

CITY OF PITTSBURG
Housing Authority Meeting
February 20, 2001

Mayor Quesada called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He advised that the Council will meet in Closed Session.

City Attorney Linda Daube clarified that item j. of the closed session agenda includes the Police Officers Association (POA) under employee organizations.

There being no one to speak from the public concerning closed session matters, he adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Quesada reconvened the Housing Authority Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

City Attorney Linda Daube stated there was nothing to report from the closed session agenda.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wallen (ill)

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager, Willis Casey
City Attorney, Linda Daube
Assistant City Attorney, Carol Victor
Assistant City Attorney, Russ Townsend
Director of Community Development, Nasser Shirazi
Director of Economic Development, Garrett Evans
Director of Finance, Jim Holmes
Director of Leisure Services, Paul Flores
Director of Public Services, John Fuller
Senior Civil Engineer, Paul Reinders

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Linda Carion led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS REMARKS

There were no citizen remarks

MEMBERS REMARKS

There were no member remarks

CONSENT

On Motion by Vice-Chair Aiello, Seconded by Member Rios, to unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar as follows: **VOTE: 6-0**

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

The disbursement list dated January 31, 2001 was approved.

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

The minutes of January 16, 2001 were approved.

- c. **REPORT** Investment Report

The Investment Report was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Housing Authority adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to the next meeting set for March 19, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson
Secretary

CITY OF PITTSBURG
Redevelopment Agency Minutes
February 20, 2001

Mayor Quesada called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He advised that the Council will meet in Closed Session.

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There being no one to speak from the public concerning closed session matters, he adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Quesada reconvened the Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

City Attorney Linda Daube stated there was nothing to report from the closed session agenda.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager, Willis Casey
City Attorney, Linda Daube
Assistant City Attorney, Carol Victor
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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CITIZENS REMARKS

There were no citizen remarks

MEMBERS REMARKS

There were no member remarks

CONSENT

On Motion by Member Rios, seconded by Member Beals, to unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar as follows: **VOTE: 5-0**

a. **MINUTES** Dated: February 5, 2001

The minutes of February 5, 2001 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 7:30 to the next meeting set for March 5, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson
Secretary

CITY OF PITTSBURG
City Council Minutes
February 20, 2001

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There being no one to speak from the public concerning closed session matters, he adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Quesada reconvened the City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

City Attorney Linda Daube stated there was nothing to report from the closed session agenda.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager, Willis Casey
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CITIZENS REMARKS

There were no citizen remarks

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated he would like to be watching the televised Pittsburg v. De La Salle basketball game. Pittsburg is currently ranked 1st in Northern California, 35th in the Nation, and this team is once again putting Pittsburg on the map. He would like to see the youth of the community recognized for these positive aspects, both athletically and academically.

Council Member Rios stated she attended the Delta 5 workshop on Economic Development held here at city hall. She stated collaboration was the word of the evening. She also attended the Contra Costa Latino Leadership Council where they hired a consultant to put together a Latino health profile for programming planning policy, and developing advocacy. She also attended the monthly League of California Cities meeting on Thursday. The League is considering having only elected officials on the board. On Saturday, Member Rios attended the PACO art show in Pittsburg which was very well attended. On Sunday, she attended the opening of Steelwerks Gym downtown, where she had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bubba Paris. Council Member Rios asked staff for a follow-up on an item that had been included in a staff report at the prior meeting. She asked why the Personnel Analyst III position listed had not been posted to the public.

Council Member Beals stated she attended the Sierra Club meeting last week and met with mayors and other officials including Supervisor Glover. They discussed regional issues including transportation, housing, and the need to focus on regional cooperation and building infrastructure to support each City as they continue to grow.

Mayor Quesada stated he attended the CCTA meeting of the Public Action Committee held last Wednesday. They discussed transportation, metering problems, rights of way as to metering off and on Highway 680. He will be meeting tomorrow evening with the CCTA for a discussion from the technical advisory committee that is attended by staff. He also attended the opening of Steelwerks Gym on E. 3rd Street, and the Camelia show at Los Medanos College and gave out awards.

