

CITY OF PITTSBURG
Redevelopment Agency Minutes
February 5, 2001

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Aiello, Beals, Lewis, Rios, Quesada

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AUDIENCE REMARKS

There were no audience remarks.

MEMBERS REMARKS

There were no member remarks.

CONSENT

Item e. was removed from the consent calendar for discussion. On Motion by Agency Member Rios, seconded by Member Agency Lewis, the consent calendar, with the exception of item e. was unanimously adopted. **VOTE: 5-0**

a. **MINUTES** Dated: January 16, 2001

The minutes of January 16, 2001 were approved.

- b. **RESOLUTION 01-761** Mt. Habitat For Humanity Option Agreement

Resolution 01-761 was adopted.

- c. **RESOLUTION 01-762** First Amendment to Petsport USA Purchase and Sale Agreement for 1160 Railroad Avenue (APN 086-122-029)

Resolution 01-762 was adopted.

- d. **RESOLUTION 01-763** Accept Heritage Park Improvements (Contract 99-08) as Complete

Resolution 01-763 was adopted.

- e. **RESOLUTION 01-764** Award of a Consultant Contract to Provide Architectural Services to Design the Expansion of the County Library

Mary Erbez, Pittsburg, stated when funding was cut from the county library system, the City of Pittsburg agreed to fund additional hours on a quarterly basis to keep the library open. It costs the City about \$69,000 per year, and the County spends about \$305,000 to operate the library on a 40 hour basis. She stated Los Medanos College is building a new library facility and discussed the possibility of exploring a joint partnership with Los Medanos College and the County rather than putting money into the existing library building. Our library is currently open 40 hours a week; the LMC library is open 64 hours per week. She felt there would be an overall advantage with a new facility, better equipment and more books for the same dollar we are putting into the system today. She suggests the \$1 million being allocated to renovate could go to the college library. Mt. Diablo College and San Ramon are exploring a similar partnership, as well as Concord and Contra Costa College along with JFK College are doing the same.

Raul Rodriguez, President of Los Medanos College, stated five years ago he met with the City Managers of Pittsburg and Antioch to address the possibility of joint library projects. At that time it was determined it was not feasible. LMC has approval from the state for a library, and will be getting \$600,000 this summer for architectural drawings. Once that is completed, they will receive money from the state to build the library. Groundbreaking will be within the next two years. He is glad the City is willing to move forward and pursue remodeling the existing library; however, he would like us to look at the larger picture to serve the needs of the young people and citizens of Pittsburg. The college, with a combined library with the City, would be a great opportunity for everyone to benefit. Mr. Rodriguez passed out plans for the new library. He stated they are also looking for private funding to make this a top-notch library. They will be getting about \$7 million from the state and would like to obtain private donations and other partnerships. They will be asking for another bond measure at the next election also.

Vice-Chair Aiello asked whether the \$1 million the City has proposed in this current project could be used as additional leverage for grant money to obtain more money to make this facility a reality. Mr. Rodriguez stated yes and there are many opportunities to get grant money either from the Federal government or other agencies. Vice-Chair Aiello then asked what would become of the current library facility. Mr. Rodriguez stated there are many facility needs, for example, child care facilities and other such programs.

Vice-Chair Aiello asked whether the college gets adequate bus scheduling to service the library seven days a week. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the college is a transit stop and they are looking to improve on the service in the future. There is no seven day a week service currently at the library, however, they have a commitment to make it so.

Agency Member Beals inquired whether other cities that are currently in this type of partnership also have additional public library facilities, or does the partnership take the place of the other public libraries. Mr. Rodriguez stated in Palm Springs, that is the main library and the facility is shared. Nationwide there are many models to look that have been done successfully.

Vice-Chair Aiello stated we are in an era of regional thinking and that this becomes a project to get the most for our money for the entire community and all students, not only students of Pittsburg and Antioch, but students who attend the college and other students locally. He would like to ask the Chair to direct staff to set up a subcommittee to look at this issue and work with the college to do a feasibility study to make this project go forward.

Member Beals inquired whether this would be under the Library Commission committee. Chair Quesada stated right now this would be an ad hoc committee that could later be tied into the Library Commission, depending on what their response will be to the City's request to partner with LMC.

Vice-Chair Aiello recommended that since there are two people appointed to the School District Liaison committee, Agency Member Rios and Agency Member Beals, they should be appointed to this committee. Agency Members Rios and Beals both accepted this committee assignment.

On motion by Vice-Chair Aiello, seconded by Agency Member Rios to unanimously **table** Resolution 01-764. **VOTE: 5-0**

- f. **RESOLUTION 01-765** Approval of a Project Authorization Form and Consultant Agreement for Contract 00-15, Fifth Street Parking Lot Construction Project

Resolution 01-765 was adopted.

