor Quesada agreed.

Mayor Quesada opened the public hearing.

**Bertha Stobb**, Pittsburg, stated she is returning to ask for funding for Code Enforcement. She requests the entire amount of \$187,444 be funded in order to do their job correctly. She admitted that ADA is also needed, but stated the City needs to be cleaned up before bringing anything new in. She stated she checked on the Los Medanos grant. They do not need \$150,000 as backup to get other funds, they need it to finish up what is started.

**Alice Latimer**, Pittsburg, representing Concerted Services was organized in 1965 feeding the hungry, providing clothing. She wants to give back to the community. All staff are volunteers, and they are open 20 hours a week. She noted that Concerted Services not being funded and asked what was done to preclude them. She stated she was ashamed that the Council will deny Concerted Services, an organization that needs help. She asked the Council to think hard on what they are voting on.

There being no one else to speak either for or against, Mayor Quesada closed the public hearing.

Vice-Mayor Aiello asked Member Rios if she would amend her motion to include \$6,000 for handicapped pedestrian improvements and \$4,000 to the PSCC family support project. Member Rios stated that because she was involved in the selection process and that particular item did not make it to the final recommendation plus the fact that some funds are going to be given to the PSCC Mentor Program, she would not amend her motion.

Council Member Beals asked if the \$10,000 that was removed from the Senior Center be allocated to the handicapped pedestrian improvements. **Member Beals stated she would like to**

**move to divide the \$10,000 as follows: \$6,000 for the handicapped pedestrian improvements, \$1,000 to the PSCC family support project, and \$3,000 to the child care provider development project. Council Member Lewis seconded the motion.**

Council Member Lewis stated that he was very appreciative of the work the CAC does and in the past the Council has made minor adjustments to the Public Service recommendations, shifted money from here to there, lowered one allocation by a certain amount and either added it to another or created a new allocation. He stated he has always viewed the CAC recommendations as a solid starting point but is not adverse to making some minor reallocation of funds in the Public Service area if there is support on the Council to do so.

Council Member Rios stated that after getting clarification from Council Member Beals, she withdraws her motion and would like Council Member Beals= motion to stand.

**The motion on the floor, by Council Member Beals, seconded by Council Member Lewis is to reallocate \$10,000 from the Senior Center and distribute as follows: \$6,000 to handicapped pedestrian transportation improvements; \$1,000 to PSCC family support project; \$3,000 to family childcare provider development project for a total of \$10,000.  
VOTE: 5-0**

City Attorney Daube stated the Council must vote on approving Resolution 01-9356 which approves the preliminary plan as amended and opens the public comment review for a 30 day period.

Council Member Lewis asked if there was a desire by the Council to revisit Public Services allocations?

On motion by Council Member Rios, seconded by Council Member Aiello to adopt Resolution 01-9356, with amended changes to allocations and opening up the public comment period for 30 days, with the following vote: **VOTE: 5-0**

Council Member Beals stated she was open to Council Member Lewis= suggestion to revisit public services allocations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2001.

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## **CONSENT**

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a. **MINUTES** Dated: March 19, 2001

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b. **RESOLUTION 01-052** Attorney Services Agreement

Council Member Rios asked Staff or the City Attorney to make a correction on the Guidelines for Billing, page 1 of 5, #3, first paragraph, ACity Attorney or designee may request a written budget@ to read Ashall request@ and same page, section, second paragraph changed from Amay@ to Ashall.@

On motion by Council Member Rios, seconded by Member Beals to adopt Resolution 01-052 with the requested changes, as follows: **VOTE: 5-0**

c. **RESOLUTION 01-053** Water Valve Contract Award to Talus Construction Inc.

Resolution 01-053 was adopted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