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated two items discussed at the Delta 5 meeting were regional transportation and issues that were the City of Pittsburg's lead in bringing about the creation and possibility of a regional Port Authority and the lead in creating a Foreign Trade Zone. A Foreign Trade Zone is #4 out of the top 5 priority items to get businesses to relocate to an area. Foreign Trade Zones across the nation bring an average of 2,000 jobs to a community.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Casey wanted to bring the Council up to date on the LMC library partnership issue. Contact has been made with the County librarian who is very interested in this project. We will soon be asking for input from the City Council and the two members of the subcommittee and the project will likely go ahead very smoothly.

Vice-Mayor Aiello asked staff and the subcommittee to address the partnership effect of linking the college to Cal State Hayward as brought forward by Senator Torlakson. Vice-Mayor Aiello wants the issue addressed as to whether there is a potential conflict with this plan and make sure our citizens get a top notch facility and every penny they deserve.

Council Member Lewis also addressed the issue of parking at the college library. He would like to see a method worked out so that people using the campus library do not have to pay for parking.

PROCLAMATION

1. Mr. James Wallace

Council Member Rios read the proclamation and presented it to Mrs. Laura Wallace.

2. Mrs. Doris Manley

Mayor Quesada stated a proclamation was presented to the family of Doris Manley at her memorial service.

3. Mr. Jamal Bryant

Mr. Jamal Bryant was there to receive a proclamation from the City Council for returning money he found that had been stolen in a bank robbery. Vice-Mayor Aiello commended Mr. Bryant on his leadership, integrity, honesty and above all what Pittsburg youth area made of. He read the proclamation and Mayor Quesada presented it to Mr. Bryant.

Mayor Quesada also stated a proclamation was presented to Father Louis Dabovitch of Good Shepherd Church on the occasion of his 80th birthday celebration.

PRESENTATIONS

1. eBART - Joel Keller

Joel Keller, Vice-President of BART, presented an interim strategy and conceptual plan to provide immediate congestion and transportation relief to East County, referred to as eBART. He wants to hear from these communities as to concerns and ideas to include in their study. He cited the benefits of eBART, which would be to provide frequent, rapid, integrated, cost-effective, reliable service by using existing rights of way on old and current railway rights of way. The system consists of diesel multiple units (DMU's), self propelled, lightweight, coupled together during peak times and uncoupled during off hours. There would be a three to four year implementation time. The cost of traditional BART extensions would be approximately \$900 million to \$1 billion from Railroad Avenue to Antioch; the cost of eBART would be approximately \$100 million from the North Concord/Martinez station to Brentwood. He stated no single mode of transportation will solve our problems, and the need to investigate other possibilities is great. One issue that is not resolved is connecting to BART. Proposed stations would be the Century Plaza area in Pittsburg, Hillcrest in Antioch adjacent to the existing park and ride lot, O'Hara Road area in Oakley, and the Brentwood park and ride area. There is also the possibility of a station at the Byron Airport and continuing to Tracy. The plan is for cross platform connector stations using the same fare instrument as BART. There is an anticipated \$5 million per year cost of operations. In order to achieve this reality the BART board would like to see a plan of bringing in Transit Oriented Development around transit stations, Smartgrowth, and development at stations of a more dense nature and commitment of land use changes. The system would create permanent jobs in the area. Mr. Keller asked for a resolution to be passed at a later date and presented to the President of the BART board. This is a timely and critical issue as there is an MTC workshop to be held February 27, 2001 where this idea will be presented.

Council Member Lewis stated the presentation was enlightening and worth exploring as an interim measure. He asked if this was similar to the demo train that ran about 5 years ago? Mr. Keller stated those were traditional Amtrak trains; eBART would be a lightweight, self-propelled vehicle that travels at high speed. Equipment changes and exclusive use of right of way are the differences between the two. Council Member Lewis feels it is key to be able to tie these stations into BART. He applauded the efforts of BART and is in full support of exploring expansion possibilities.