- g. **REPORT** Investment Report

The investment report was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 7:18 p.m. to February 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

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AUDIENCE REMARKS

Ben Johnson, Pittsburg, wanted to remind the council there is a meeting on Thursday regarding the transmission line with the State, held at Delta Diablo Sanitation District from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. that includes a tour at 4:00 of the transfer station.

Lillian Pride, City Clerk, stated there have been two meetings where an executive session was scheduled and the City Clerk had been excluded from those sessions. She asked that the Council agendaize and discuss the attendance of the City Clerk at executive sessions at the next Business Policies and Procedures Workshop.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice-Mayor Aiello read a letter he sent to Senator Tom Torlakson as follows:

"Dear Senator Torlakson: My objective with this communication is to foster the development of clean, environmentally safe power plants for California and provide incentives for communities to do so through a direct benefit approach.

“The proposal has many facets that are included below:

- “1. The proposal would be called the 5 - 10 - 5 plan.
2. The first 5 would be the radius in miles surrounding a new or upgraded power plant.
3. The 10 (Ten percent) would be the benefit that every residential unit would receive on a monthly basis for being within a 5 mile radius of a power facility.
4. The second 5 is five percent that would be the benefit allowed for businesses within the same radius.
5. Once the State has enough power plants to meet supply through the year 2020, the bill would sunset. Any new power plant built would not be subject to the above conditions; but the plants already under construction or built and operating would continue to give a direct benefit for the life of the facility.
6. I would propose that the State fund this proposal out of its surplus for the next five years at which time it would become the responsibility of the power generators to fund.
7. Communities that take on the responsibility of power for the State should be guaranteed an exemption from Stage-3 blackouts.
8. To qualify, any plant being described as new should be at least 50 megawatts in size.

“I would be glad to help in any way I can to further this proposal, as I believe it can be done and start the process of eliminating the (NIMBY), Not-in-my-back-yard approach to business.”

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated this letter was sent February 2, 2001 and he has also asked the City Manager to look into the proposal of reducing power rates in the City of Pittsburg through the capacity that we have. It would take approximately 13 megawatts of power for every residential unit in the City to do so, and probably an additional 13 megawatts of power for every business. The goal is 10%, and we are looking at a possible way to reduce.

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated he will not be at the next Council Meeting as he will be attending the Economic Development Conference in Washington, D.C., but he would like staff to look into retirees in Step I retirement and the retirement conversion that is being considered.

Vice-Mayor Aiello also stated he had just attended the Marketing Operations Meeting of Tri-Delta Transit. He said he was startled to hear that Home Depot and Target stores have been approved to be built on the southeast Antioch border. These two businesses generate a lot of business in the City of Pittsburg and he hopes staff will contact these two major players as far as sales tax revenue to the City to see what their plans are for the future.

Vice-Mayor Aiello asked the Mayor to remove him from the City-County Relations Committee as he has been appointed to the Water Transit Authority Community Advisory Board along with the three senate boards that he is serving on for Senator Torlakson and he would like to yield that committee to any interested Council Member.

Council Member Lewis applauded Mr. Aiello for his far-thinking energy proposal and he believes it has a lot of merit. He wants the entire Council to lend their weight to this proposal. He also stated he would be interested in serving on the City-County Relations Committee.

Council Member Beals commented on a meeting she attended with Assemblyman Canciamilla. She requested to attend the meeting but was only given a day's notice as the designee to attend the meeting. She was not informed this was a committee assignment. She felt this meeting was an opportunity for Pittsburg to show support for our State Assemblyman. Transportation needs and alternatives and budget requests that will come up this Spring on any special projects for the City of Pittsburg and the ongoing energy crisis that the state is undergoing were topics of discussion at the meeting.

Council Member Beals stated she was under the impression that committee assignments would be made at a later date and has no assignments other than "as-needed" and has no committee reports. On February 5 she asked to be removed from the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation as she has a prior commitment. She would like to be an alternate for the City-County Relations Committee.

Mayor Quesada stated he was notified of Assemblyman Canciamilla's meeting on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. He asked Council Member Beals to give him in writing what committees she is unable to attend. He does not want to give her assignments that have a conflict with her schedule. Council Member Beals stated her only conflict is the third Thursday of the month.

Council Member Rios stated we did get an updated committee list dated February 5, 2001. She proceeded to report on the League of California Cities meeting, the Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee. She will give handouts to the City Manager. Council Member Rios stated she will share all information she gets from her committee meetings with all council members. At this meeting the energy crisis was discussed as well as forming a "Grass Roots Coordinator Network." The person assigned would work with City officials to lobby key legislative issues.

Council Member Lewis felt an opportunity was missed by the City in not attending Assemblyman Canciamilla's meeting. He felt each council member should have written down concerns to be brought to the table. Council Member Lewis also stated there were two committees he would not be able to attend and wants his name removed from the list.