Vice-Mayor Aiello stated he hopes Adtranz will be able to continue to work on this project. He stated affordability is a critical issue. He questioned whether BART has developed an incentive or program for low income families? He also asked how a water ferry would fit in with the eBART plan and whether that would be perceived as competition. Some people would like to see the development of ferries from the waterfront and feels the region should support this if viable. He feels the more options available the better and is in support of the project.

Council Member Rios asked if parking issues have been addressed. Mr. Keller stated that existing parking is underutilized in Brentwood and Antioch. The stations proposed in Oakley and Pittsburg have the potential for problem-free parking. The parking issue will be studied. Council Member Rios also asked whether Adtranz would be considered to build the cars. Mr. Keller stated the preference would be to use existing facilities if possible.

Council Member Lewis took the opportunity of Mr. Keller's visit to address current parking issues surrounding the Pittsburg BART station. He asked Mr. Keller if he could provide any information about potential relief of the congestion in that neighborhood. Mr. Keller stated BART has no authority over parking. He stated they are looking to acquire the parcel of land between the shopping center and the BART station for parking that would add 300 spaces. He stated that ultimately a parking structure will have to be built. He would encourage the city to do whatever is prudent and fiscally responsible to alleviate the problem. Mr. Keller feels that even with the acquisition of property and new spaces, those neighbors will still suffer. Council Member Lewis asked if there was a time line for the building of a parking structure? Mr. Keller stated he does not know. BART's policy is that for any space lost, there has to be a space for space replacement.

Vice-Mayor Aiello took this opportunity to question Mr. Keller about the possibility of a time schedule change for BART. He stated people are coming from the Concord area to the Pittsburg station in order to get a seat. Mr. Keller stated he will have the board look into this.

Council Member Beals asked when the study will be completed. Mr. Keller stated the study will need to be done and submitted in three to four months and is scheduled to be unveiled in November of this year.

Mayor Quesada stated the requested resolution will be on the Council agenda on March 5, 2001.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Rios asked to pull item a. from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Vice-Mayor Aiello, seconded by Council Member Rios to unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar with the exclusion of item a. as follows: **VOTE: 5-0**

- a. **DISBURSEMENT LIST** Period Ending: February 14, 2001

Council Member Rios asked that this item be pulled because she has shared some concerns with the Finance Director who has responded to her in a memo. She would like to direct staff to set up a meeting with the Audit Committee to look at those concerns.

On Motion by Council Member Beals, seconded by Vice-Mayor Aiello to approve the disbursement list. **VOTE 5-0**

- b. **MINUTES** Dated: February 5, 2001

The minutes of February 5, 2001 were approved.

- c. **CLAIMS** #1375 Ella Jackson; #1376 Joann Raya; #1380 Silverio
Ozuna (Recommend Denial)

The above claims were denied.

- d. **RESOLUTION 01-9323** Award of Contract for the Granular Activated Carbon Filter
Media Replacement at the Pittsburg Water Treatment Plant

Resolution 01-9323 was adopted.

- e. **RESOLUTION 01-9324** Resolution of Application by the City of Pittsburg Requesting
the Local Agency Formation Commission to take Proceedings
for the Oak Hills South Unit 5 (Subd. 8042) Boundary
Revision and Revise the Final Boundary of Annexation No.
120 (LAFCO 98-20) which had Amended the City's Sphere of
Influence and Concurrently Annexed to the City of Pittsburg,
the Delta Diablo Sanitation District Zone 2, the Contra Costa
Water District and Detached from the Ambrose Park District
Territory Known as Elworthy/Keller Area Boundary
Reorganization (GC Sections 56428, 56650, 56652 and
56653)

Resolution 01-9324 was adopted.

- f. **RESOLUTION 01-9325** Accepting a Lease from Oce, USA for an Oce 9600 Digital
Copier

Resolution 01-9325 was adopted.

- g. **RESOLUTION 01-9326** Street Tree Trimming Contract Award

Resolution 01-9326 was adopted.

- h. **RESOLUTION 01-9327** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Consultant Agreement with Carollo Engineers

Resolution 01-9327 was adopted.

- i. **MINUTE ORDER** Study Session Concerning City Council Procedures

The minute order was adopted.

- j. **RESOLUTION 01-9329** Approval of Project Plans, Specifications and the Advertising for Contract 00-09, Christian Center Drainage Improvements (Contra Costa Canal Milepost 15.31 Pittsburg, California)

Resolution 01-9329 was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **RESOLUTION 01-9330** Assumption of the Responsibilities as Board of Directors for the Southwest Pittsburg Geologic Hazard Abatement District II (GHAD)

Michael McFadden, representing the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) and **Bill Wiggington**, geologist and current manager of the Southwest GHAD resolution. In November of 2000 the Council dissolved the Southwest GHAD in anticipation of the adoption of a resolution to order the formation of new GHAD. If approved they would return and ask the Council to convene as Board of Directors of the GHAD and name the officials and managers who will run the GHAD, as well as approve the budget and initiate the assessment process which will fund the GHAD in the future.

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

On Motion by Council Member Rios, seconded by Vice-Mayor Aiello to adopt Resolution 01-9330. **VOTE: 5-0**

2. **ORDINANCE 01-1179** Preferential Residential Permit Parking Ordinance

Paul Reinders presented the ordinance. On December 2, 2000 a public hearing was held at which time the program was not approved. Staff has revised the ordinance allowing the City Council to establish "no fee" permits. Guest permits and lost or stolen permits would still require a fee. The cost to establish this program in Oak Hills would be approximately \$7,000 and \$3,500 per year to maintain. Staff recommends introduction and waive first reading of the ordinance.

Council Member Rios asked if the Engineering Department worked with Code Enforcement to put this together regarding legality in towing vehicles? Mr. Reinders stated that the Police Department would be overseeing enforcement. Council Member Rios inquired about the criteria to apply for a permit. Mr. Reinders stated the application process could be changed at the discretion of the Council.

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

Council Member Lewis stated one reason he did not support the permit process was because only half the surveys were returned in favor of the proposal. He stated by definition that means that half the people that returned surveys were not in favor of the proposal. The survey model only represented about 15% of the total number of residents and only 7% of the residents said they wanted a permit system. This ordinance is a better proposal because it eliminates the charge for issuing a permit and requires two-thirds of the neighborhood to approve the designation as a special parking zone.

Vice-Mayor Aiello asked Mr. Reinders what the definition of community was. Mr. Reinders says its up the residents to decide where their boundaries are. Some discussion ensued. Assistant City Attorney Carol Victor clarified that the Ordinance establishes a framework for preferred parking permits within the entire City, not specifically the Oak Hills neighborhood. Within this framework the methodology for creating preferred parking is that the City Engineer can designate an area within the City that may need this program. The Oak Hills neighborhood can then be designated as a preferred parking area.

Council Member Lewis thanked Ms. Victor for the clarification. He stated he feels more comfortable supporting the ordinance now.

On motion by Vice-Mayor Aiello, seconded by Council Member Rios to unanimously approve introduction and waive first reading of Ordinance 01-1179. **VOTE: 5-0**

CONSIDERATION

1. **RESOLUTION 01-9331** Approving the Award of Contract to Raise New Grant Funds to Randall Funding & Development, LLC

James Holmes presented the staff report. The Randall Funding and Development corporation will provide grant writing and funding management and expertise.

Council Member Beals questioned the penalty clause if the contractor is not successful in obtaining a minimum of \$500,000 in funding. Mr. Holmes clarified they would continue to provide services until the guaranteed amount is attained, without additional payment to the contractor.