Council Member Lewis stated he attended the Mayor's Conference on Thursday and talked at length with council members from far east county. He stated he is quite concerned about some of the reports regarding the last Fee and Finance Authority meeting. He asked the City Manager to provide him a verbatim transcript of that meeting.

Council Member Beals requested we adjourn in the memory of Earnestine Stevenson and Jim Wallace. Council Member Rios added Elaine Null.

Mayor Quesada reported on the Central and East County Traffic Committee held in the City of Pittsburg, along with CCTA and City staff. There was a two hour discussion regarding regional traffic issues. There is a meeting scheduled in Walnut Creek on the consensus regarding metering that came out of this meeting.

Mayor Quesada stated he and Vice-Mayor Aiello attended the board meeting of Tri-Delta Transit to discuss the operations of additional bus service and replacing old buses.

The Mayor stated a meeting of Delta 5 will be held on Wednesday to talk about regional issues.

Vice-Mayor Aiello reported on the visit by the Shimonoseki, Japan delegation. They are very interested in our foreign trade zone. They are looking forward to us going to Japan to discuss the possibility of their businesses coming to Pittsburg and entering into a foreign trade zone. The delegation presented us with a time capsule for our Millennium Monument as well as art work for each Council Member.

Mayor Quesada stated on February 20, Joel Keller from BART will be on the agenda to present a new alternative for BART called eBART.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

There was no report.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Literacy Links - Los Medanos Elementary School

No presentation was made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items f. and h. were removed from the consent calendar for discussion.

On motion by Vice-Mayor Aiello, seconded by Council Member Rios to unanimously adopt the consent calendar with the exception of items f. and h. **VOTE: 5-0**

- a. **DISBURSEMENT LIST** Period Ending: January 17, 2001, January 19, 2001, and January 31, 2001

Disbursement lists as listed above were accepted.

- b. **MINUTES** Dated: January 16, 2001

Minutes of January 16, 2001 were approved.

- c. **RESOLUTION 01-9320** Energy Conservation Efforts

Resolution 01-9320 was adopted.

- d. **RESOLUTION 01-9321** Acceptance of Contract 00-13 for Marina Basin #3 Breakwater Repair Project

Resolution 01-9321 was adopted.

- e. **RESOLUTION 01-9322** First Amendment to Petsport USA Purchase and Sale Agreement for 1160 Railroad Avenue (APN 086-122-029)

Resolution 01-9322 was adopted.

- f. **RESOLUTION 01-9323** Amendments to Class Specifications, the Classification Plan and the Budgeted Positions for Fiscal Years 2000/02

Council Member Beals asked about the reasons for reclassification, the salary ranges and the need to separate some of the job classifications.

Yolanda Lopez, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services clarified the salaries and reclassifications called for in the staff report. When asked, she stated most would be by competitive recruitment.

Council Member Lewis asked whether the Assistant Harbor Master position will be eliminated in favor of Harbormaster. He wanted the Council to be aware that this is a change from what was approved last spring. Ms. Lopez stated that Council Member Lewis was correct. When asked, Ms. Lopez stated that so far there will be no change in salary, pending a survey of the job classification in other areas.

On motion by Council Member Beals, seconded by Council Member Rios, to unanimously adopt Resolution 01-9323. **VOTE: 5-0**

- g. **RESOLUTION 01-9324** Award of Purchase Contract for Five Ford Motor Company Crown Victoria Class E Interceptors

Resolution 01-9320 was adopted.

- h. **RESOLUTION 01-9325** Selection of Organizations for Non-Profit Service Center

Council Member Beals asked whether youth-oriented services would be excluded from the Non-profit Service Center and what is the alternative for these organizations. Catarina Kidd, Administrative Analyst, answered that youth services will not be included, but would be glad to assist those organizations in finding other locations. Ms. Kidd stated this will be discussed with the Community Advisory Commission.

On motion by Council Member Beals, seconded by Council Member Rios to unanimously adopt Resolution 01-9325. **VOTE: 5-0.**

- i. **REPORT** Investment Report

The Investment Report was accepted.

- j. **MINUTE ORDER** Request from City Manager to Hold a Public Meeting on Traffic Policies

The Minute Order was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m. to the next meeting set for February 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride
City Clerk

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MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:
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CITIZENS REMARKS

There were no citizens remarks.

MEMBER REMARKS

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated he will not be at the Council Meeting on February 20; however, if the Council wishes to address the proposal that he put forth to Tom Torlakson, either that date or March 5 would be fine.

CONSENT

On motion by Vice-Mayor Aiello, seconded by Council Member Beals to unanimously adopt the consent calendar. **VOTE: 5-0.**

1. **MINUTES**

Dated: January 16, 2001 (Recommend Approval)

The minutes of January 16, 2001 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned at 8:02 until February 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride
Secretary