Vice-Mayor Aiello asked if the 8-1/2% fee would come out of the grant or the general fund. Mr. Holmes stated it would come from the general fund. The City would have to approve any grant they come up with.

When asked by Council Member Rios, Mr. Holmes clarified that the Finance Director would give monthly reports to the Council.

On Motion by Council Member Rios, seconded by Council Member Beals to unanimously adopt Resolution 01-9331. **VOTE: 5-0**

2. **RESOLUTION 01-9332** Approve Agreement Between the ECCRFFA and City of Pittsburg for the Joint Exercise of Powers for the Buchanan Road Bypass Project

Carol Victor presented the staff report for Resolution 01-9332 that, if approved, will go to the March 8 East Contra Costa Regional Fee and Finance Authority meeting. The main objective of this resolution is for the City to take the lead on the project and litigate if need be to gain entry onto the property outside the City limits in order to complete the study for the Buchanan Road Bypass Project. In the City Attorney's legal opinion the actual risks are minimal. She noted costs are reimbursable through the Fee and Finance Authority. Most of the costs would be reimbursable except for those due to the City's sole negligence or willful acts.

Council Member Beals asked if this resolution pertains to the environmental study only and what is the cost of the study? Nasser Shirazi, Director of Community Development and City Engineer stated once this is approved by the ECCRFFA, our consultants are ready to proceed with the study and the cost will be determined at that time. He estimates the engineering study in the range of under half a million dollars, which is all is reimbursable.

Council Member Lewis explained for Council Member Beals that reimbursement of funds falls within the \$4 million Fee and Finance Authority Funds. If the City of Pittsburg spends half a million dollars out of our general fund to do this study, we are reimbursed by the Fee and Finance funds.

Ben Johnson, Pittsburg, asked what areas are affected by the proposed Buchanan Road Bypass. Mr. Shirazi indicated there are three possible locations that all run through the Thomas property outside of the city limits.

Carol Victor corrected a parcel number, 075060-008, that was included in error. The agreement would delete this parcel.

On motion by Council Member Rios, seconded by Vice-Mayor Aiello to unanimously adopt Resolution 01-9332. **VOTE: 5-0**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned at 9:14 p.m. to the next meeting set for March 5, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson
Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF PITTSBURG

Power Company Minutes

February 20, 2001

Mayor Quesada called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He advised that the Council will meet in Closed Session.

City Attorney Linda Daube clarified that item j. of the closed session agenda includes the Police Officers Association (POA) under employee organizations.

There being no one to speak from the public concerning closed session matters, he adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Quesada reconvened the Power Company Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

City Attorney Linda Daube stated there was nothing to report from the closed session agenda.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager, Willis Casey
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Director of Community Development, Nasser Shirazi
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Linda Carion led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS REMARKS

There were no citizen remarks

MEMBERS REMARKS

There were no member remarks

CONSENT

Agency Member Aiello asked to remove item b. from the Consent Calendar.

On Motion by Member Rios, seconded by Member Aiello, to unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar as follows: **VOTE: 5-0**

On motion by Rios, seconded by Aiello. Vote: 5-0

a. **MINUTES** Dated: February 5, 2001

The minutes of February 5, 2001 were approved.

b. **RESOLUTION 01-045** Approval and Endorsement of the 5-10-5 Legislative Plan to Foster the Development of Clean, Environmentally Safe Power Plants for California

Member Aiello stated the LA Times conducted a poll recently which states 75% of all Californians favored building more power plants and would support them in their own communities. This is a drastic turnaround from what has been on the agenda previously. Member Aiello also wanted to thank Assemblyman Canciamilla for AB23 that draws from what was introduced by the City of Pittsburg. He feels passage of Resolution 01-045 would be a tremendous advantage to bring businesses to Pittsburg.

On motion by Member Aiello, seconded by Member Rios to unanimously adopt Resolution 01-045. **VOTE: 5-0**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Pittsburg Power Company adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson
Secretary

